CONTACT College of Information and Computer Sciences INFORMATION 140 Governors Dr, Amherst, MA, 01003

RESEARCH INTERESTS Differential Privacy, Explainable AI, Learning Theory, Causation, Formal Epistemology

Education University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA

Ph.D, Computer Science Expected: 2025 M.S., Computer Science 2024

Advisors: Dan Sheldon & Gerome Miklau

Miami University, Oxford, OH

Graduate study in Mathematics 2015 to 2017

Advisor: Paul Larson

Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA

Summer School in Logic and Formal Epistemology 2015

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

B.S., Economics 2014 B.A., Philosophy 2014

 $Summa\ Cum\ Laude$

Thesis: Against Indifference: Popper's Assumption of Distribution Preference

Advisor: Yongsheng Xu, Department of Economics

TEACHING Instructor of Record

Finite Mathematical Models (Miami University)

Spring 2016

Precalculus (Miami University)

Fall 2015, Fall 2016

Teaching Assistant

A Mathematical Foundation for Informatics (UMass Amherst) Fall 2024 Great Theorems of Mathematics (Miami University) Spring 2016

Professional Experience Senior Data Scientist

2/2017 to 7/2020

Data, Discovery, and Decision Science, Allstate, Chicago, IL

Managed shared economy data science team collaborating with leading companies on joint data science projects, led efforts in auto and property underwriting to develop predictive models from ideation to deployment in production, and supported projects such as building computer vision models for Allstate's QuickFoto Claim product.

Affiliate Researcher

1/2014 to 10/2021

Summer 2013

Fiscal Research Center, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

Member of a team investigating earnings mobility among low income individuals in Georgia by developing new methods of mobility measurement, writing software for policy analysts, and building econometric models using government administrative data from the Department of Human Services and the Department of Labor.

Research Assistant

Department of Economics, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

Advisor: Jim Marton

Estimated disenrollment likelihoods and tested for interaction effects given various demographic and health characteristics within Georgia's PeachCare for Kids program.

Conference & JOURNAL **Publications**

- 10. Brett Mullins, Miguel Fuentes, Yingtai Xiao, Daniel Kifer, Cameron Musco, Daniel Sheldon. "Efficient and Private Marginal Reconstruction with Local Nonnegativity" Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2024.
- 9. Miguel Fuentes, Brett Mullins, Ryan McKenna, Daniel Sheldon, Gerome Miklau. "Joint Selection: Adaptively Incorporating Public Information for Private Synthetic Data" AISTATS, 2024.
- 8. Brett Mullins. "The Shape of Explanations: A Topological Account of Rule-Based Explanations in Machine Learning" AAAI 2023 Workshop on Representation Learning for Responsible Human-Centric AI (R2HCAI), 2023.
- 7. Ryan McKenna, Brett Mullins, Daniel Sheldon, Gerome Miklau. "AIM: An Adaptive and Iterative Mechanism for Differentially Private Synthetic Data" Proceedings of the 48th International Conference on Very Large Databases (VLDB), 2022.
- 6. Brett Mullins, David Sjoquist, Sally Wallace. "Economic Mobility and the Great Recession" Social Science Quarterly, 2021.
- 5. Brett Mullins. "Gauthier, Equilibrium, and the Emergence of Morality" Dialogue, vol. 55 (4), 2016.
- 4. Brett Mullins, Mark Rider, David Sjoquist, Sally Wallace. "Long Run Earnings Mobility among Low Income Individuals" Journal of Economics and Public Finance, vol. 2, 154-170, 2016.
- 3. Brett Mullins, Mark Rider, David Sjoquist, Sally Wallace. "Trends in TANF and SNAP Participation in Georgia" Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Fiscal Research Center Report, 2015.
- 2. Brett Mullins, Mark Rider, David Sjoquist, Sally Wallace. "Helping Hand or Anchor: The Effect of Public Assistance on Income Mobility among the Poor" Proceedings of the National Tax Association's Annual Conference on Taxation, 2014.
- 1. Brett Mullins. "Recollection and Second Order Skepticism" Marist Undergraduate Philosophy Journal, 2013.

