Eli Ben-Michael

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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA — Expected 2020
PhD in Statistics, Advisors: Avi Feller and Peng Ding

Columbia University, Columbia College, New York, NY — May 2016
Bachelor of Arts, *Summa Cum Laude*, Computer Science and Statistics

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

Elser, H., **E. Ben-Michael**, D. Rehkopf, S. Modrek, E. A. Eisen, and M. R. Cullen (2019). Layoffs and the mental health and safety of remaining workers: a difference-in-differences analysis of the US aluminium industry. *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health 73*, 1094–1100

PREPRINTS AND WORKING PAPERS

Ben-Michael, E., A. Feller, and J. Rothstein (2019). Synthetic controls and weighted event studies with staggered adoption

Ben-Michael, E., A. Feller, and J. Rothstein (2019). The augmented synthetic control method

OPEN SOURCE STATISTICAL SOFTWARE

`augsynth`: `R` implementation of the augmented synthetic control method

PRESENTATIONS

Synthetic control and weighted event study models with staggered adoption — November 2019
Berkeley-Stanford Econometrics Jamboree

Augmented Panel Data Models with Staggered Adoption — May 2019
Atlantic Causal Inference Conference
Thomas R. Ten Have Poster Award runner up

Multi-level balancing weights for multi-site observational studies — March 2019
Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness

The augmented synthetic control method — December 2018
2018 European Winter Meeting of the Econometric Society

Matrix constraints and multi-task learning for covariate balance — August 2018
7th Causal Inference Workshop at UAI

AWARDS AND HONORS

Department fellowship, Department of Statistics, U.C. Berkeley — 2018
Two years of funding through RTG grant: Advancing Machine Learning - Causality and Interpretability

Phi Beta Kappa, Columbia University — 2016

Computer Science Department Award, Columbia University — 2016
Given to the top two graduating seniors each year

TEACHING

U.C. Berkeley Department of Statistics *Graduate Student Instructor*

Stat 232: Experimental Design with Sam Pimentel — Fall 2017
Stat 159/259: Reproducible and Collaborative Data Science with Fernando Perez — Fall 2018

WORK EXPERIENCE

Uber, New York, NY — Summer 2019
Data Science Intern

- Built spatiotemporal models for feature extraction to enhance predictions in dispatch decisions
- Utilized factor analysis and auto-encoding neural networks to learn embeddings of ride behavior
- Created procedures to quickly isolate predictive contribution of features in black box models

Walmart Labs, Sunnyvale, CA — Summer 2017
Machine Learning Scientist Intern

- Designed models of consumer purchase behavior to learn latent representations of products
- Implemented efficient learning algorithms on tens of millions of consumer purchases with Spark
- Validated the representations' predictive power by reconstructing a human-generated catalog

Knewton, New York, NY — Summer 2016
Data Science Intern

- Generalized Bayesian models of student learning to incorporate hierarchical structure
- Scaled learning algorithms with a 10x speedup using Spark
- Analyzed performance, strengths, and weaknesses of models on student data

Columbia University Department of Economics, New York, NY — Fall 2014 - Spring 2016
Research Assistant

- Built a natural language processing text analysis application in Python for use by economists
- Performed econometric and statistical analysis on text data with associated metadata

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Co-president of the Statistics Graduate Student Association — Fall 2018 - Spring 2019