

David Azizi

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Education

University of Pennsylvania, College of Arts and Sciences

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Minor: Survey Research & Data Analytics

Relevant Coursework: Causal Inference; Probability; Business Stat.; Stat. Methods for Poli. Science; Political Polling

Philadelphia, PA

Aug 2014 - May 2020

Temple University, Fox School of Business

Visiting Scholar

Relevant Coursework: Quant. Found. for Data Science; Intro. to Python; Linear Algebra; Management Info. Systems

Philadelphia, PA

May 2017 - Dec 2017

Experience

The Context

Remote

Data Scientist & Associate Product Manager

Dec 2020 - Dec 2021

- Co-created online application; worked with small team to develop roadmap, timeline, specifications, and design
- Identified objectives & key results for data product and drafted product requirements document for engineering
- Led initiative to link causal and descriptive data across the internet and parse common datasets into warehouse

Research Assistant

Jun 2019 - Sep 2019

- Developed web-hosted data pipeline for interactive dashboard exploring different measures of polarization

Change Research

Remote

Junior Survey Data Analyst

Aug 2020 - Nov 2020

- Worked with a senior pollster to bring high-quality low-cost polling to over 40 campaigns in the 2020 elections
- Collaborated with stakeholders to develop, draft, program, and field internet-based surveys in short windows
- Clearly communicated complex information to decision makers through strategy memos summarizing results

Research Lab of Professor Daniel J. Hopkins, University of Pennsylvania

Philadelphia, PA

Research Coordinator

Sep 2019 - Aug 2020

- Co-authored significant NLP analysis of political party platforms defining and measuring political polarization by developing data processing and analysis pipeline for a large text corpus and visualizing results
- Enabled survey research for professors and students at six universities across Pennsylvania by managing statewide exit polling project, including coordinating timeline and process with project stakeholders
- Managed projects and tasks for a team of research assistant; contributed to academic and media articles

Penn Program on Opinion Research and Election Studies

Philadelphia, PA

Fox Research and Service Fellow

May 2018 - May 2019

- Designed weighting scheme used by the National Election Pool exit poll in all elections since 2016 by developing scripts to evaluate and assess alternatives based on historical and partial data
- Evaluated campaign contact techniques; constructed neural net to predict votes; developed interactive maps

Political Science Department, University of Pennsylvania

Philadelphia, PA

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Various

- Revealed discrepancies in school district funding by joining and analyzing large datasets (Prof. Daniel Gillion)
- Assessed performance of UN-backed government communications system in Uganda (Prof. Guy Grossman)

The American Academy of Political and Social Science

Philadelphia, PA

Intern

Jul 2017 - May 2018

- Solved problems with manual data entry by integrating contact and event data in a custom Salesforce instance
- Increased efficiency by integrating email outreach with CRM; administered website & supported operations

DMAX Foundation

Bryn Mawr, PA

Intern

May 2016 - Jul 2016

- Transitioned organization to modernized website by coordinating needs from staff and directing team members

College Houses & Academic Services, University of Pennsylvania

Philadelphia, PA

ITA Manager

Apr 2015 - Aug 2016

- Recruited, trained, and managed eight student IT staff members to support dormitory residents
- Provided direct technical support to house faculty and staff, including networking and A/V setup
- Separately supported faculty as a Helpdesk Technician in the Management Department of the Wharton School

Jim Kenney for Mayor

Philadelphia, PA

Organizing Fellow

Mar 2015 - Aug 2015

- Increased turnout in West Philadelphia by recruiting and organizing volunteers in direct voter contact
- Piloted use of mobile app for paperless canvass lists; collaborated with local unions to increase outreach

Tools Git, Amazon Web Services, Metabase, Qualtrics, SurveyMonkey, MTurk, LaTeX, Adobe CC, WordPress

Code Python, R, SQL, HTML, CSS, JavaScript

Languages French (conversational), Arabic (beginner)

Skills First Aid/CPR/AED; Car, Motorcycle, Boat Licenses **Interests** Right to repair, digital privacy, travel