

Jack Hester



My name is Jack Hester. I'm a Master of Public Health candidate at Brown University, and I hold a Bachelor of Arts from Emory University in interdisciplinary studies with an emphasis in upstream healthcare and behavioral modeling. I'm currently a graduate research assistant at the Brown Center for Evidence Synthesis in Health, where I work on web-based training modules, systematic reviews, and am developing a course I will be teaching for Summer at Brown. Much of my research as an undergraduate student focused on applying computational linguistics methods to health-related topics, including automatically mining adverse drug side-effects from online forums, and I continue to work on a GUI that makes linguistic analysis tools accessible to students and researchers without a coding background. I also have past work experience at a number of tech and marketing companies where my responsibilities ranged from full stack development to writing press releases and publishing marketing materials online.

My current research interests are centered around humane design, specifically relating to healthcare. My goal is to improve both patient and provider experience through better design of health-related technologies. These technologies range from healthcare record entry to interfacing with insurance companies. In addition, I'm working on a project that uses remote sensing data to predict disease occurrence, and I spend some of my time in the Center for Evidence Synthesis on improving and automating the systematic review process.

In what little free time I have, I like to cook, read, and sometimes do stand-up comedy.