

# BEN MEIER

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## SUMMARY

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A data scientist passionate about leveraging data and technology to improve socioeconomic, environmental and political issues. I have 6 years of experience working with as programmer to leverage data and technology to inform economic research, policy and financial regulation.

## EDUCATION

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**Master of Information and Data Science, University of California, Berkeley** 📅 2022 – Present

- GPA 4.0 of 4.0

**BS, Applied Math, Industrial Engineering, Iowa State University** 📅 2011 – 2016

- GPA 3.9 of 4.0

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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**Programming:** Python (pandas, NumPy, SciPy, Scikit-learn, Keras TensorFlow, PyTorch, Beautiful Soup), VBA, Stata, R (RStudio, tidyverse, ggplot2, dplyr, shiny), SAS, AWS sagemaker, AWS S3, Google colab

**Data skills:** Databases (PostgreSQL, SQL Server, SSIS), Anaconda, Git, VS Code, Visual Studio, Jira, Agile

**Data engineering:** AWS, Linux, Docker, PostgreSQL, Neo4j, Mongo, Redis, Kafka, Zookeeper, NGINX

**Visualization:** Tableau, Power BI, Python (Matplotlib, Seaborn, Plotly), HTML, CSS

**Methods:** Machine learning (clustering, K means, K nearest neighbors, decision trees, random forest, naive Bayes, neural networks, CNN), Statistics (logistic/linear regression, gradient descent)

## PROJECTS

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### Predicting Building Site Energy Usage

- Predicting building site energy usage using building performance data. Linear regression and random forest models were trained, but a random forest showed the lowest mean absolute error (TensorFlow, sklearn)

### Exploratory Data Analysis of Los Angeles Traffic Collisions

- Course final project demonstrating experience with EDA and visualization in python (pandas, Seaborn)

### Clustering Analysis of Holding Companies

- Self-directed project to identify clusters of financial institution in U.S. using public FR Y-9C data. Uses EDA, K-means and KNN clustering, and visualization in python (pandas, NumPy, scikit-learn, Matplotlib, Seaborn)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

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*Programmer Analyst II, Statistics*

📅 2019 – Present

- Performed data migration and database design to on-board two new survey collections
- Developed dashboard for preliminary survey data to enable on-demand customer data access eliminating a 1-day lead time
- Developed four extract-transform-notify python automation jobs to eliminate over 700 hours of staff work per year
- Developed 15 SSIS packages to transition survey collection platform to new PaaS environment

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- Developed K-means clustering and KNN clustering notebooks to test proof of concept to pilot AWS Sagemaker environment
- Led requirements, development, testing, and deployment of five minor version software releases
- Developed python scripts to migrate survey data in real-time to new database environment

## Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

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*Economic Research Assistant, Research*

📅 2018 – 2019

- Developed R script to automate the retrieval, cleaning, and validation of data for economic modeling
- Developed VBA excel workbook to automatically update FOMC regional data, eliminating 4 days of rework for every 6-week cycle
- Provided research support and analysis for real-time economic updates in the 11th District

## Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

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*Business Operations Analyst, Houston Branch*

📅 2016 – 2018

- Improved data collection and analysis of district cafeteria IRS de minimis calculation
- Analyzed and summarized regional economic conditions for the Board of Directors
- Supported executive leadership research requests during and after Hurricane Harvey
- Represented Houston Branch on the President's Sustainability Initiative Council

## VOLUNTEER

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- Mentored 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students through coding challenge (Bold Idea/ideaSpark)
- Sustainability Initiative (project manager for waste management, data analyst for calculating travel emissions)
- Eagle Scout