Jeffrey M. Fossett

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Professional Experience

Airbnb, Inc. San Francisco, CA

Data Scientist

Sep. 2014 - Present

- Data Scientist on the Marketplace Booking team, responsible for a range of tasks including: quantitative research, experiment design & analysis, machine learning, metric development, data visualization and dashboarding, decision support.
- Projects.
 - Predictive Modeling to Improve Host-Guest Matching: Collaborated with engineers to design & implement a machine learning model to predict host cancellations & improve Airbnb matching.

Booz Allen Hamilton Boston, MA

Consultant / Data Scientist

Jan. 2014 - Jun. 2014

- Consultant and data scientist on commercially-focused Advanced Analytics team within the Strategic Innovation Group.
- Projects:
 - Document Clustering for Free-Text Contest Submissions: Conducted an NLP analysis in Python that used vector-space modeling, LSA, and k-means clustering to extract common themes from the raw text of project proposals for an internal competition; presented results to non-technical stakeholders.

Education

Harvard University

Cambridge, MA

Master of Arts in Statistics (expected)

• Accepted to begin study in Fall 2017.

Aug 2017 - June 2018

Williams College | GPA: 3.92 (Math GPA: 4.00)

Williamstown, MA Sep. 2009 - Jun. 2013

Bachelor of Arts, Magna Cum Laude

- *Majors:* Mathematics, Philosophy
- Concentration: Cognitive Science
- Honors: Phi Beta Kappa Junior Year Inductee (top 5%); Dean's List (all semesters)
- Projects:
 - Senior Colloquium on Latent Semantic Analysis (LSA): Independently studied the mathematical foundations of LSA, a statistical method in natural language processing, and presented findings at a local math conference.

Exeter College, Oxford University | GPA: 4.00

Oxford, UK

Visiting Student, Williams-Exeter Programme at Oxford

Sep. 2011 - Jun. 2012

- Selected by Williams College professors to take part in program to study at Oxford University
- Projects:
 - Neural Networks for Language Acquisition: Used a MATLAB-based simulator to train & evaluate neural networks as a model of human learning of the english past tense.

Skills & Interests

Technical Skills: Python {NumPy, SciPy, Pandas, Scikit-learn, NetworkX, NLTK, gensim, BeautifulSoup}, R {ggplot2, dplyr, caret, tm, zoo}, SQL, Hive, MongoDB, Hadoop, Matlab / Octave, Java, AWS EC2 and S3, Gephi, LaTeX

Interests: Technology / Internet / Data Ethics & Policy, Causal Inference, Experiment Design & Analysis, Econometrics, Matching Markets, Natural Language Processing, Sharing Economy