Ben Barnard

Data Science Leader

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Skills ———



Programming

C++ • SQL • Python • SAS shiny • R • rmarkdown ggplot2 • LATEX

Education

Dec 2021 M.B.A. University of the People 2018 Ph.D., Statistical Sciences **Baylor University** Dissertation: A Power Contrast of Tests for Homogeneity of Covariance Matrices in a High-Dimensional Setting 2016 M.S., Statistical Sciences **Baylor University** 2013 M.S.Ed., Exercise Physiology **Baylor University** 2011 **B.S.**, Exercise Science University of Texas at Arlington

Experience

May 2018 - Data Scientist Present

Wells Fargo

- Model development lead for Human Resources allegation team workforce capacity and turnover models.
- Development lead for Human Capital Key Risk Indicators.
- Developer of 20 internal R packages using agile development with 2-week sprints and daily asynchronous stand-ups in Skype chat groups.
- Enterprise Product Steward for R and Rtools monitoring intake and maintenance of new versions, and mitigating security vulnerabilities for $\sim\!2500$ installs across the enterprise.
- Led transformation of team to use software development life-cycle appropriate tools such as GitHub, Jenkins, and Artifactory.
- Led the creation of Human Resources Modeling Center of Excellence that centralized Human Resource model development (100+ automated production models), and streamlined recruitment of new data scientists.

Aug 2017 - Statistics Instructor Present

University of South Alabama

- Coordinator for design and instruction of Applied Statistics for Health Sciences courses.
- Implementation of Quality Matters and Team Based Learning instructional methods in undergraduate statistics sequence of courses.
- Directed consulting and student led research for tumor risk and classification models using neural network, Bayesian and ensemble based methods
- Course design in Sakai, Blackboard, and Canvas learning management systems.

Aug 2011 - **Graduate Assistant**Aug 2017

Baylor University

- Developer for conversion rate key performance indicators on graduate applications.
- Model developer for student success gradient boosting machine model using XGBoost.
- Designer of A/B testing for the Graduate School website and application pages.
- Model developer for applicant and graduate student segmentation clustering models using k-means clustering.
- Developer for automated reporting on applications and enrollment data using D3.js, SAS reporting studio, Shiny server.
- Model developer for athlete injury prediction model using recurrent neural network in tensorflow.
- Statistical analysis on paleosol composition using semi-parametric models in PROC TRANSREG.

Presentations

Feb 2019 Conference on Statistical Practice

Automated Building and Storing Frozen Data in R Packages Using Travis

and Drat.

Mar 2019 University of Miami Biostatistics Department

Automated Building of R Packages Using Travis and Drat for data, shiny,

and websites.

Aug 2019 **Joint Statistical Meetings**

A Journey Teaching Applied Statistics for Health Sciences in an Asyn-

chronous Team Based Learning Format using Data Science Ideas.

Jan 2020 rstudio::conf

The good, the bad and the ugly: What I learned while consulting across

the business as a data scientist.

Aug 2020 **Joint Statistical Meetings**

A Comparative History of Programming in Statistics and Data Science.

Short Courses

Feb 2020 Conference on Statistical Practice

Building LaTeX Templates for R Markdown to Produce Branded PDF Reports

R Packages

Apr 2017 - rWishart

Present Random Wishart Matrix Generation

Jun 2016 - covTestR

Present Covariance Matrix Tests

Jul 2016 - **likelihoodExplore**Present Likelihood Exploration

Service

Jan 2019 - Council of Sections American Statistical Association

Dec 2021 Executive council member for the Section of Statistical Programmers and

Analysts representing the section on the council of sections.

Oct 2018 - Peer Journal Reviewer Journal of Statistics Education

Present Reviewer in the areas of Data Science, multivariate, and health sciences

statistics education.