

# AUBREY CLARK

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## WORK

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- Data Scientist** |  Google Global Infrastructure April 2023 –
- Built a data pipeline linking L1 telemetry to the control plane, tracing how physical port failures propagate through traffic engineering
  - Redesigned the capacity planning algorithm to reduce unnecessary network builds by 10%
  - Built a production ML system that predicts optical component failures from network telemetry
  - Stress-tested the capacity planning solver and root-caused its instability to interaction between the optimizer and the routing layer
- Data Scientist** |  Twitter August 2021 – March 2023
- Found bottlenecks in Twitter's serving stack by tracing the critical path through distributed systems
  - Rewrote the spam classifier to use reply timing, cutting false positives on real accounts
  - Ran experiments on cluster scheduling that cut compute costs
- Data Scientist** |  Wealthfront August 2018 – July 2021
- Wrote the optimization engine behind Wealthfront's robo-advisor: a stochastic program solved with Benders decomposition
  - Built an order matching system that netted client trades internally before sending them to market
- Research Fellow** |  University of Cambridge 2017 – 2018
- Game Theory, Information Economics. Research in market design and allocation theory

## EDUCATION

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- Ph.D., Economics**,  Harvard University 2017
- Mechanism Design. Committee: Eric Maskin (Chair), Oliver Hart*
- B.Sc. Mathematics / B.Econ.**,  University of Queensland, Australia 2009
- First Class Honours, University Medal*

## PROJECTS

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- **Communication Systems from Scratch**: BGP, TCP/IP, Audio Modem, QUIC, BBR, Protocol Buffers, HTTP/3, and gRPC
- **Financial Planning in the AI Era**: An AI financial advisor built from bank statements and a single prompt document
- **Algorithmic Mechanism Design**: Probabilistic Serial and Constrained Birkhoff-von Neumann algorithms for fair allocation

## RESEARCH

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- Contracts for Acquiring Information*. Clark, A. and Reggiani, G. arXiv:2103.03911, 2017
- Capacity Constraints in Principal-Agent Problems*. Clark, A. arXiv:2412.01760, 2017
- Core Equivalence with Large Agents*. Clark, A. arXiv:2103.05136, 2017

## SKILLS

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Machine learning · Optimization · Infrastructure · Mechanism design · Operations research  
Day-to-day: Python, SQL, C++, Shell · Infrequent: Rust, Scala, R, Julia