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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 Fuzzy Logic
- Endowment Fund, Honors Program, Kappa Mu Epsilon, Men's Choir, Omicron Kappa Sigma, Pi Sigma Pi, and Secretary of Robotics Team

# Professional Experience

### Data Science 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.

### **Information Technology Intern**

New Castle, PA

Treloar & Heisel

September 2018 - Present

- Responsible for data science and automation necessary for building, maintaining, and utilizing databases including data validation, database normalization, and automated report generation.
- Developed a variety of applications for company use in Java, Python, and Visual Basic.

### Web Developer and Teaching Assistant

New Wilmington, PA

Westminster College

August 2015 - Present

- 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.

### Financial Analyst

Various

Program with Moody's Investors Service VP Ben Nelson

December 2017 - June 2018

- Responsible for data science and econometrics on S&P 500 companies.
- Presented a credit ratings and bond and stock recommendations to a panel of experts.

### Research

# 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 and continually optimizing the algorithm's Graph Theory algorithm implementations in the hopes of presenting at conferences and publishing

### An Exploration of the Logical and Topological Properties of Hierarchical Temporal Memory Networks

December 2017 - Present

- Ongoing research in artificial intelligence modeled after the neocortex.
- Working to improve the encoding and decoding mechanisms of Hierarchical Temporal Memory through topology and attempting to use fuzzy logic to improve the performance or forecasting ability.

### Minimum Square Deviance k-Chinese Postman Problems

August 2017 - December 2017

- Worked on this variation of the k-Chinese Postman Problem with Dr. Natacha Merz. We focused on finding solutions for lattice graphs like the square grid graph.
- Unable to prove any of our results because of the intractability of the problem.

### Algorithmic Game Theory

January 2017 - May 2017

- Developed simple machine learning algorithms in Java to play repeated-play simultaneous games such as Chicken and the Colonel Blotto Game.
- Presented my results at Westminster's 2017 Undergraduate Research and Arts Celebration and the Mathematical Association of America's Allegheny Mountain Section 2017 Spring Meeting.

# Optimizing Throughput, Cost, and Safety in Toll Booth Plazas

January 2017

- Lead a team of mathematicians over a single weekend in COMAP's International Mathematical Modeling Competition to produce a 20-page research paper.
- Received Honorable Mention for our solution, placing us in the top 13 in the United States and presented our results at 2017 Pi Mu Epsilon Regional Conference

### **Projects**

# Information Extraction and Aggregation from Unstructured Web Data for Business Profiling June~2018 - August~2018

- Proposed and implemented an architecture to perform information extraction, classification, and aggregation at scale. My work focused on Natural Language Processing, Classification, and Big Data.
- Produced high quality structured data at scale for business applications, designed a classification scheme that vastly outperforms TF-IDF, and worked with Knowledge Graphs for Computational Fact-Checking.

#### **Trinity Firefighting Contest**

December 2017 - April 2018

- Built and programmed an autonomous robot to tackle various challenges at the Trinity Firefighting Contest including putting out candles, navigating a maze, and rescuing a baby doll.
- Won Best Robot in Division Prize for Senior, Unique Division and the North America Award for Level 2.

### 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