Craig Hunter

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Biography

These days I?m fortunate to be running point at Bitmaker Labs, Canada?s largest coding bootcamp. As a two time drop out (both university and college), I?m incredibly passionate about reshaping traditional education to better suit both students and the evolving workforce. I also moonlight as an investor and startup dealmaker; arming emerging technology companies with the capital they need to accelerate growth. I spend a large portion of my free time working with Canadian companies I believe in. Prior to Bitmaker I was at Uber, joining the company around employee 50 when we were in just a handful of cities. Since then, Uber has expanded into hundreds of cities, over 45 countries, over 2000 employees, and has grown to be the most valuable private internet company in the world. I was fortunate enough to get a variety of experiences there having both launched the city of Vancouver and working out of the Canadian HQ in Toronto focused on growth. My past projects (TEDxUWO, London Vote Mob, etc) have reached over 80 countries worldwide and have been featured in national and local publications such as The Globe and Mail, MSN.ca, CBC's The National, Metro News, and many more.

Availability

Keynote, Moderator, Panelist, Host/MC

Industry Expertise

Computer Software, Public Policy, Education/Learning, Corporate Leadership, Professional Training and Coaching, Design, VC and Private Equity

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Areas of Expertise

Startups, Technology Industry, Technology Careers, Hacking Education, Career Hacking, Technology and Regulation, Education, Growing Business

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Affiliations

TEDx, Western University, Venture for Canada, Teach for Canada

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Event Appearances

Panelist alongside Head of Public Policy and Government Relations from Google, Blackberry, and Department of Foreign Affairs

Munk School of Global Affairs Career Week

Keynote: Software Is Eating The World
DevTO

Panelist: Technology & Entrepreneurship
WISE National Conference 2015

Education

Ivey Business School at Western University
Entrepreneur 1.0 Business

The University of Western Ontario
Political Science & Film Studies, Minor in Philosophy Dropout (2 credits short)

Accomplishments

Nspire - Innovator of the Month
Nspire Innovation Network is Canada?s largest student-run non-profit organization in the business and technology space.

Nominee: 2011 Pillar Community Innovation Awards - Leadership Award
Pillar Nonprofit Network supports nonprofit organizations in fulfilling their missions in our community. We provide leadership, advocacy, and support to the nonprofit sector through the promotion of volunteerism, professional development and networking opportunities, and information sharing.

Finalist, Notable Awards - Education Award
The Notable Awards recognize young professionals (YPs) who are leaders across Canada. The recipient of the Education Award is teaching our next generation of thought-leaders through immersive, innovative and motivational strategies ? they?re the mentor we all will one day want our children to have growing up.

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