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Summary

Lead Data Scientist with a strong research and experimental background and 10+ years experience using reproducible methods and rigorous analysis to generate unique insights and create value. Strong teacher using research-based pedagogy and a Software Carpentry Foundation Trainer.

Experience

2022–Present **Lead Data Scientist**, *Nestlé-Purina*.
Kyle Herrman, supervisor.

2018–2022 **Lead Data Scientist**, *Bayer - Decision Science*.
Nalini Polavarapu, supervisor.

- **Technical Project Management:**

- Supervised 30+ statistical projects
- Led a team of Data Scientists and Educators
- Develop, promote, and distribute best practices curriculum for enterprise data scientists
- Develop proprietary curriculum for company specific workflows
- Created neural network forecasting models for supply chain

- **Mentorship & Training:**

- Platinum Pinnacle Award for creating and implementing company-wide digital fluency curriculum
- Organize, coordinate, mentor, and teach data fluency workshops - have instructed over 1500 learners in 8 programming languages/programs across 55 workshops
- Coordinate 44 digital fluency trainers

- **Member:**

- Data Science Center of Excellence
- Model Governance Team
- Data Management Team

2017–2018 **Data Scientist**, *Monsanto Company*.
Shawn L. Stricklin, supervisor.

- **Individual Contributor:**

- Developed and implemented a program to simulate the vegetable breeding pipeline
- Implemented predictive modeling to predict genotype sample submission frequency
- Created gradient boosted regression model to identify disease susceptible genotypes
- Provided *ad hoc* statistical support to 10 plant breeders
- Organized and coordinated Software Carpentry and Instructor Training workshops

- 2016–2017 **Postdoctoral researcher**, *University of California, Davis*.
C. Titus Brown, supervisor.
Achievements:
- Oversaw development and deployment of Reproducible Research with R lessons for the Data Carpentry Foundation
- 2014–2016 **Postdoctoral scholar**, *University of Kansas*.
James R. Walters, supervisor.
Achievements:
- Developed tools to analyze large empirical and simulated molecular datasets
 - Implemented and interpreted complex statistical modeling on ecological and genomic data, including differential expression analysis
 - Formalized novel statistical models to describe bacterial infection frequency while correcting for relatedness
- 2012–2014 **Postdoctoral researcher**, *University of California, Davis, Davis, California*.
David J. Begun and Michael Turelli, supervisors.
Achievements:
- Coordinated multi-laboratory effort to assess the use of a bacterial infection to control an invasive insect
 - Executed comparative genomic analysis of invasive species
 - Created bioinformatics pipeline to import, trim, and map genomic data

Education

- 2012 **PhD**, *Michigan State University*, Entomology.
- 2012 **PhD**, *Michigan State University*, Ecology, Evolutionary Biology & Behavior.
- 2008 **MS**, *California State University, Fresno*, Biology.
With Distinction
- 2004 **BS**, *California State University, Fresno*, Biology.
Magna Cum Laude

Statistical methods

Deep learning in R & Python using Keras and TensorFlow

Deep learning in python with pytorch and fastai

Machine learning in R & python

Linear and mixed-effects models in R

Forecasting with ARIMA, prophet, and LSTM

Hierarchical Bayesian modeling and inference in R and stan

Computer skills

Data analysis R, Python

Reproducibility docker, knitr, RMarkdown, L^AT_EX, jupyter notebooks,

Version control git, GitHub, GitLab

Cloud computing AWS ML Pipeline & SageMaker, Applied AI with IBM Watson

Misc. BASH, SQL