# APRIL WALKER

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# **WORK EXPERIENCE**

## Jr. Machine Learning Engineer

#### **Black Sky**

🛗 Sept. 2020 - Present

♥ Herndon, VA (Remote)

 Utilizing computer vision and statistical modeling to develop insights and solutions with our satellite imagery.

### Machine Learning Consultant

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m Dec. 2019 - Sept. 2020

♀ Fayetteville, AR (Remote)

- Determine and communicate potential use cases and limitations of machine learning models.
- Develop predictive models both for clients and internal use.

#### **Data Science Intern**

#### The Hartford

May 2019 - Aug. 2019

♥ Hartford, CT

- Collaborated on "Proof of Concept" utilizing Python and the H2O.ai Framework to determine the predictive power of third party datasets.
- Developed R and Python codebase to explore and compare the performance of dimension reduction and feature selection techniques. The project utilized PySpark, Hadoop, Jupyter, and H2O.ai.
- Managed resources on cloud infrastructure
- Lead peer workshops to teach and discuss data science concepts

#### Big Data Engineer Intern

#### L3-ComCept

m Jun. 2017 - Aug. 2017

Rockwall, TX

- Developed an Apache Maven library for geospatial tagging using Java and SQLite
- Used Akka to integrate a Scala Rest API into an existing Java project.

# RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

#### **University of Arkansas**

**♀** Fayetteville, AR

m Oct. 2018 - Aug. 2019

Dr. Cheng's Climate Science Lab

 Utilized various statistical inference methods with a focus on the Bayesian approach to predict extreme temperature events with nonstationary models in R.

🛗 Aug. 2016 - Dec. 2018

Dr. Lehmer's Astrophysics Lab

- Participated in various collaborative and personal projects related to x-ray binary research.
- Utilized Python, Bash, Tcl, and R in conjunction with astronomical software (CIAO, XSPEC, DS9) to process, analyze, and visualize data.

## **EDUCATION**

#### **University of Arkansas**

**♀** Fayetteville, AR

#### Master of Science

August 2020

- Field: Statistics and Analytics
- GPA: 3.824
- Relevant Coursework:
  - Machine Learning
  - Natural Language Processing (NLP)
  - Computational Statistics
  - Numerical Analysis

#### **Bachelor of Science**

- Major: Physics
- Concentration: Computational Physics
- Minor: Mathematics

### **SKILLS**

### **Programming Languages**

Python, R MATLAB, Java, SQL (MySQL) C/C++, JavaScript Scala, SAS



#### Big Data/ ML Technologies

H2O.ai, TensorFlow, Hadoop, Spark, Scikit-Learn, PyTorch, Hive

#### **ML Algorithms and Concepts**

GLM/Regression, GBMs, Boosting, Clustering, Trees, Naive Bayes, Scenario Testing, Neural Networks (CNN, RNN, LSTM, MLP), Time Series Analysis, Sentiment Analysis, Text Mining

### **Other Computer Skills**

GNU/Linux Jupyter, Bash/Shell, Git AWS

