# ERIK BRINKMAN

#### PERSONAL INFORMATION

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#### **EDUCATION**

2012-2018 Ph.D. in Computer Science and Engineering

Ann Arbor, MI

University of Michigan

GPA: 3.81 · Recipient of STIET Summer Research Grant

Coursework: Machine Learning · Online Learning · Reinforcement Learning · Social Networks

2006-2010 BS in Systems Science and Engineering

St. Louis, MO

Washington University

GPA: 3.88 · Magna cum Laude

Coursework: Algorithms for Nonlinear Optimization · Nonlinear Dynamic Systems

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

# 2012-Present Graduate Student Research Assistant

ANN ARBOR, MI

University of Michigan

- Studied auction settings where having access to public information is bad for all agents (AAMAS 2014)
- Demonstrated surprising efficiency of continuous double auctions in the presence of strategic agents (Submitted JEDC)
- Investigating how to design a modern frequent call market using empirical mechanism design
- Analyzing "Flash Crash", metrics that indicated susceptibility, and policies that mitigate risk in the presence of strategic traders

#### Summer 2015 Intern

San Francisco, CA

Yelp

- Modified auto-bidder to increase advertiser return on investiment
- Ran live experiments to determine modification effects and optimal parameters

# Summer 2014 Research Intern

Mountain View, CA

Elance-oDesk

- Developed search ranking optimization based on click-through data
- Built profile photo categorizer for demographics and search ranking

#### Fall 2013 Graduate Student Instructor

ANN ARBOR, MI

University of Michigan

TAed introductory Algorithms and Data Structures course

## 2010-2012 Researcher

Lexington, MA

MIT Lincoln Laboratory

- Implemented an efficient topic modeling algorithm (PLSA) in MapReduce
- Prototyped real time entity resolving and disambiguation system for news corpora
- Designed a database that supports general queries on geographic descriptions
- Adapted aggregate movement model between data modalities

## MISCELLANEOUS

Leadership CSEG Social Chair · AI Seminar Chair · REU / SURE Mentor · IM Broomball Co-captain

Programming Languages Python (Numpy, Scipy, Scikit-Learn) · Java · C++11 · Bash · SQL · Haskell · Lua · Javascript

Microsoft College Puzzle Challenge Rankings at Michigan: 4th 2014 · 1st 2015 · 3rd 2016