Connor Reed

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Education

New York University   *New York, NY*
Master of Science, Data Science   *2020 – 2022*

Yale University   *New Haven, CT*
Bachelor of Science, Environmental Studies *with distinction, cum laude*   *2015 – 2019*

- *Thesis title*: Engaging open-source precision viticulture to manage spatial heterogeneity and improve cover-cropping practice on an organic vineyard (Abstract)

School for Field Studies //
Ugyen Wangchuck Institute for Conservation and Environmental Research   *Bumthang District, Bhutan*
Study Abroad   *June – July 2017*

- Completed coursework on Himalayan forest ecology, rural livelihoods, and Bhutanese culture
- Conducted ethnographic field research on agricultural knowledge transfer in the village of Ura and presented findings to government stakeholders

Research Experience

New York University, Department of Environmental Studies   *New York, NY*
Graduate Research Assistant, McDermid Lab   *July 2020 – September 2022*

- Developed end-to-end deep learning pipeline to detect floods and smallholder croplands in Sentinel-1 and Sentinel-2 satellite image time series over sub-Saharan Africa
- Conducted geospatial time series analysis using econometric modeling techniques to assess the impact of floods on food security in sub-Saharan Africa from 2009-2020 [1]

Yale School of the Environment   *New Haven, CT*
Research Assistant, The Bradford Lab   *January 2016 – August 2020*

- Assisted with field and laboratory data collection for experiments studying the ecological function, formation, and rapid measurement of soil organic carbon
- Conducted meta-analysis (data collection, statistical analysis) of long-term experiments to quantify the mediating effect of soil organic carbon on the relationship between conservation agriculture practices and crop yield stability

Publications

[1] **C. Reed** *et al.*, "The impact of flooding on food security across Africa," *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, vol. 119, no. 43, p. e2119399119, 2022, doi: 10.1073/pnas.2119399119.

Professional Experience

Aquabyte   *New York, NY*
Senior Machine Learning Engineer   *December 2024 – present*
Machine Learning Engineer   *June 2022 – December 2024*

- Developed custom PyTorch model ensemble (inc. object detection, segmentation, neural fields) to detect sea lice on salmon from underwater imagery with human-level accuracy; optimized for inference speed with TensorRT; deployed as Dockerized application server in AWS
- Built system to integrate model servers into production data pipeline and optimize throughput, scaling inferences from tens to hundreds of thousands of images per day
- Built ML dataset registry and Python library with common image preprocessing and annotation methods to support computer vision model reproducibility and fast dataset curation
- Conduct live and simulation experiments to estimate effects of new models and research proposals on company objectives
- Serve on company's ESG committee; wrote report for investor on the company's impact, responsibilities, and plans to advance sustainable aquaculture in the wider industry, establishing internal ESG objectives

Indigo   *Boston, MA*
Soil Data Research Intern, Carbon Experimentation   *June – August 2021*

- Crafted quantitative framework, analysis, and data visualizations used by the CEO to evaluate risk-reward tradeoffs of key agricultural carbon market opportunities
- Developed generative Bayesian models to create synthetic soil data combining information from published and proprietary data
- Created pipeline to automatically clean, map, and interpret soil sample data for customers

Grants & Honors

2019	**Gaylord Donnelley Prize in Environmental Studies**, Yale University, Department of Environmental Studies
2019	**Yale Global Food Fellowship**, Yale Sustainable Food Program
2018	**Yale Summer Environmental Fellowship**, Yale University, Department of Environmental Studies
2017	**Yale Global Food Fellowship**, Yale Sustainable Food Program
2017	**Robert Berlin Fellowship**, Yale University, Berkeley College
2017	**Tristan Perlroth Prize for Summer Foreign Travel**, Yale University
2016	**Yale College First-Year Summer Research Fellowship in the Sciences & Engineering**, Yale University

Skills

Programming	Python, R, SQL, Bash
ML Tools	PyTorch(Lightning), scikit-learn, experiment tracking (Hydra, Guild AI, W&B), TensorRT
Databases	PostgreSQL
DevOps	Git, Docker, Terraform, dbt, Airflow, AWS
Statistics	Machine learning, deep learning, computer vision, time series, geospatial, probabilistic models, Bayesian inference, hypothesis testing, A/B testing, structural causal models, generative models
Other	Research, writing, public speaking, food systems, ecology, food security, climate change, music (bass)