

Katryna Peart

AI Historiographer & Evaluator

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RESEARCH FOCUS

I evaluate how AI systems handle long-form institutional and civic documents: where they keep the nuance, and where they quietly flatten it. Developer of the CPP five-tier prompt protocol for testing RAG and municipal AI systems, and the Civic AI Evaluation Standard (CAES), a 15-document governance suite for local government. Research frameworks include the Cumulative Compression Model, Structural Forgetting, and Legibility Collapse. Seeking roles in AI governance, policy research, and evaluation.

EDUCATION

MA, Medieval and Modern History

Royal Holloway, University of London · Thesis on the gens de couleur libres in New Orleans social systems

BA, History

New York University

RESEARCH PAPERS

Conference papers

- “Civic Pair Prompting: Evaluating AI Failure Modes in UK Local Government Documents.” Accepted, BCS SGAI International Conference on Artificial Intelligence (Application Stream), Cambridge, UK, December 2026.

Working papers (SSRN, selected)

- “When AI Systems Tell Civic Histories: A Stress Test Using Newark’s 350th Anniversary.”
- “What Students Get: AI Failure Modes Across K-12 Subject Areas in Texas, New York, and Mississippi.” April 2026.
- “The Karen Problem: How Institutional Retrieval Failure Produces Interpretive Certainty.”
- “AI on a Small Budget.” SSRN 6461901.
- “AI Readiness Checklist for Local Government.” SSRN 6461858.
- Seven working papers in total; full list on SSRN. Verbatim test transcripts published at osf.io/5whqt.

TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

- **Panel chair and paper**, “Ethics, Attribution and the Digital Priesthood.” Ars Inquirendi, University of Oxford, November 22, 2026.
- **Speaker**, PublicTechnology Focus 2026 (PT Exchange), virtual, October 1, 2026.
- **Speaker**, “RAG Testing That Holds Up: Evaluating LLMs for Faithfulness, Boundaries, and Trust.” STARWest 2026, Anaheim, CA, September 24, 2026.

SELECTED ARTICLES

- “As leaders leave, councils must protect institutional memory” *PublicTechnology*, Aug 2026.
- “Smart, Small-Scale AI Strategies for Local Government” *PM Magazine / ICMA*, Aug 2026.
- “Responsible AI for Small Texas Cities” *Texas Municipal League Magazine*, Jul 2026.
- “What UK councils stand to lose when AI enters a reorganisation” *PublicTechnology*, Jun 2026.
- “From Newark 350 to America 250: What Municipal Leaders Can Learn” *NJ League of Municipalities Magazine*, cover feature, May 2026.
- “I Tested 3 City AI Chatbots. Here’s What They Actually Do.” *Route Fifty*, Mar 2026.

- “Is Your Government Ready for AI? A Simple Test for Local Leaders” *Governing* (picked up by ASPA), Feb 2026.
- “AI and Its Impact: Transformative or Mundane?” *PM Magazine / ICMA*, Sep 2024.
- “Emergency Medical Services: Can AI Answer the Call?” *PM Magazine / ICMA* (syndicated by CPSM), Jun 2024.
- “Generative AI Policies for Local Government” *PM Magazine / ICMA* (incorporated into Bolton, CT materials), Jun 2024.

EXPERIENCE

Independent AI Governance Researcher & Evaluator

Jan 2023 – Present

govaiaexpert.com

- Developed the CPP five-tier prompt protocol and field-tested it on live municipal AI chatbots (Denver, Winter Haven, Atlanta); published verbatim transcripts as an open data repository.
- Built the Civic AI Evaluation Standard (CAES), a 15-document AI governance suite for local government.
- Documented a taxonomy of document-faithfulness failure modes across UK and US civic corpora and multiple AI systems (ChatGPT, Claude, Copilot, Gemini, Grok).
- CPP methodology cited in international practitioner preprint literature (2026).

AI Evaluator (Contract)

Jul – Aug 2026; Dec 2025 – Feb 2026

Mercor

- Rehired for a second engagement evaluating AI model outputs.

History SME (Contract)

Mar 2026; Sep – Nov 2025

Uber AI

- Stress-tested Gemini multimodal outputs for historical accuracy; built prompt libraries and documented failure modes.

AI Output Safety & EEAT Reviewer (Contract)

Jul – Sep 2025

Google, via GlobalLogic

- Reviewed AI outputs for safety and evaluated content against E-E-A-T quality criteria.

Marketing Manager

Feb 2024 – Jun 2025

ICMA (International City/County Management Association)

- Marketed regional conferences; ran cross-team intake and built strategy calendars aligned to each team's promotional goals (events, books, courses).
- Rebuilt SharePoint asset governance from three duplicate folder structures with no version control; managed the public WordPress site.
- Managed a Social Media Coordinator and an email marketing contractor.

Email Marketing Manager (Contract)

Sep 2023 – Jan 2024

University of New Hampshire

- Marketed alumni events worldwide; copyedited and distributed university press releases via wire service.

Marketing Campaign Manager – Investor Marketing (Contract)

Sep 2023 – Jan 2024

Alumni Ventures

- Educated an underserved accredited-investor audience on venture investing; maintained version control across a multi-segment investor distribution list.

Growth Marketing Manager – Copy (Full-Time, 6-Month)

Feb – Sep 2023

Forbes

- Lead copy on the Growth team for a B2C financial-literacy subscription app launch; helped establish the product's voice and tone.
- Wrote copy for Forbes Under 30, Forbes Women, and Forbes Web3 event programming.

CRM and Email Marketing Manager (Contract)

Oct – Dec 2022

WNDR Museum

- Marketed museum events and developed UX/UI copy for web and email to improve conversion.

Marketing Manager – Content & Brand

Mar 2019 – Sep 2022

HR People Value

- Produced content and campaigns for startup clients including the transportation industry; provided communications training, internal communications, executive ghostwriting, and video scripts.

Marketing Research Associate (Contract)

Dec 2018 – Aug 2019

Audible (Amazon)

- Analyzed market data to develop geo-targeted, time-optimized lifecycle and retention campaigns.

Senior Marketing Specialist

Nov 2017 – Sep 2018

Transit Wireless

- Communications for NYC's underground transit Wi-Fi network in partnership with the MTA; point person for CSR events; managed a graphic designer and an intern.

Communications Specialist (Contract)

Mar – Sep 2017

Merck Animal Health

- Produced compliant marketing content under MLR/FDA review, addressing field objections relayed by the sales team.

Events & Marketing Manager

Jan 2016 – Jan 2017

Newark Celebration 350

- Led communications for Newark's 350th anniversary; wrote speeches and keynotes; PMJA Award recipient.

Events and Exhibit Manager

Aug 2013 – Aug 2014

New Jersey Arts Incubator

- Developed bilingual, multicultural early-childhood arts programming in partnership with Head Start.

Sales Coordinator

Mar 2013 – Apr 2014

Univision Communications

- Managed advertising campaigns for clients including L'Oréal and Sony across Univision's networks.

Sales Coordinator

2011 – 2013

Marathon Ventures

- Sold direct-response TV spots to major networks.

SERVICE, RECOGNITION & LANGUAGES

- Board Member, Medievalists of Color
- PMJA Award (formerly PRINDI), Newark Celebration 350 communications
- Member, GLG expert network
- Spanish (intermediate)