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#### **EXPERIENCE**

# Åbo Akademi University Graduate researcher

Turku, Finland Jan. 2010 - present

Primary author

- **Supervised Learning** for one study on predicting recidivism and another for linking serial homicide cases based on behavioral characteristics.
- **Unsupervised Learning** for examining factor structure of a risk assessment instrument used by the *Criminal Sanctions Agency* in Finland.
- **Propensity Score Matching** for examining the effect on recidivism of placement in open prison and granting conditional release.

#### Statistical Consultant

- Meta-analyses: two projects in cognitive psychology and one on relationships between characteristics of child abuse
- Analysis of survey data on age of preferred and realized sexual partners.
- Experimental studies: two different studies on the effect of logopedic treatments.

#### Contributor

• **Data wrangling**, **data visualization** and/or **methodological review** for seven other published studies in behavioral genetics and legal psychology.

#### **University Lecturer**

Sep. 2006 – May 2016

Lecturing and examination for all undergraduate courses below. Student evaluations ranging from 4 to 4.5 out of 5. Awarded the appreciation award the Student Union's Rose.

- Statistics for Behavioral Scientists and Biologists: Restructured the course and raised student evaluation from below three to above four. (10 ECTS for 3 years)
- Research Methodology: Course planning and supervision of research projects. (15 ECTS for 3 years)
- Personality: (5 ECTS for 5 years)
- Supervision of Master Theses: Five projects using meta-analysis, and statistical consultant for countless others.

## **Administrative Assistant**

Jan. 2008 – Dec. 2009

Scheduling the department's classes, student counselling and administration of recruitment process and other duties.

#### **EDUCATION**

- PhD (2010 18, expected), MA (2005 08), BA (2003 05). All Psychology, Abo Akademi University, Finland.
- Visiting Graduate Student (academic year 2005 06) Industrial and Org. Psych. SUNY Albany, NY, USA.
- Data Scientist with R Track, R Programmer Track. datacamp.com
- Relevant Coursework: *Meta-Analysis, Structural Equation Modelling, Test Development, Psychometric Theory and Research, Categorical Data, Linear Algebra, Probability*

### TECHNICAL SKILLS

Proficient: R, SPSS, MS Excel. Familiar: SQL, Python.

#### LANGUAGES

Native: Swedish. Fluent: English, Finnish. Intermediate: French, German.