Emily Quinn Finney

Data Experience

2015-2017 Graduate Research Associate

Davis, CA

University of California, Davis

- Trained high-dimensional models of galaxy cluster structure using MCMC and gradient descent algorithms.
- Extracted wavelength information and other properties from imaging data.
- · Wrote a peer-reviewed journal article detailing results.
- Provided extensive mentoring in astrophysics research practices.

2013 **Undergraduate Senior Thesis**

Claremont, CA

Scripps College

- Implemented Bayesian methods to improve models of galaxy cluster mergers.
- · Inferred galaxy cluster collision parameters by analyzing radio data.
- Visualized data and communicated findings in a paper.
- Selected to present research at Scripps College Capstone Day.

2013 **Astronomy Research Internship**

La Serena, Chile

Cerro Tololo Inter-American Observatory

- Cleaned gigabytes of astronomical data using bash scripting and Skycat image software.
- · Classified spectral data and fit lines to redshifts.

2012 **Physics Research Internship**

Davis, CA

University of California, Davis

• Conducted hypothesis testing on a set of galaxy ellipticity data.

Teaching Experience

2014-2016 Physics Teaching Assistant

Davis, CA

University of California, Davis

- Taught physics discussion/labs for 40-60 students each academic guarter.
- Responsible for weekly office hours, grading, and proctoring exams.

2012-2014 Physics and Computer Science Tutor/Grader

Claremont, CA

Scripps College; Harvey Mudd College

• One-on-one tutoring in physics and computer science concepts.

Summers Camp Director

Davis, CA; Reno, NV; Plymouth, MA

The Peregrine School; Great Basin Institute; Camp Clark YMCA

• Designed and implemented physics, ecology, and computer programming oriented curricula for students ages 4-16.

Education

2014-2017 Master's of Science, Physics

Davis, CA

University of California, Davis

2010-2014 Bachelor's of Arts, Physics

Claremont, CA

Scripps College

Other Skills and Interests

Professional Machine learning, tidy data, image analysis, data-driven education.

Personal Hiking, child development, spiders, Christianity.

Software

Python

NumPy

SciPy

Pandas

matplotlib

Unix/Linux

bash scripting

Git

Software Design

OOP

C data types

R

tidyverse enthusiast

Other Languages

Java MATLAB

SOL

MEX

Practical Statistics

Bayesian Methods

Bayes' Theorem MCMC

Statistical Inference

Random variables Hypothesis testing Regression Experimental design

Machine Learning

Gradient descent Clustering algorithms

Mathematics

Linear algebra Multivariate calculus

This is my cat.



She likes R too.

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