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EDUCATION

PhD, Operations Research & Financial Engineering (ORFE) **Sep 2019 –**
Princeton University

- Advisor: Matias Cattaneo, ORFE Department.
- Research interests: mathematical statistics, probability theory and machine learning, with a focus on robust nonparametric inference and network data.

MA, Operations Research & Financial Engineering (ORFE) **Sep 2019 – Sep 2021**
Princeton University

- Francis Robbins Upton Fellow in Engineering.

MMath, Mathematics & Statistics **Oct 2015 – Jun 2019**
University of Oxford

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

PUBLICATIONS

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.

Working papers

- M. D. Cattaneo, Y. Feng, and W. G. Underwood. Uniform consistency and inference with dyadic kernel density estimation. In progress.

Presentations

- M. D. Cattaneo, Y. Feng, and W. G. Underwood. Uniform approximation and inference with dyadic kernel density estimation, September 2021. Princeton Statistics Laboratory, Princeton University.
- 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.

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

- 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

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

- ORF 524: Statistical Theory and Methods, Fall 2021
- 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

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

REFERENCES

References are available upon request.