Misc **Publications** "Parsing Nested JSON Records in Python" featured in PyCoder's Weekly, iss. 374,

Software

"mobilityIndexR: Calculate Transition Matrices and Mobility Indices" with Trevor Harkreader. R package version 0.2.1. Available on CRAN.

Competitions, AWARDS, AND Honors

NIST Differential Privacy Challenge, 1st Place 2021 Top Three Presentation Award, MU Graduate Forum 2015 Graduate Student Paper Award, Indiana Philosophical Association 2014 Phi Sigma Tau Scholar Travel Stipend 3/2014, 9/2014 George W. Beiswanger Award: Outstanding Student in Philosophy, Department of Philosophy, Georgia State University 2014

Socrates Award: Outstanding Student in Philosophy,

Department of History & Philosophy, University of North Georgia 2012

Tools & LANGUAGES R, Python, LaTeX, Groovy, SAS, reveal.js, Elastic Stack, Keras, Tensorflow, Agile/Scrum, German (*Elementary*)

PROFESSIONAL American Economic Association MEMBERSHIPS Society for Exact Philosophy

Talks & NeurIPS (Poster), Dec 2024

PRESENTATIONS Efficient and Private Marginal Reconstruction with Local Non-negativity

Miami University Mathematics Colloquium (Invited), Nov 2024

Efficient and Private Marginal Reconstruction

TPDP (Poster), Aug 2024

Efficient and Private Marginal Reconstruction with Local Non-negativity

UMass CICS Theory Seminar, Oct 2023

Efficient Error Bounds for Private Linear Query Release

UMass Learning Learning Seminar (Invited), Oct 2023 Introduction to Differential Privacy and Synthetic Data

TPDP (Poster), Sept 2023

Quantifying Uncertainty of Unsupported Linear Queries for Private Query Release

R2HCAI: The AAAI 2023 Workshop on Representation Learning for Responsible Human-Centric AI (Poster), Feb 2023

The Shape of Explanations: A Topological Account of Rule-Based Explanations in Machine Learning

UMass CICS Theory Seminar, Nov 2021

The Shape of Explanations: A Topological Account of Rule-Based Explanations in Machine Learning

Society for Exact Philosophy Annual Meeting, May 2019 Infinite Cycles and the Graphical Approach to Epistemic Justification

Next Generation of Public Finance Conference, May 2016

Measuring the Impact of Social Programs on Income Mobility Using Big Data

Indiana Philosophical Association Fall Meeting, Nov 2015 Non-Arbitrary Inference: An Objection to Strong Bayesianism

Miami University Graduate Research Forum, October 2015 Mathematics Preparation & Intermediate Economics

Top Presentation Award

Missouri Valley Economic Association Annual Meeting, October 2015 Total Earnings Mobility among Public Assistance Recipients in Georgia

Formal Ethics 2015, July 2015

On Probability Assessment in the Original Position

Missouri Valley Economic Association Annual Meeting, October 2014

The Effect of Mathematics Courses on Outcomes in Undergraduate Intermediate

Economics: New Evidence

Indiana Philosophical Association Fall Meeting, October 2014 The Inconsistency of Gauthier's Market Contractarianism **Graduate Student Paper Award**

The Pittsburgh Area Philosophy Colloquium, September 2014 On Probability Assessment in the Original Position The Prindle Institute's Undergraduate Ethics Symposium, April 2014 The Moral Ambiguity of Externalities in Market Contractarianism

Classic City Undergraduate Philosophy Conference, April 2014 Against Indifference: Popper's Assumption of Distribution Preference

Georgia Philosophical Society's Fall Meeting, November 2013
Against Indifference: Popper's Assumption of Distribution Preference

Appalachian Regional Student Philosophy Colloquium, April 2013 An Analysis of Infinitism as Justification