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## EDUCATION

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**PhD, Operations Research & Financial Engineering (ORFE)**  
**Princeton University**

**Sep 2019 –**

- Advisor: Matias Cattaneo, ORFE Department.
- Francis Robbins Upton Fellow in Engineering.
- Current GPA: 4.00.
- Research interests: mathematical statistics, probability theory and machine learning, with a focus on robust nonparametric inference and network data.

**MMath, Mathematics & Statistics**  
**University of Oxford**

**Oct 2015 – Jun 2019**

- Dissertation: Motif-Based Spectral Clustering of Weighted Directed Networks.
- Supervisor: Mihai Cucuringu, Department of Statistics.
- Graduated with first-class honours and ranked top of the class.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Articles

- W. G. Underwood, A. Elliott, and M. Cucuringu. Motif-based spectral clustering of weighted directed networks. *Applied Network Science*, 5(62), September 2020. doi : 10.1007/s41109-020-00293-z
- L. Smallman, W. G. Underwood, and A. Artemiou. Simple Poisson PCA: an algorithm for (sparse) feature extraction with simultaneous dimension determination. *Computational Statistics*, 35:559–577, June 2019. doi : 10.1007/s00180-019-00903-0

### Presentations

- W. G. Underwood and M. Cucuringu. Motif-based spectral clustering of weighted directed networks, December 2019. The 8th International Conference on Complex Networks and their Applications. Presented by M.C. Extended abstract available at [2019.complexnetworks.org](https://2019.complexnetworks.org)
- W. G. Underwood. The Borel-Kolmogorov paradox, March 2017. St John's College Mathematics Seminar, University of Oxford

### Software

- W. G. Underwood and A. Elliott. `motifcluster`: motif-based spectral clustering of weighted directed networks in R and Python, May 2020. doi : 10.5281/zenodo.3832400

## AWARDS & FUNDING

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- Francis Robbins Upton Fellowship in Engineering, Princeton University 2019
- Royal Statistical Society Prize, Royal Statistical Society & University of Oxford 2019
- Gibbs Statistics Prize for outstanding academic achievement, University of Oxford 2019
- Research grant, James Fund for Mathematics, St John's College, University of Oxford 2017
- Casberd Scholarship for performance in exams, St John's College, University of Oxford 2016
- Jeston University Scholarship, Haberdashers' Company & Monmouth School 2015

## EMPLOYMENT

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**Assistant in Instruction, Princeton University** Sep 2020 –

- ORF 245: Fundamentals of Statistics, Spring 2021
- ORF 363: Computing and Optimization, Fall 2020

**Machine Learning Consultant, Mercury Digital Assets** Oct 2018 – Nov 2018

- Developed a recurrent neural network to predict cryptocurrency prices.

**Educational Consultant, Polaris & Dawn** Feb 2018 – Sep 2018

- University entrance consultant and high school mathematics tutor.

**Statistics Researcher, Cardiff University** Aug 2017 – Oct 2017

- Developed a dimension reduction technique to improve classification of healthcare documents.
- Investigated Markov blanket estimation algorithms for biostatistics.

**Data Science Intern, Rolls-Royce** Jun 2017 – Aug 2017

- Solved problems in jet engine health management using machine learning tools.
- Delivered a new diagnostic, reducing the need for costly regular maintenance.

**Premium Tutor, MyTutor** Jan 2016 – Oct 2018

- High school mathematics tutor, consistently rated 5\* by students and parents.

## TECHNOLOGIES

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Python, R, Julia, Latex, Git, Bash, Matlab.

## REFERENCES

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*References are available upon request.*