# **Aaron Niskin**

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## **Skills and Languages**

Advanced: Spanish | Statistical Analysis, Portfolio Construction, Signals Research

Intermediate: Hebrew | Programming, Software Design, Cloud Architecture

Basic: German, Russian | Front End Security, Code Optimization

### **Education**

**New College of Florida** 

Sarasota

Master of Science In Data Science

2016-2018

Florida International University

Miami

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics - Minors in Physics and English

2012-2015

- Graduated Cum Laude GPA 3.64 (3.79 in major)
- Dean's List (6 times)

# **Experience**

BlackRock Inc.

Finance.

San Francisco, CA

Quantitative Researcher, Systematic Active Equity

2018-Present

- Produced signals using all kinds of datasets, including alternative, fundamental, and text-based.
- Implemented signals using a wide variety of algorithms including Linear Models, GBM, Neural Networks, KNN, etc.
- Researched and implemented for production models with hundreds of millions of dollars of exposure.
- Research dozens of datasets per year for global markets, while focusing on US Equities.

BlackRock Inc. San Francisco, CA

Summer Analyst, Scientific Active Equity

2017

- Assessed the viability of using automated machine learning for alpha generation research
- Developed a variable importance assessor for black box machine learning models

STEM

#### Florida Vocation Institute

Miami, FL

Computer Science Instructor

2015-2016

- Taught and created syllabi for several courses and created a free online course (currently live at www.fvi-grad.com)

#### Math-Busters (www.Math-Busters.com)

Miami, FL

Co-founder and Math/Science/Computing Tutor

2010-2015

- Tutored all levels of students and maintained a perfect rating with 100+ ratings and 450+ hours logged

Military

### 1-38 Infantry Regiment, 4/2 ID, US Army

Fort Lewis, WA

Infantryman

2004-2009

- Deployed to Iraq for OIF V from 2007-2008 and fought forest fires in Winthrop, Washington
- Trained at the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School in Fort Bragg, NC
- Secret Clearance, Combat Lifesaver, FBCB2, and other certifications