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## Education

## Westminster College

New Wilmington, PA August 2015 - Present

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Financial Economics

- Minor in Computer Science
- Honors Thesis entitled "An Exploration of the Topological and Logical Properties of Hierarchical Temporal Memory Networks" focused on A. I., Cognitive Computing, Logic, and Topology
- All-College Honors Program, Endowment Fund, Kappa Mu Epsilon, Men's Choir, Omicron Kappa Sigma, Pi Sigma Pi, and Secretary of Robotics Team

## Professional Experience

## Software Engineer and Systems Administrator

New Wilmington, PA

Titan Radio and WCN 24/7

May 2018 - Present

- Responsible for the networks, servers, virtual machines, computers, and streams required to keep the radio and television station operating.
- Wrote various software solutions including one to update the Titan Radio weather conditions and weather forecast while no one was on the 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 languages such as Javascript and Visual Basic.

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.

### Financial Analyst

Various

Program with Moody's Investors Service VP Ben Nelson

December 2017 - Present

- Responsible for data science and providing macroeconomic perspective.
- Companies we have focused on include PPG and Olin.
- Presented a credit rating along with bond and stock recommendations to a panel of experts.

### Teaching Assistant and Tutor

New Wilmington, PA

Westminster College

August 2015 - Present

- Selected during my first year to tutor students and serve as a teaching assistant in mathematics and computer science courses.
- 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

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

- 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.

## Information Extraction and Aggregation from Unstructured Web Data for Business Profiling

- 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.

## Algorithmic Game Theory

- Developed simple machine learning algorithms in Java to play repeated play game 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

- 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

### Presentations and Talks

"Information Extraction and Aggregation for Business Profiling"	August 2018
Invited Talk at Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics	Los Angeles, CA
"Decentralizing the World with Blockchain"	April 2018
lacktriangle Undergraduate Research & Arts Celebration	New Wilmington, PA
"Strategies in Simulated Repeated Play Game Theory"	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

### Projects

#### Trinity Firefighting Contest

- 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.
- My team won the Best Robot in Division Prize for the Senior, Unique Division and the North America Award for Level 2.

### Skills

Languages: Python, Java, C++, Bash, R, HTML, CSS, XML, Javascript, Visual Basic, Clojure

Computer Science: Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain, Cognitive Computing, Parallel Programming, Robotics, Software Project Management, Systems Administration, Web Development

Data Science: Big Data, Information Extraction, Machine Learning,

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