alexandercm4297@gmail.com

Mathematician and Computer Scientist alexandermichels.github.io github.com/alexandermichels

# 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.

# Computational Fact-Checking Using Knowledge Networks

- Developed a new algorithm for computational fact-checking on knowledge networks based on network flow, relational similarity, and discriminative path mining
- Presented our work at the Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics and continually improving the algorithm in the hopes of publishing

### 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

# **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