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A challenge-driven researcher and data scientist interested in energy systems and green technology.

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania

Bachelor of Arts; Magna Cum Laude

May 2020

Philadelphia, PA

Major: Earth Science with Distinction, **Minor:** Mathematics

Cumulative GPA: 3.79 / 4.00, **Major & Minor GPA:** 3.82 / 4.00

Awards: Rose Undergraduate Research Award ('20); NSF Data Science REU #1757952 ('19); SICB Poster ('21); SCCUR Presenter ('19); CURF Sustainability Action Grant ('18); EES Hayden Scholars Grant ('18)

Coursework: Numerical Mathematics, Computational Linear Algebra, Machine Learning, Statistical Data Mining for Big Data, Modeling Geographic Space, Data Analysis in Earth Science, Statistics for Biologists, Calculus I – III

Semester Abroad: James Cook University, Queensland, Australia (with applied stats research in AWT ecology)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Data Science Researcher | Harvey Mudd (NSF #1757952) | Claremont, CA | [Code](#) May 2019 – present

- Pioneers geo-spatial ML frameworks to inform biodiversity conservation in Southern CA ([SICB '21 poster](#))
- Designs efficient Python/R scripts for data pre-processing and soft-voting ensemble classification, corresponding author on upcoming journal pub., GitHub contributor to PyImpute (a geo-modeling library)

Geophysics Researcher | UPenn Ice Physics Lab (CURF grants) | Philadelphia, PA | [Code](#) Sep. 2017 – May 2020

- Spearheaded ice physics research with experimentation and Python analyses ([CURF project description](#))
- Published insights into newly discovered ice flow micro-physics in an award-winning senior thesis

Data Science Consultant | Official World Golf Rankings (OGWR) | *Completed Remotely* March – May 2019

- Discovered bias towards American tours with categorical PCA biplots, also corrected extensive data errors

Strategy Intern | Wildlife Works Conservation Company | San Francisco, CA & Indonesia May – August 2017

- Conducted field and interview investigation of a REDD+ carbon-credit project, finding gaps in the investment's potential for driving ethical socio-economic impact in the region ([Write-up description](#))
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SKILLS & PROGRAMMING

Skills: Creative hypothesis designer, accurate geo-spatial modeling, problem solver, detail oriented, collaborative team member and leader (GitHub, Google Drive), fast-paced learner, adaptable, critical thinker, tenacious

Programming: Python (Pandas, NumPy, Scipy, SciKit-Learn, PyCaret, Apache-Spark, TensorFlow, Matplotlib, GeoPandas, SymPy, PyImpute), R (for geo-statistics, stat. modeling, and ETL pipelines), C++ (i.e., object-oriented programs and data structures), MATLAB, OCaml (functional, value-oriented programming), ArcGIS, Zsh/Shell

INTERESTS & VOLUNTEERING

- Hobbies include surfing, playing music (guitar, bass, keys), rock climbing, reading, and being outdoors
- Watershed science TA with Philadelphia Water and Cook-Wissahickon School ('16-17, 3 hours per week)
- Article published in Penn Sustainability Review, "[The Indirect Hand of Man](#)" ('17)
- Volunteer with Star Paws Rescue ('13-16, 4 hours bi-weekly) and Marine Mammal Center ('16, 5K run)
- Sigma Alpha Mu (two-time brotherhood chair, '17-18 and '19-20)
- Member of UPenn Varsity (D1) Golf Team ('16-17)
- Certified PADI Rescue Scuba Diver with AQF CPR, First Aid, and O₂ training ('19)