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Seeking a full time **product manager** position.  
Interested in consumer software, politics, and media.

## University of California, Los Angeles (2017-2021)

BS Computer Science, Minor in Entrepreneurship

Coursework: New Product Development, Machine Learning,  
Data Science, Operating Systems, Linguistics

## EXPERIENCE

### Co-founder, [Affinity](#) (January 2020 - Present)

Building a chrome extension to improve the news consumption experience.

- (June - Present) Transitioned Affinity from side project to startup— condensing the team, bringing on a co-founder, and **refocusing product roadmap**. Performing market research **by conversing with industry experts, conducting user interviews**, and preparing marketing materials leading up to soft launch.
- (January - June) Directed a team of nine designers and engineers to create a prototype of our **machine learning powered political bias detector** based on a business plan created in Fall 2019. Planned product vision and **distilled information from numerous NLP papers** to manage software development.

### Venture Partner, [Contrary](#) (January 2020 - Present)

Working as a venture partner and scout at Contrary, an early career fund backed by reputable industry leaders like the founders of Facebook, Reddit, and Tesla.

- Advising student founders in the Los Angeles area and **performing due diligence** to evaluate potential fits for investment from our seed fund.

### Director, [Startup Labs](#) (June 2018 - May 2019)

Managed a team of students in organizing **UCLA's student-run startup accelerator**. Program alumni have moved on to raise seed funding and participate in professional accelerators like Y Combinator and Techstars.

- Mentored **seven student startups over program duration of twelve weeks**. Directed managing team in organizing guest speaker events, networking nights and demo day.
- Transitioned Startup Labs from a curriculum series into a network-based program. Personally reached out to and **created a network of more than twenty mentors, judges, and advisors** to support student founders.

## INTERNSHIPS

### Facebook: Software Engineering (Summer 2020)

Implemented a graph-based traversal engine for video recommendation to improve personalized recommendations for Facebook's Watch Tab product. Algorithms and client server architecture implemented using **C++** and **Thrift**.

### Microsoft: Software and Product (Summer 2019)

Worked rotationally in software engineering and program management on a cloud application runtime framework. Used **Azure, Docker**, and internal monitoring tools to set up a CI/CD pipeline that reduced barriers to entry in cloud service creation.

### Booz Allen Hamilton: Cybersecurity and Software Consulting (Summer 2018)

#### Member of top 10 team in company-wide competition (50 of 400 interns)

Earned opportunity to present to an audience of 600 in Washington DC. Worked on the cloud security team to implement moving target defense. Implemented machine learning pipeline to identify false positive security logs in **Python** and gained introductory experience in **AWS**.