# **NICK STRAYER**

I have made visualizations viewed by hundreds of thousands of people, sped up query times for 25 terabytes of data by an average of 4,800 times, and built packages for R that let you do magic.

Currently searching for a data science position that allows me to build tools using visualization and machine learning to help people explore and understand their data.



# **EDUCATION**

2020 2015

### PhD. Candidate, Biostatistics

Vanderbilt University

Nashville, TN

- · Working on Bayesian network models & interactive visualization platforms
- · University Graduate Fellow

2015 2011

# B.S., Mathematics, Statistics (minor C.S.)

University of Vermont

Burlington, VT

· Thesis: An agent based model of Diel Vertical Migration patterns of Mysis diluviana



### SELECTED POSITIONS

2020 2015

### **Graduate Research Assistant**

TBILab (Yaomin Xu's Lab)

Vanderbilt University

- · Primarily working with large EHR and Biobank datasets.
- · Developing network-based methods to investigate and visualize clinically relevant patterns in data.

2018 2017

### Data Science Researcher

Data Science Lab

**♀** Johns Hopkins University

- · Building R Shiny applications in the contexts of wearables and statistics education.
- · Work primarily done in R Shiny and Javascript (node and d3js).

2016

#### Data Journalist - Graphics Department

**New York Times** 

New York, New York

- · Reporter with the graphics desk covering topics in science, politics, and sport.
- · Work primarily done in R, Javascript, and Adobe Illustrator.



# ■ SELECTED WRITING

2019

### Using AWK and R to Parse 25tb

LiveFreeOrDichotomize.com

- · Story of parsing large amounts of genomics data.
- · Provided advice for dealing with data much larger than disk.
- · Reached top of HackerNews.

2017

### The Traveling Metallurgist

LiveFreeOrDichotomize.com

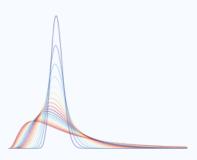
- · Pure javascript implementation of traveling salesman solution using simulated annealing.
- · Allows reader to customize the number and location of cities to attempt to trick the algorithm.

2016

### The Great Student Migration

The New York Times

· Most shared and discussed article from the New York Times for August 2016.



# CONTACT

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# **SKILLS**

Highly experienced in

R

Python

Javascript (d3.js)

Experience with

Bash

SOL

C++

**AWK** 

# **OPEN SOURCE** CONTRIBUTIONS

All projects available at github.com/nstrayer/<name>

shinysense: R package to use sensor data in Shiny apps

tuftesque: Hugo theme (behind

LiveFreeOrDichotomize.com)

slid3r: D3 add-on for fully svg slider inputs

### MORE INFO

See full CV at nickstrayer.me/cv for more complete list of positions and publications.

Made w/ pagedown. Source code: github.com/nstrayer/cv. Last updated on 2019-10-01.