

# Michael Vattuone

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## Work Experience

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Vattuonet Sept 2014-Present

Independent Web Developer and Technology Consultant

- Provide technology support and solutions for a variety of clients, ranging from initial planning and strategy, to design, development, and QA.
- Overhauled the [West Contra Costa County Guaranteed Ride Home Program](#), replacing a set of Google Forms with a Django/Backbone SPA, featuring authentication and automatic email notifications upon reimbursement submission.
- Integrated HTML/CSS/JS for [ClimateTruth.org](#) into a Django project, utilizing a mix of Postgres and Memcached to render content acquired from an external REST API.

Citizen Engagement Lab March 2012-Sept 2014

Web Developer and Digital Producer

- Designed and developed tools and websites for activist organizations with the goal of encouraging individuals to take action on political and social issues.
- Past projects include an analytics dashboard for campaigners to quickly analyze email and petition efficacy, a decision tree to help POC with voter registration, and a website documenting issues with election fraud during the 2012 election.
- Served as interim Director of Technology for 3 months, handling the departmental budget, as well as participating in strategy and organizational meetings with the Executive team.
- Worked full-stack, primarily developing using Django in conjunction with LESS and jQuery.

Famo.us Inc. November 2011 - January 2012

Front End Developer - Intern

- Built several user interface prototypes for an HTML5 web application framework. These prototypes were demoed to several funders, and helped raise nearly \$1 million in seed funding.
- Wrote modern, performant CSS3, refactored aggressively to reduce total number of operations on the DOM (e.g. minimizing reflows, keeping selector names small, avoiding descendent selectors when possible).

Bolt | Peters User Experience January 2011 - November 2011

User Experience Researcher

- Interviewed users of various e-commerce websites and applications, and presented findings in the form of video documentaries and user recommendation reports.
- Helped organize pro bono workshops at Code For America, teaching fellows how to do effective remote user research and providing feedback on various civic-minded prototypes.
- Assisted in an multilingual UX project for Sony, which was featured as a case study in a best-selling [human-computer interaction textbook](#).

## Skills

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HTML/CSS  
Javascript  
Python  
Django  
Data Visualization  
Rapid Prototyping  
Wireframing  
User Flows  
Remote User Research

## Projects

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### [Float Map](#)

April 2014 - Present

Map that visualizes forecasted changes in extreme weather in the Midwest US. Recieved the Judges' Choice and Popular Choice awards in the 2014 MIT Climate Colab competition

### [Bank Migration](#)

Sept 2011 - Nov 2011

Website with detailed instructions for switching from a bank to a credit union. Allowed participants to share their story after making the switch. Reported over \$4,000,000 in transferred money.

## Education

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University of  
California, Berkeley  
Aug 2005 - May 2009  
BA in Cognitive Science,  
emphasis in Neuroscience

University of Cambridge  
June 2008 - Aug 2008  
Pembroke-King's Programme  
emphasis in Creative Writing  
and Philosophy