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Research & Policy Analyst in the Wildrose Caucus

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Profile

Newly graduated applied mathematician looking to sling data around for an early stage startup. Currently, I help craft fiscal policy for a provincial political party in Canada.

Experience

Wildrose Caucus Research & Policy Analyst

Edmonton, AB May — August 2014

- Developed statistical models to estimate costs of different policies. The models were used to produce estimates published in official party policy.
- Wrote briefs on a wide number of policy issues, including sex work, air monitoring, tax policy, and municipality funding models.

University of Alberta Research Assistant

Edmonton, AB May — August 2013

- Modelled the behaviour of the prisoner's dilemma as it moves from being a discrete process to a continuous one.
- Produced a model in Matlab demonstrating the public perfect equilibria of the prisoner's dilemma.
- Learned graduate level stochastic calculus.

University of Alberta Research Assistant

Edmonton, AB Jan. — May 2013

- Wrote a paper on the efficiency of judicial decisions in antitrust cases.
- Used models from industrial organisation to simulate decisions using Python.
- Worked for a Senior Research Scholar from Harvard Law School.

Jacobs Canada Inc. Engineering Intern Edmonton, AB May — August 2011, 2012

• Audited client terminals, ensuring the accuracy of engineering drawings.

Education

University of Alberta

2010 — 2014

B. Sc. (Hons) Mathematics & Economics, First class honors

- Dean's Silver Medal in Science (top 3% of Science students)
- Paper under consideration at software engineering conference (ICSME)

Open Source

Incanter

April 2014

• Added code to calculate Goodman and Kruskal's gamma coefficient.

Cascalog

April 2014

• Expanded unit test coverage.

Skills

English (native), French (conversational), Excel, C++, Python, R, Matlab, OCaml, Clojure, Unix/Linux, etc.