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### Education

### Westminster College

New Wilmington, PA

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Financial Economics

August 2015 - May 2019

- 3.7 GPA; Minor in Computer Science
- Honors Thesis in Hierarchical Temporal Memory focused on A.I. and Time Series Analysis
- Extra-Curriculars: Endowment Fund, Honors Program, Financial Analyst Program, Kappa Mu
   Epsilon, Men's Choir, Omicron Kappa Sigma, Pi Sigma Pi, and Secretary of Robotics Team

# Professional Experience

## Informatics Researcher

Los Angeles, CA

Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics at UCLA / Praedicat, Inc. June 2018 -August 2018

- Worked for Praedicat, Inc. automating information extraction, classification, and aggregation from unstructured web data for business profiling of over 52,600 companies and corporate entities.

# Systems Administrator and Software Engineer

New Wilmington, PA

Titan Radio and WCN 24/7

May 2018 - Present

- Overhauled network, oversaw purchasing, and wrote software solutions.

# Financial Analyst

Various

Program with Moody's Investors Service VP Ben Nelson

December 2017 - Present

- Presented a credit rating along with bond and stock recommendations to a panel of experts.

## Computational Finance Research Assistant

New Wilmington, PA

Dr. Charles Shaffer

January 2017 - May 2018

 Explored inefficiencies between cryptocurrency exchanges and backtested technical strategies such as Donchian Channels and Bollinger Bands on Bitcoin, Ethereum, and Litecoin.

## Research

- Using ARIMA Models to Capture the Predictive Power of Cortical Learning Algorithms

  December 2017 Present
  - Ongoing research in computational neuroscience, specifically HTMs modeled after the neocortex.
- Computational Fact-Checking through Relational Similarity based Path Mining July 2018 Present
  - Presented our work at IPAM, will be presenting at 2019 Joint Mathematics Meeting, and continually optimizing in the hopes of publishing

## Conferences and Talks

"Using ARIMA Models to Capture the Predictive Power of CLAs"	April 2019
National Conference on Undergraduate Research	Atlanta, GA
"Computational Fact-Checking through Knowledge Graphs"  **AMS Contributed Paper Session at 2019 Joint Mathematics Meeting	January 2019
*AMS Contributed Paper Session at 2019 Joint Mathematics Meeting	$Baltimore,\ MD$
"Information Extraction and Aggregation for Business Profiling"	July 2018
Invited Talk at Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics	Los Angeles, CA
"Repeated Play Games"	April 2017
MAA, Allegheny Mountain Section Meeting	Pittsburgh, PA
"Optimizing Throughput, Cost, and Safety in Toll Booth Plazas"	February 2017
Pi Mu Epsilon Regional Conference	Youngstown, OH

#### Awards

Best Robot in Division Prize for Senior Unique Division

"Robot in the Division with the lowest Total Final Scores"

North America Award for Level 2

"The top North American robot in Level 2"

Dr. Thomas R. Nealeigh Mathematics Scholarship

"awarded to an outstanding junior or senior mathematics major"

Paul E. Brown Memorial Scholarship

"given based on merit and academic achievement"

**Honorable Mention** January 2017 "excellent modeling and sensitivity analysis" COMAP International Mathematical Modeling Competition

Mathematics Book Award

"presented to the sophomore Mathematics major with the highest GPA"

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Trinity Fire Fighting Robot Contest

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April 2018

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March 2018

March 2017

March 2017

#### Skills

Computer Science: Parallel Programming, Robotics, Software Engineering, System Administration, Virtualization, Web Development

Data Science: A.I., Big Data, Cognitive Computing, Information Extraction, Machine Learning

Finance and Economics: Algorithmic Trading, Corporate Credit Analysis, GAAP, Risk Analysis

Languages: Python (and Cython), Java, C++, Bash, R, HTML, CSS, XML, Javascript, SQL, Visual Basic

Software & Tools: AWS, Google Cloud, NLTK, Numpy, Pandas, scikit-learn, Selenium