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## Education

**Princeton University**, Princeton, NJ

June 2015

**Degree:** BSE in Operations Research and Financial Engineering, with Honors  
Certificate in Applications of Computing

**GPA:** 3.58

**Coursework includes:** Machine Learning, Bayesian Statistics, Regression and Time Series, Finance, Probability and Stochastic Systems, Algorithms and Data Structures, Optimization

## Experience

**AllianceBernstein**, New York, NY

*Associate, Multi-Asset Solutions*

June 2015 – Present

*Intern, Multi-Asset Solutions*

June – August 2014

- Researched and developed factor return models for equity index options and variance swaps
  - Models guided investment decisions in accounts with billions of dollars in assets
  - Applied models to researching market timing and cross-sectional strategies
- Developed new Matlab infrastructure for backtesting option strategies
  - Simulated strategies to submit for requests for proposal from institutions and managers
- Implemented Leisen-Reimer tree method for pricing American options
  - Enabled more accurate research and backtesting of ETF options

**Educational Testing Service**, Princeton, NJ

June – July 2013

*Intern, Data Quality Services*

- Applied reliability analysis using SAS to gauge exam administration and scoring quality
- Conducted survey to measure cost and time savings for ETS due to Data Quality Services
- Created prototype of web portal for showing data quality statistics using Twitter Bootstrap

## Research

**Predicting Equity Index Volatility with Text Information**

September 2014 – April 2015

*Senior Thesis*

- Employed penalized linear models to deal with high-dimensional text data
- Applied Latent Semantic Indexing to retrieve informative low-dimensional features
- Found that some text sources can improve forecasts of equity index volatility

**Effect of Bedrock Age on Earthquake Frequency**

November 2011 – January 2012

*Geoscience Seminar*

- Analyzed USGS earthquake data, found no relationship between bedrock age and earthquake frequency

## Projects

**Artistic Choices of New York Philharmonic Conductors**

August 2016 - Present

- Deployed R shiny app visualizing the top composers of NY Phil conductors

**Topic Modeling the Daily Princetonian**

April 2016 - Present

- Implemented Gibbs sampler in Rcpp for inferring Latent Dirichlet Allocation model to analyze topics in *Daily Princetonian* opinion articles and their comments

## Skills

**Computer:** R (Rcpp, ggplot2, tm), Matlab, Python (beautifulsoup, Selenium), C, Java, Microsoft Office, SQL