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EDUCATION

Swansea University
PhD

October 2019 - Present
Computational Foundry

University of Oxford
MMathCompSci Mathematics and Computer Science

October 2015 - September 2019
First Class

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Applied Research Summer Placement
UK Civil Service

July 2018 - September 2018
Civil service references available on request

- 11-week placement researching how machine learning and other data science techniques could be applied to aid my team with data annotation.
- Presented my work and an introduction to topological data analysis in a seminar for the data science community within the government department. Also contributed to the initial literature review for a project in collaboration with the Alan Turing Institute.

Applied Research Summer Placement
UK Civil Service

July 2017 - September 2017

- 11-week placement researching the feasibility of using data science techniques to identify certain types of network devices based on limited information about their traffic.
- Presented my work at the kick-off meeting for a workshop on analysing network traffic and as a seminar for the data science community in the government department.

Summer School Individual Research Project
UK Civil Service

July 2016 - September 2016

- Undertook a short project investigating the use of sheaves and sheaf cohomology in data science, following Michael Robinson's 'Tutorial on Sheaves in Data Analytics', and writing a short Haskell script to perform calculations.
- See <https://github.com/NickSale> for code.

Work Experience

BAE Systems, Great Baddow
Microsoft Research, Cambridge

July 2013
February 2014

- Spent two weeks at BAE Systems and a week at Microsoft Research learning about industrial research.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming Languages
Software & Tools

Experienced: Python, Java, C# Familiar: C++, Scala, PHP, Haskell
 \LaTeX , scikit-learn, pandas, Spark (parallel cluster computing)

Developed my technical skills and knowledge during an intensive 10-week summer school in 2016 which covered advanced topics in computer security, including some relevant applications of data science.

Worked on a 6-month engineering project as part of a team for the *Engineering Education Scheme* in 2014, working with Selex ES to design and build an autonomous vehicle. I took lead on researching, designing, and implementing the sensing, geometry representation and path-planning aspects of the project.

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Swansea University Research Excellence Scholarship

October 2019 - October 2022

- Three years funding for a PhD, with additional funds for travel and training.

New College Undergraduate Scholarship

October 2016 - September 2019

- Awarded for examination performance.

CyberFirst Bursary Scheme

October 2015 - September 2019

- A government and industry-backed initiative aiming to improve the UK's cybersecurity capability by supporting selected undergraduate students.

GResearch Computer Science Project Prize

2017

- Awarded for innovation in producing an automatic music composition program for a group project.

Arkwright Scholarship

September 2013 - September 2015

- A prestigious engineering scholarship awarded after examination and interview.

NON-ACADEMIC POSITIONS

New College Boat Club Committee

New College, Oxford

*President 2018/19, Secretary 2017/18, Lower Boats Captain 2016/17,
Women's 3rd Boat Coach 2018/19*

Bar Sports Captaincies

New College, Oxford

Darts Captain 2017/18, Pool Captain 2016/17

Oxford University Roleplaying Society Committee

October 2016 - October 2018

Netrep (IT Secretary)