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## Skills

- Predictive modeling
- Numerical simulation
- Nonlinear dynamics and chaos
- High-performance computing
- Machine learning & deep learning
- Algorithm development
- Geophysical modeling
- Data visualization

## Experience

- 2019 – Present **Bank of America (contractor)**, *Senior Data Scientist*, Quantitative Services.
- Developing custom deep learning models for investment banking
  - Delivered decision tree classifier for compliance team
  - Provided R&D support for stochastic risk models
- 2018 – 2019 **Verisk Analytics**, *Data Scientist*, Insurance Analytics.
- Lead an insurance analytics project with six data scientists
  - Improved models for personal auto liability by 40–80% (Gini and head-to-head)
- 2017, 2014–2015 **University of Illinois at Chicago**, *Postdoctoral Fellow*, Institute for Environmental Science and Policy.
- Developed non-parametric performance metrics for urban sustainability
  - Published insights using linear optimization and predictive modeling
- 2015 – 2017 **Kyoto University**, *Postdoctoral Researcher*, Disaster Prevention Research Inst.
- Developed storm surge simulations using meteorological and topographical data
  - Quantified hazard impacts of changing typhoon distributions in Pacific Ocean

## Education

- 2015 **PhD, Applied Mathematics**, *University of Illinois at Chicago*.  
Thesis: Linear response closure approximations for multiscale systems
- 2005 **B.S., Mathematics**, *University of Minnesota, Twin Cities*.

## Technical skills

Programming languages: Python, SAS, C/C++, Fortran, Matlab/Octave  
Python packages: pandas, numpy, scipy, scikit-learn (sklearn), matplotlib, seaborn, keras, tensorflow, h2o, jupyter, etc...  
Natural languages: English, French, German, Japanese  
Other: Excel, SQL, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Bash, GitHub, QGIS

## Research Papers

- 2019 **Journal of Cleaner Production**, *Sustainability Assessment of Universities as Small-Scale Urban Systems: A Comparative Analysis Using Fisher Information and Data Envelopment Analysis*. Vol 212.

- 2017 **Proceedings of Coastal Dynamics 2017**, *Estimating climate change impacts on storm surge using adaptive mesh refinement.*
- 2016 **Hydrological Research Letters**, *Impact assessment of climate change on coastal hazards in Japan. Vol 10.*
- 2016 **Communications in Mathematical Sciences**, *The response of reduced models of multiscale dynamics to small external perturbations. Vol 14, No 3.*