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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Data-driven researcher with expertise in quantitative and qualitative analysis, computational methods, and science communication. Skilled in Python, R, advanced statistics, qualitative research methods, and data visualization to drive insights in open science, peer production, and digital communication. Strong background in teaching, public speaking, and interdisciplinary collaboration.

EDUCATION

M.A., Communication – University of Washington (June 2025)

• Certificate in Statistics | Concentration in Computational Methods

B.A., Communication – University of California, Davis (*June 2022*)

Emphasis in Information Communication Technology

B.A., Russian Language – University of California, Davis (June 2022)

Russian Philosophy, Culture, and Advanced Language Studies

TECHNICAL & ANALYTICAL SKILLS

- Data Analysis & Programming: Python (NumPy, Pandas, Matplotlib), R (ggplot2, tidyverse)
- Statistical & Qualitative Methods: Multilevel/hierarchical modeling, regression analysis, time series analysis, survey design, content analysis
- Data Visualization & Communication: Advanced dashboard creation, interactive visualizations
- Software & Tools: Unix/Linux, Git, SQL, Jupyter Notebooks
- Teaching & Communication: Public speaking, instructional design, report writing, feedback delivery

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Associate, Community Data Science Collective Lab

University of Washington | Sept 2022 – Present

- Conduct advanced data analysis using Python and R, specializing in predictive modeling, regression, and time series analysis for peer production communities.
- Manage Git repositories and Unix/Linux systems to streamline data processing and automation.
- Develop interactive data visualizations to present research insights.
- Conduct literature reviews to identify gaps in open science and digital collaboration research.

Teaching Assistant, University of Washington

Sept 2023 - Present

- Lead workshops and discussion sections to reinforce key concepts in public speaking and communication theory.
- Evaluate **75+ student assignments per quarter** using **self-developed rubrics**, providing detailed, constructive feedback.
- Maintain accurate student performance records, using data-driven insights to refine teaching strategies.

Public Speaking Instructor, University of Washington

June – Aug 2024

- Designed and taught an **asynchronous public speaking course**, developing a **structured curriculum** and video lectures.
- Provided detailed performance assessments and feedback to enhance student presentation skills.

Front Desk Attendant & Informal Technical Consultant, Tennis Center Sandpoint

Sept 2023 – Present

- **Developed automation tools** to optimize scheduling and improve operational efficiency:
 - o **Tab Auto-reloader:** Ensured up-to-date scheduling.
 - o **IP Block Timer:** Enforced fair court usage policies.
 - o **POS Shortcuts:** Enhanced transaction speed.
- Provided **customer service** and **technical support**, resolving scheduling conflicts efficiently.

Research Assistant, Cognitive Communication Science Lab

University of California, Davis | Sept 2020 – June 2022

- Conducted EEG experiments, collecting and analyzing neuroscience and behavioral data.
- Designed and administered **surveys** for cognitive science research, ensuring validity and reliability.
- Conducted **content analyses** to examine patterns in communication and cognitive processes.
- Managed large datasets, cleaning and structuring data for both quantitative and qualitative analysis.

Florist & Business Consultant, G Rossi Florist

Sept 2014 - Sept 2019

- Assisted Russian-speaking clients, providing personalized service.
- Designed seasonal floral products and staple arrangements for funerals, weddings, and the company website.
- Managed wedding floral designs, collaborating with clients to create custom arrangements.
- Migrated company's **POS system**, reducing costs and improving transaction speed.
- Trained owners in product photography and digital marketing strategies.

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

- Multilingual Travel: Russian & Spanish immersion experiences.
- Community Sports: Sailing, windsurfing, cycling, skiing.
- **Triathlon Training:** Building endurance and resilience.