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## Skills

+ denotes proficiency

**Languages** Python<sup>+</sup> · R · BASH · ECL · Español<sup>+</sup> · English<sup>+</sup> · Italiano  
**Tools** Tensorflow · Pandas<sup>+</sup> · SciPy<sup>+</sup> · PySpark · Hadoop · Tidyverse · SQL · MongoDB · HBase · HPCC  
**Passions** AI for social good, pedagogical chatbots, carbon sequestration, blockchain, anti-censorship, social justice, computational neuroscience, travel, [photos](#), my tiny home.

## Experience

**Data Scientist**, *Florence A. Rothman Institute* 2018  
Studying effect of chronic conditions on heart failure with autoencoders, clustering, & Markov models.

**Research Intern**, *Allen Institute for Brain Science* Summer 2018  
Applying deep reinforcement learning for tracing neurons on petabytes of brain microscope data.

**Research Assistant**, *Fairhall Lab, Dept. of Biophysics, Uni. of Washington* 2014 — 2016  
Simulating mosquito thermal plume navigation with agent-based models of windtunnel experiments.

## Publications

Burman, Yu, Poole, **Decal**, Pallanck. "[Analysis of neural subtypes reveals selective mitochondrial dysfunction in dopaminergic neurons from parkin mutants](#)". *PNAS* 2012. 109(26):10438-43.

Kunttas-Tatli, Zhou, Zimmerman, Molinar, Zhouzheng, Carter, Kapur, Cheadle, **Decal**, McCartney. "[Destruction Complex Function in the Wnt Signaling Pathway of Drosophila Requires Multiple Interactions Between Adenomatous Polyposis Coli 2 and Armadillo](#)". *Genetics* 2012. 190(3):1059-75.

**Decal**. "Quantifying Small RNA Concentrations in *C. elegans*". Honors thesis. 2011.

## Other Projects

**Tensorpack** Contributed to deep reinforcement learning framework for medical image data.  
**PolceStops** Created a webapp to query and visualize the [Stanford Open Policing dataset](#).  
**Income Prediction** Predicted incomes using [California census data](#) using feature engineering, support vector machines, and cross-validation.  
**CartPole** I solved a physics game using a deep policy gradient neural network.

## Education

**M.S. Data Science**, *New College of Florida*. Full tuition scholarship. Expected Dec. 2018  
**Artificial Intelligence Engineer Nanodegree**, *Udacity* 2017  
**B.A., Chemistry/Biology (Honors)**, *New College of Florida* 2011