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ABOUT ME

- PhD candidate at Carnegie Mellon University with expertise in understanding and predicting human behavior
- Six years of experience applying advanced statistical and machine learning techniques to solve real-world problems
- Skilled communicator with 9 peer-reviewed publications and numerous conference presentations to diverse audiences

EDUCATION

PhD, MSc	Carnegie Mellon University (CMU), Social/Personality and Health Psycholog	y Expected 2025
	Minor in Quantitative Methods	
Post-Baccalaureate	Northwestern University, Psychology	September 2019
BA	Colorado College, Anthropology (cum laude, departmental distinction)	May 2015

SKILLS

Programming and software: R, MPlus, Git and GitHub, Python, LIWC, DeDoose, Nvivo

Quantitative: Regression, classification, data science, machine learning, causal inference, data visualization, and more. **Research Methods**: Experimental and survey methods, clinical trials, qualitative coding (video, interviews, focus groups)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

NRSA (F31) Fellow, National Institutes Health, Carnegie Mellon University

2024 – Present

- Awarded \$100,000 to develop and execute end-to-end project on role of psychosocial factors in health and behavior
- Employ interview, survey, and digital tracking (e.g., app usage, physiological monitoring) methods to identify actionable insights to inform intervention decisions
- Clean, organize, and analyze dense datasets using reproducible R, Python, and Mplus pipelines
- Communicate with national team of academic and product stakeholders across four institutions and three states
- Manage team of three research assistants to ensure adherence to study protocol and compliance requirements

Graduate Student Researcher, Carnegie Mellon University

2020 – Present

- Lead and design research studies to understand human behavior and attitudes with emphasis on survey methods and behavioral analyses
- Conduct appropriate statistical and machine learning analyses to evaluate research questions
- Derive data-driven insights on social and psychological processes, communicate findings through both oral presentations and written reports
- Collaborate cross-functionally with diverse project teams across multiple institutions and organizations
- Won departmental teaching award for contributions to graduate data science course; assisted and later co-taught additional statistics courses to 40+ students with emphasis in R programming language

Research Intern, Northwestern University Medical Social Sciences

2019 - 2020

- Initiated independent analysis of how relationships influence couples coping with medical stressor
- Assisted with execution and qualitative coding of four focus groups of women with breast cancer to inform development of 10-week behavioral intervention to improve quality of life

Research Assistant/Intern, Children's Research Triangle

2018 - 2020

- Compiled and organized data for 200+ patients and 15+ clinician data to assess patient progress
- Interpreted and communicated findings, built reports to share with private and governmental stakeholders

SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS

Graduate Student Research Award, Society for Health Psychology, \$2000	2024
Herbert Simon Graduate Student Teaching Award, CMU Psychology Department	2024
Dexcom Investigator Initiated Research Sponsorship, Dexcom, \$4500 of product	2023
COGDOP Scholarship, American Psychological Foundation, \$2000	2023
Roberta Klatzky Graduate Student Publication Award, CMU Psychology Department	2023
Dick Hayes Graduate Student Service Award, CMU Psychology Department	2023