

Luke Benz

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EDUCATION

Yale University

B.S. Applied Mathematics

2015-2019

GPA: 3.97/4.00

- Phi Beta Kappa (Early Selection, Fall 2018)
- Summa Cum Laude

EXPERIENCE

Medidata Solutions—*New York, NY*

August 2019 - Present

Statistical Analyst/Data Scientist

- Develop models to select sites for clinical trials and forecast enrollment and major milestones over the duration of the study.
- Built survival models to predict patient dropout and research factors associated with dropout in Alzheimer's Disease clinical trials.
- Designed Python data pipeline for identifying various data transformations necessary to standardize and combine data across clinical trials.
- Maintain and develop NLP model to perform value level standardization of clinical data utilizing reinforcement learning techniques.

Yale School of Public Health—*New Haven, CT*

June 2016 - May 2019

Biostatistics Research Assistant

- Research assistant for Elizabeth Claus MD, PhD
- Analyzed quality of life data for cancer patients with meningioma and low-grade glioma.
- Managed the recruitment and enrollment for the International Low Grade Glioma Registry.

National Institute of Standards and Technology—*Gaithersburg, MD* Summers 2017 and 2018 *Summer Undergraduate Research Fellow (SURF)*

- Research fellow in Information Technology Lab Statistical Engineering Division for Dr. Antonio Possolo (2018) and Dr. Andrew Rukhin (2017).
- Built NIST Homogeneity Assessor (NIHOMA), an R Shiny web application for exploring homogeneity of candidate reference materials using linear, Gaussian random effects model.
- Explored techniques for estimating heterogeneity variances in order to improve methods for combining results in collaborative studies with unreliable reported uncertainties.

PUBLICATIONS

Claus, E., Feliciano, J. **Benz, L.**, Calvocoressi, L. "Social media partnerships with patient organizations for neuro-oncology patient recruitment." (2019) *Neuro-Oncology Practice*, 7(2):143-151. **Link**

Benz, L.S., Wensch, M.R., Schildkraut, J.M., Bondy, M.L., Warren, J.L., Wiemels, J.L. and Claus, E.B. (2017), Quality of life after surgery for intracranial meningioma. *Cancer*, 124(1): 161-166. **Link**

PRESENTATIONS

Benz, Luke “An Examination of Timeout Value, Strategy, and Momentum in NCAA Division 1 Men’s Basketball.” Plenary talk presented at *Electronic Undergraduate Statistics Research Conference*. (November, 2019).

Benz, Luke “An Examination of Timeout Value, Strategy, and Momentum in NCAA Division 1 Men’s Basketball.” Poster presented at *New England Symposium of Statistics in Sports*. Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (September, 2019).

Benz, L., Senders, J., Wefel, J., and Claus, E. “The International Low Grade Glioma Registry Patient-Reported Quality of Life.” Poster presented at *Society for Neuro-Oncology Annual Scientific Meeting*, New Orleans, LA (October, 2018).

Benz, L., “Launch and Demonstration of the NIST Homogeneity Assessor.” *National Institutes of Standards and Technology Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Colloquium*, Gaithersburg, MD (August, 2018).

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SKILLS

Programming Languages and Frameworks R, Python, SQL, C, R/Shiny, L^AT_EX

SOFTWARE

ncaahoopR An R package for working with NCAA Basketball Play-by-Play Data.
<https://github.com/lbenz730/ncaahoopR>

AWARDS AND HONORS

Undergraduate Statistics Project Competition, American Statistical Association *Spring 2019*
First place research project for senior thesis, “An Examination of Timeout Value, Strategy, and Momentum in NCAA Division 1 Men’s Basketball.”

Statsketball Contest, American Statistical Association *April 2018*
Build Your Own Bracket Draft Challenge 2018 College Winner

George J. Schulz Fellowship for the Natural Sciences, Yale University *Summer 2016*

Michael Manzela Fellowship Supporting Cancer Research, Yale University *Summer 2016*

TEACHING

Undergraduate Learning Assistant Physics 180 (University Physics), Yale University *Fall 2017*

Peer Tutor Math 112 (Calculus I), Yale University *Fall 2016, Spring 2017*