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## Education

**Expected 2021** | Carnegie Mellon University Tepper School of Business

Pittsburgh, PA

Master of Business Administration | Business Analytics Track Concentrations in Business Technology and Operations Research

GPA: 3.87/4.00

2014 - 2018 Washington University in St. Louis Olin Business School

St. Louis, MO

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Majors in *Finance* and *Marketing* 

GPA: 3.69/4.00

## Research Interests

Human-computer collaboration Technology-enabled decision-making Welfare impacts of intelligent agents

Data ethics in digital marketing and eCommerce

# Working Papers

Lee, Dokyun; **Zhou, Eric**; Mao, Chengfeng (2020). "Hypothesis Development with Unstructured Data Via Interpretable Machine Learning." *Accepted to MISQ 2020 Author Workshop*.

"Recent advances in Interpretable Machine Learning offer potential flexible, scalable solutions to augment novel hypothesis development, especially with exponential growth in unstructured data. We demonstrate by applying a novel IML algorithm on three datasets to reproduce theory-driven insights from literature."

# Research Experience

2020 - Present

### Graduate Research Assistant at Carnegie Mellon University

Pittsburgh, PA

Advisor: Dokyun Lee

Advisor: David Meyer

- Co-authored conference and journal paper on interpretable machine learning for theory building.
- Applied novel Deep Learning algorithm Focused Concept Miner (FCM) to reproduce theory-driven insights from literature.
- Created user guide and demonstration for FCM, serving as liaison with alpha/beta testers.

Summer 2016

# Undergraduate Research Assistant at Washington University in St. Louis

St. Louis, MO

- Analyzed talent migration and career trajectory trends among global investment banking firms.
- Described qualitative implications of global talent exchange between investment banks in Asia.
- Identified competitive advantages from tacit knowledge exchange within global talent networks.

# **Industry Experience**

2018 - 2019

### Market Research Analyst at Nielsen BASES

Wilton, CT

**Product Innovation Analytics** 

- Designed and conducted research plans to evaluate new product concepts.
- Analyzed correlation between product innovations and in-market success to determine innovation and market entry strategy for consumer goods companies.
- Co-led initiative to develop predictive model that forecasts incremental brand value of new innovations.

Summer 2017

#### Business Development Intern at Missouri Historical Society

St. Louis, MO

- Managed nationwide outreach with other cultural institutions to form a reciprocal benefits network.
- Conducted market research to evaluate member engagement and alternative membership models.

- Built preliminary UI and backend database infrastructure via SharePoint for a site-wide time-tracking tool.
- Framework later implemented by the IT team to optimize resource allocation across 300 employees.

## Skills

Computer Language

Basic: Java, Tableau, AIMMS English: Native
Proficient: Python, R, SQL, Excel, LaTeX Mandarin: Proficient
French: Proficient

### Relevant Coursework

#### **Official Coursework**

Mathematics & Statistics
Statistical Decision Making
Probability & Statistics
Matrix Algebra

## **Independent Study**

Mathematics & Statistics

Mathematics for Machine Learning

MIT OCW Linear Algebra

### Computer Science & Analytics

Applied Machine Learning Economining (PhD)

Modern Data Management

Optimization

Data Structures & Algorithms

Computer Science I

### Computer Science & Analytics

Dive into Deep Learning

Neural Network Methods for NLP Deep Learning with Python/PyTorch

Hands-On Machine Learning with Scikit-Learn & Tensor Flow

Coursera Machine Learning

MIT OCW Introduction to CS & Python Programming

## Honors & Awards

| May 2019  | Tepper School of Business merit-based scholarship  |
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| Feb. 2019 | Nielsen BASES Client Service Superstar Award   |
| Nov. 2014 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> place, Olin Foundations of Business Product Design Competition             |
| May 2014  | Xerox Award for Innovation & Information Technology  |
| June 2013 | 1st place in nation, Database Design & Applications at FBLA National Leadership Conference |

## **Activities**

Instructor for CMU KPDC - Carnegie Mellon University

Dancer for KASA Dance - Carnegie Mellon University

Dancer for Dancers' Symposium - Carnegie Mellon University

Executive board member, videographer, dance instructor for PL4Y Dance - Washington University in St. Louis