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Education

Brown University

Computer Science B.A., Development Studies B.A.

Providence, RI. Expected Graduation: December 2019

GPA: 4.0 / 4.0

Coursework:

- Discrete Structures & Probability, Linear Algebra, Data Fluency, Computer Systems, Designing Humanity Centered Robots, User Interfaces and User Experience, Algorithms & Data Structures
- Methods in Development Research, Sociology of Development, Anthropology and International Development, Development Economics, Intermediate Microeconomics

Skills

Technical: Python, SQL, Java, R, HTML/CSS, C, Arduino, Git
Rhinoceros 3D CAD, Illustrator, Tableau

Languages: Spanish and English (native), Portuguese (intermediate)

Interests: International development focusing on Latin America, human-computer interaction focusing on mental health, playing Afro-Brazilian drums, spoken word poetry

Projects

Anxi: Mental health intervention with a pulse sensor, mood light orb and emergency-button watch that promotes mindfulness and provides help for anxiety disorders (Arduino, Python, 3D printing, laser cutting)

Autocorrect: Word-suggesting engine with underlying prefix tree implementation (Java)

Shell: UNIX shell with built-in commands, I/O redirection, signal processing, and foreground/background job control (C)

Leadership

Project LETS Peer Mental Health Advocate

Providence, RI. January 2019–present

- Completed an extensive training on disability rights history and trauma-informed tools and resources, to provide advocacy services and support to students living with mental illness at Brown

Mosaic+ Mentorship Program Mentor

Providence, RI. January 2016–December 2018

- Met biweekly with mentees for one-on-one mentorship with student-run organization which aims to make the Computer Science department a more inclusive space for underrepresented minorities

Brown Entrepreneurship Program Director of Special Events

Providence, RI. December 2015–September 2016

- Led team which organizes club's largest, campus-wide events: Startup@Brown conference, San Francisco Summer Fellowship, East Coast Startup visit trips, and speaker series
- Met with focus groups and wrote the first draft of the Diversity and Inclusion Plan for Brown's new Nelson Entrepreneurship Center

Work

Facebook Data Science Intern

Seattle, WA. May–August 2018

- Analyzed the Facebook Groups invites ecosystem, by developing SQL queries, creating data visualizations, and preparing reports and presentations for the Groups team, focusing on country level analyses and the differences between Machine Learning driven and organic invites
- Performed calculations for A/B testing experiments aimed at measuring the outcomes of different design strategies

Facebook Data Science Intern, Facebook University for Analytics

Menlo Park, CA. June–August 2016

- 1 of 10 participants in the first class of the FBU Analytics program
- Analyzed effects of data policy change on user engagement and growth, mining 480 PB of data by developing SQL queries, and building Python pipelines to automate extraction of data
- Diagnosed 4 main areas of opportunity to improve Facebook's growth strategy, focusing on privacy concerns in Europe

Brown University Computer Science Teaching Assistant

Providence, RI. August–December 2015

- Assisted in teaching 350+ students the fundamentals of Java, in the course Introduction to Object Oriented Programming and Computer Science (CS15), dedicating 15+ hours a week
- Held 4 office hours per week to debug and assist in assignments
- Led 10 lab sessions, created slides and content for 4 lectures, designed homework rubrics, and graded 100+ projects

SKU Logistics Business Development Intern

Caracas, Venezuela; New York City, NY. May–July 2017

- Created a business plan for executive team that included financial projections, analysis of potential partners, and customer analytics, to use as foundation to evaluate how SKU Logistics can break into supply chain logistics for the 3D printing market in Latin America

SKU Logistics Software Engineering Intern

Caracas, Venezuela. June–August 2015

- Designed a prototype for an application which aims to improve the routing and distribution experience of small distributors across Latin America and implemented the initial phase in Java

Research

Brown Human Computer Interaction Lab Research Assistant

Providence, RI. January–June 2018

- Worked with Prof. Huang on Sochiatrist, a mental health informatics project which analyzes social media data to predict trends in mood and behavior, funded by the National Institute of Health
- Implemented improvements on social media data extractor in Python, in close collaboration with the Rhode Island Hospital

Development Studies Independent Research Project

Providence, RI; Caracas, Venezuela. June 2019–present

- Conduct research in Venezuela on the effects of race and gender in the political process of Venezuela in the past 20 years, under the mentorship of Prof. Perry in the Africana Studies department