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### SUMMARY

· Quantitative scientist working at the intersection of statistics/machine learning, data/software **Profile** 

engineering, research science, and product management

**Areas of Expertise** · Cross-functional collaboration to productionize/engineer data-driven products and features

· Bayesian statistics (causal inference, hierarchical models, model selection, nonparametric methods)

· Classical statistics (statistical learning, experimental design, mixed models, time series)

· Deep learning (artificial/recurrent/convolutional neural networks)

· Python, Tensorflow, Keras, LightGBM, R, SQL, Spark, jupyter, Vim, LTEX Frequently Used

**Sometimes Used** · Java, C++, HTML, CSS, Javascript

## EXPERIENCE

### Data Scientist II, Uber

San Francisco CA 01/2020-Present

· Engineered an ensemble of predictive models using internal and third-party data to identify rare user groups for multimillion dollar experiments; improved legacy model performance by a factor of 2

- · Analyzed the aforementioned experiments to identify statistically significant metrics, while identifying the limitations of the existing experimental design to improve future allocation of resources
- · Estimated point and interval values of competitive intelligence metrics used in executive decision making
- · Identified and corrected multiple mistakes and inefficiencies found in the team repository, ranging from production code to deliverables used by stakeholders

#### Senior Data Scientist, BitSight

Boston MA 10/2017-01/2020

- · Led all data science projects for third-party cybersecurity risk management, including:
- · Tier Recommender, BitSight's first machine learning based product, which leverages unique network data
- · Enterprise Analytics, a product that identifies high risk areas by computing and evaluating hypothetical risk scenarios
- · Fourth-Party Risk Management, a tool that provides visibility into business ecosystems
- · Designed observational studies to evaluate the association and causality of relationships pertaining to efficacy of products, impact of extraneous events, and influence of internal interventions
- · Supervised Master's-level intern working on 1) validation of external financial data and 2) sales and marketing analytics
- · Organized reading groups covering advanced topics in forecasting, prediction intervals, and model evaluation

## Technical Advisor, Data Science Fellow, Insight Data Science

Boston MA 05/2017-09/2019

- · As Technical Advisor: Mentored data science projects for PhD graduates and postdoctoral fellows by providing weekly 1-on-1 feedback on project ideation/viability, data considerations, modeling techniques, and communication skills
- · As Data Science Fellow: Consolidated and cleaned multiple data sources to tally millions of labeled data points to predict and visualize real-time supply and demand for Hubway bikes at 200 bike-sharing stations

#### **EDUCATION**

## PhD, Biostatistics, Harvard University

Cambridge MA

2017

- · Conducted and published statistical research on applied problems in genetics, health care policy, and end-of-life care
- · Developed novel R code for handling sampling bias, misclassified outcomes, correlated outcomes, intractable cross-validation, hierarchical structures, and confounding
- · Taught graduate-level classes in introductory statistics/epidemiology, statistical methods, and Bayesian statistics

## BMath, Statistics and Actuarial Science, University of Waterloo

Waterloo ON

2012

- · Graduated with Distinction Dean's Honours List (Highest Honors)
- · Completed six work semesters at Logitech, Hewitt Associates (now Blackstone), Manulife Financial, and Munich Re

## Personal Projects

Stephen A.I. Smith · Twitter bot trained on Stephen A. Smith's tweets, using transfer learning via Open Al's GPT-2 model,

GloVe Twitter embeddings, and a Bidirectional LSTM model for scoring generated tweets

CRISPR-be-deep · Exploring gene editing data using convolutional and recurrent neural networks