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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
- 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

- Selected to be a part of 2018's Research in Industrial Projects for Students (RIPS) at UCLA.
- 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.
- Used big data, deep neural networks, knowledge graphs, parallel programming, RDFs, and many other techniques to provide Praedicat, Inc. with a new tool for automatically finding information.

Software Engineer and Systems Administrator

New Wilmington, PA

Titan Radio and WCN 24/7

May 2018 - Present

- Responsible for the hardware and software required to keep the radio and television station operating.
- Wrote software to automate work and improve user experience including a program to automatically update the weather conditions on air and automatically Tweet Severe Weather Warnings.

Web Developer and Teaching Assistant

New Wilmington, PA

Westminster College

August 2015 - Present

- Lead recruitment efforts including bringing a Girls Who Code Club to campus and developing a
 website for marketing and recruiting purposes using React and Ruby on Rails.
- Assisted professors in grading, working with students individually, and developing curriculum for classes covering coursework in Calculus, Computer Science, and Operations Research.

Research Assistant

New Wilmington, PA

Dr. Charles Shaffer

January 2017 - May 2018

- Integrated cryptocurrency trading into Dr. Shaffer's algorithmic currency trading application.
- We explored inefficiencies between 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 Hierarchical Temporal Memory December 2017 - Present

- Ongoing research in computational neuroscience, specifically HTMs modeled after the neocortex.
- Working to find a mathematical analogy to the predictive power of cortical learning algorithms using ARIMA models to better explain the functions of each part of the neocortex.

Computational Fact-Checking through Relational Similarity based Path Mining $July\ 2018$ - Present

- Developed an algorithm in Python and Cython for computational fact-checking on knowledge networks called *RelPredPath* based on network flow, relational similarity, and discriminative path mining
- Presented our work at IPAM, will be presenting at 2019 Joint Mathematics Meeting, and continually optimizing in the hopes of publishing

Conferences and Talks

"Computational Fact-Checking through Knowledge Graphs"	January 2019
"Computational Fact-Checking through Knowledge Graphs" **AMS Contributed Paper Session at 2019 Joint Mathematics Meeting	$Los\ Angeles,\ CA$
"Information Extraction and Aggregation for Business Profiling"	July 2018
Invited Talk at Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics	$Los\ Angeles,\ CA$
"Decentralizing the World with Blockchain"	April 2018
$Undergraduate\ Research\ {\it \& Celebration}$	New Wilmington, PA
"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	August 2018
• Best Robot in Division Prize for Senior Unique Division "Robot in the Division with the lowest Total Final Scores"	Trinity Fire Fighting Robot Contest
North America Award for Level 2	August 2018
"The top North American robot in Level 2"	Trinity Fire Fighting Robot Contest
Dr. Thomas R. Nealeigh Mathematics Scholarship	March 2018
"awarded to an outstanding junior or senior mathematics major"	$We stminster\ College$
Paul E. Brown Memorial Scholarship	March 2017
"given based on merit and academic achievement"	$We stminster\ College$
Honorable Mention	January 2018
"excellent modeling and sensitivity analysis" COMAP Internatio	n Mathematical Modeling Competition
Mathematics Book Award	March 2017
"presented to the sophomore Mathematics major with the highest G	PA" Westminster College

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, Ruby (and Ruby on Rails), Javascript (and React), SQL, Visual Basic

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