IAN WAUDBY-SMITH

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Pittsburgh, PA

EXPERIENCE

Research Student

The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids)

Apr 2019 - Aug 2019

♥ Toronto, ON

- Developed statistical models to estimate measures of quality-of-life.
- Ran simulations in R on a high-performance computing cluster.

Research Assistant

Health Data Science Lab

2016 - 2018

♥ Waterloo, ON

- Performed sentiment analysis with Python on millions of clinical notes written by nurses — link to paper.
- Used R to fit logistic regression and survival models.

Research Assistant

University of Waterloo

Apr 2017 - Aug 2017

♥ Waterloo, ON

- Made algorithms up to 20 times faster by parallelizing code on a highperformance computing cluster.
- Wrote an R package that makes t-tests more robust for zero-inflated data — link to R package.

Student Analyst

Cancer Care Ontario

Jan 2016 - Apr 2016

♥ Toronto, ON

- Developed a model in R to predict prevalence of chronic kidney disease in Ontario — link to conference poster
- Wrote algorithms to quantify similarity between cancer treatments.

R& D Developer

International Financial Data Services

Apr 2015 - Aug 2015

♥ Toronto, ON

- Wrote a MapReduce program to perform fuzzy string comparison.
- Built a distributed application on the Ethereum blockchain network.

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

• Ian Waudby-Smith. Nam Tran. et al. (2018). "Sentiment in nursing notes as an indicator of out-of-hospital mortality in intensive care patients". In: PLOS ONE 13.6.

Conference Presentations

• Ian Waudby-Smith, Zhihui Amy Liu, et al. (2016). "Multi-state Models for Chronic Kidney Disease Prevalence Projections in Ontario". In: Statistical Society of Canada Annual Meeting.

EDUCATION

PhD. Statistics

Carnegie Mellon University

2019 - present

BMath, Pure Mathematics and Statistics (Co-op)

University of Waterloo

2013 - 2018

With Distinction - Dean's Honours List

PROGRAMMING

Proficient with R, Python, Scheme

Comfortable with C++, Julia, Haskell

TOOLS

Proficient with Linux, git, SQL, LATEX

Comfortable with Hadoop, Ethereum

AWARDS



NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award

The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, 2017



President's Research Award (2) University of Waterloo, 2017

David Johnston International Experience Award

University of Waterloo, 2017



President's Research Award (1) University of Waterloo, 2016