Brendon Jerome Butler

EXPERIENCE

Associate Data Scientist

June 2019 - Present

Irvine Company

Irvine, CA

Designing and deploying machine learning algorithms and APIs for enterprise applications to enable predictive analytics.

Graduate Research Fellow

Sep. 2014 - May 2019

University of California, Irvine

Irvine, CA

- Designed and conducted experiments investigating how humans retrieve information from memory
- \bullet Built hierarchical linear and logistic regression models in R and Python to predict how accurately humans retrieve information from memory under different task demands with less than 5% margin of error
- Published findings in peer-reviewed academic journals and presented findings at conferences
- Secured over \$100,000 in research funding via grants and external fellowships

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Sep. 2015 - May 2017

University of California, Irvine

Irvine, CA

- Taught course curriculum in one- to three-hour classroom sessions
- $\bullet\,$ Led class discussions and answered student questions
- Evaluated more than 500 student essays, projects, labs, tests, and other assessments
- Maintained records on progress and grades for over 300 students

EDUCATION

PhD, Psychological Science

Dec. 2019 (expected)

Irvine, CA

University of California, Irvine

- Minor: Quantitative Methods
- **Dissertation:** Retrieval-Enhanced Suggestibility: A Theoretical and Meta-Analytic Review
- Honors: National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (NSF-GRFP); Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation Predoctoral and Dissertation Fellowships
- Relevant Coursework: Linear & Logistic Regression; Multilevel Modeling; Econometrics; Structural Equation Modeling; Bayesian Cognitive Modeling; Machine Learning; Longitudinal Data Analysis; Data Science

MA, Social Ecology

May 2017

University of California, Irvine

Irvine, CA

• Thesis: Failure to Detect Discrepancies Drives Retrieval-Enhanced Suggestibility

BA, Psychology

June 2012

University of California, Riverside

Riverside, CA

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Python, R, SQL

Machine learning: Supervised and Unsupervised models (binary and multi-class classification, clustering, decision trees, random forest)

Statistical modeling: Linear regression, logistic regression, Bayesian analysis, survival analysis Data cleaning & visualization: Pandas, dplyr, Tableau, matplotlib, Seaborn, ggplot2

Research: Experimental Design, Hypothesis Testing, A/B Testing

Other Software & Technologies: STATA, SPSS, Google Cloud Platform (Big Query), IATEX

PROJECTS & PUBLICATIONS

Discrepancy detection in the retrieval-enhanced suggestibility paradigm *Publication*

- Designed and conducted laboratory experiments to assess memory retrieval
- Built linear and logistic hierarchical regression models in R and Python to assess and predict memory performance