# **Aben Carrington**

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# **EDUCATION**

### The University of Chicago

Chicago, IL

# Master of Science in Financial Mathematics, Dept. of Statistics

December 2024

- Concentrations: Financial Computing & Financial Data Science
- Courses: Data Science Tools for Finance, Intro to Machine Learning (PhD level), Generative Models, Portfolio Theory & Risk Management, Stochastic Calculus, Monte Carlo Simulation, Numerical Methods, Advanced Computing for Finance (C++), HPC for Finance, Modern Applied Optimization

# **Hamilton College**

Clinton, NY

### **Bachelor of Arts in Physics (GPA: 3.7/4.0)**

May 2023

- Courses: Algorithms & Data Structures, Quantum Computing, Linear Algebra, Multivariable Calculus, Combinatorics
- Awards: Dean's List (all semesters)

# **University of Edinburgh Semester Abroad**

Edinburgh, Scotland January – May 2022

• Courses: Linear Programming, Statistical Mechanics, Sensor Networks and Data Analysis

#### **SKILLS**

### **Programming:**

Python (NumPy, Pandas, Plotly, Scikit-learn, Optuna, LightGBM, TensorFlow, Keras, PyTorch, Pyro), C++, SQL, Shell Scripting

#### **Tools & Platforms:**

AWS (Lambda, EC2), Git, CI/CD Pipelines, Docker, Unix Systems (HPC & Remote Computing), Jupyter Notebook, Python Virtual Environments, Dependency Management, LaTeX

# RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

#### **New York Blood Center Enterprises**

New York, NY

### **Quantitative Analyst, Logistics and Site Selection – Real Estate Division (Remote)**

June 2024 – Present

- Developed a web-based geospatial analysis tool incorporating open-source geospatial clustering algorithms and optimization techniques to streamline site selection and enhance data-driven decision-making for real estate expansion
- Automated P&L rollup reports for location analysis, improving data aggregation and reporting accuracy across enterprise real estate financials
- Engage in regular weekly meetings with senior executive leadership (C-Suite) to align analytics initiatives with organizational strategic objectives

### Mercury Presents, Inc.

Oneonta, NY

### **Contract Developer (Remote)**

October - November 2024

- Centralized vendor pricing data across multiple locations to facilitate direct item-level cost comparisons, enabling more effective negotiations and achieving a 15% reduction in weekly inventory costs
- Built a CI/CD pipeline leveraging GitHub Actions with a Docker containerized build step, automating deployment and ensuring environment consistency for backend AWS Lambda functions (with a custom Lambda Layer) and frontend hosting via Netlify

### Loomis, Sayles, & Co.

Chicago, IL

# **Quantitative Researcher – Project Lab, University of Chicago**

September – December 2023

- Collaborated as a member of a team to implement a CNN-based predictive model using TensorFlow to analyze equity OHLC data and generate trading signals
- Conducted decile-based performance analysis and back-tested a long-short trading strategy across asset classes, improving model accuracy on out-of-sample data

#### **Griffiss Institute**

Rome, NY

### AFRL / RI Quantum Software Intern

June – August 2022

- Developed Python functions using Qiskit for quantum arithmetic and Fourier transforms, validated through simulations
- Designed a program for Quantum Random Walks, initializing qubits in maze structures to explore potential quantum applications in maze-solving problems

# **PROJECTS**

### **Credit Card Fraud Detection with Variational Autoencoder**

January 2025

- Built a VAE-based anomaly detection model using Pyro and KL Annealing to detect fraudulent credit card transactions, achieving a recall of 97.3% with minimal sacrifice in specificity
- Benchmarked performance against canonical classification and anomaly detection models (LightGBM, CatBoost, Random Forest, Isolation Forest) to enhance model reliability

# ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

# B Side Ballroom Bartender / Key Holder

Oneonta, NY

**Summers 2019 – 2023** 

- Managed operations and ensured security during shifts in a high-volume hospitality environment
- Delivered exceptional service while training staff and maintaining inventory