

# Anna Evelyn Spysz: Curriculum Vitae

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## Career Summary

I am a curious, creative and dedicated individual and agile learner in search of a challenging position that will help me further develop my skills as a full-stack web developer. I am passionate about helping those new to coding, particularly those from non-traditional backgrounds, break barriers and gatekeeping to become successful software engineers. Serverless is my jam, and good documentation is my passion.

## Professional Experience

### Amazon Web Services

*September 2021-present*

#### Front End Engineer II - July 2022-present

- One of five engineers who built [Amazon Basics Stackery](#)

#### Front End Engineer I - September 2021-June 2022

- Worked on two new AWS Consoles in React

### Stackery

#### Software engineer

*June 2018-September 2021*

- Worked on the frontend/UI as well as backend of the Stackery web app in React and NodeJS
- Refactored and launched the [stackery.io](https://stackery.io) website, built on Gatsby and GraphCMS
- Extensive work on and contributions to the Stackery documentation site
- Built on and became extensively familiar with AWS's serverless services, particularly Lambda, REST and HTTP APIs, SQS, CloudFront, CodeBuild, as well as the CloudFormation and SAM IaC frameworks

### Freelance writer, self-employed

*December 2010-December 2017*

- Project manager and author of the *PowerGuide* and *KICstart Your Business* workbooks for [InnoEnergy](#)
- Developed online PhD courses on the topic of tech entrepreneurship for InnoEnergy and [InPath TES](#)
- Co-wrote and edited [The Essential Guide to Being Polish](#), published July 2013
- Wrote, edited and proofread for a variety of clients as a freelance writer, editor, and translator (Polish to English)

### Bitspiration.com

#### Editor in Chief, co-founder

*December 2013-October 2015*

- Planned the launch and content of a new technology news portal for Poland
- Recruited and managed a team of freelance writers and staff copywriters
- Managed the regular publication of website content as well as a monthly newsletter and social media pages

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## Education

### Jan-April 2018 PDX Code Guild, Portland, OR

*Certificate of Completion, Full Stack Developer Bootcamp*

- Completed a 12-week full-time Python-based Developer Bootcamp, an intensive course that combines individual projects and group study to teach topics covering general computer science, Python and Django, JavaScript, HTML5/CSS, source control, networks, and up-to-date best practices
- Capstone project involved building a social to-do list app using Django for the backend and Vue.js for the frontend: [iffapp.com](https://iffapp.com)

### 2005-2006 Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland

*Master of Arts in European Studies*

- Masters dissertation titled: *Found Through Translation: The Influence of Anglo-American Modernism on Polish Émigré Poetry, 1966-1980*, supervised by Prof. dr hab. Aleksander Fiut

### 2001-2004 The University of Texas, Austin, TX

*Bachelor of Arts in English, Associate Degree in Business Foundations, Minor in Astronomy*

Graduated with Liberal Arts Honors, High Honors, GPA: 3.84/4

- Honors: \$5000 Academic Scholarship, \$1000 Senior Scholarship, Dean's List
- Emphasis in Business Administration, Eastern European Studies and Literature, Creative Writing

## Languages, Skills & Interests

- **Core technologies:**
  - TypeScript, JavaScript, Python
  - React 16+, NodeJS 8+, JavaScript ES5+, HTML5, CSS3, Material design
  - Gatsby and GraphCMS content management
  - Testing suites: Cypress, AvaJS
  - Version control using git and GitHub
  - Extensive use of AWS CloudFormation and serverless services
  - Up-to-date developer skills portfolio: [GitHub](https://github.com)
- **Other computer skills:** Adobe InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator, Acrobat, versions 7-CC2018+; Adobe Lightroom 2+; Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint; Final Cut Pro; Ableton Live and various professional recording and music editing software; proficient in Apple OS X and iOS, Ubuntu Linux
- **Languages:** Native speaker of English and Polish; three years of university study of Russian language; rudimentary knowledge of Spanish and German language
- **Interests:** Music (play piano, guitar, clarinet), writing and literature, astronomy, physics, information theory, linguistics, philosophy, art and graphic design, photography, Wing Chun Kung Fu practitioner since 2010 (current level: 6)