# **Grace George Sam**

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### **EDUCATION**

## Carnegie Mellon University, H. John Heinz III College, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Master of Science, Public Policy & Management - Data Analytics (STEM)

May 2025

A highly selective STEM certified program with robust coursework in data mining & machine learning, statistics & modeling, and computer programing

Modules: Database Management, Python, Data Visualization, Transportation, Management Science, Telling Stories with Data, Memo Writing, Domestic Policy Analysis, Machine Learning, GIS, GenAl, Big Data, Agentic Model, LLM, Policy Innovation, Prompt Engineering

## University of Delhi, Delhi School of Economics, New Delhi, India

May 2018

Master of Arts, Economics

Modules: Statistics, Econometrics, Microeconomics, Macroeconomics, Linear Algebra, Game Theory, Public Econ., Real Analysis

# University of Delhi, St. Stephen's College, New Delhi, India

May 2016

Bachelor of Arts (Hons.), Economics

#### SKILLS

Programming Languages/Others—Python, SAS, SQL, Tableau, GitHub, MongoDB, Webscraping, MS Office Stata, GRETL Libraries — NumPy, pandas, scikit-learn, BeautifulSoup, Selenium, matplotlib, TensorFlow

### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

# City of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

June - August 2024

Data Analyst Intern, Department of Revenue

Developed an ML model to guide audit selection, improving the success rate of audits (30% -> 60%). The time saved in selecting audits, and more successful audits implies more tax revenue to further the development of the city

## HDFC Bank Ltd, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India

June 2018 - June 2023

**Data Scientist - Marketing Analytics** 

- Engineered an automated Binarization Tool Discretization tools to analyze continuous variables are available, but the binary-view option is missing. Devised tool sharpened and accelerated data analysis step and had team-wide utility
- Managed bouquet of asset products gold loan, home loan, and loan against securities enhanced product cross-sell through benchmark propensity models, microsegments, and customized narratives for communication
- Pioneered an in-house text parsing logic to parse apartment name from residential addresses. Created logic was 90% faster and accurate compared to existing logic
- Time series modelling was a first in the team. Created an automated end-of-the-period balance prediction model for 4000+ branches
- · Spearheaded acquisition drive for Institutional Banking segment accruing additional deposits of over INR 21 Crores
- Improved customer service through local business correspondents by leveraging location data to reduce long-distance travel to branches in rural areas
- Developed predictive churn models to control balance attrition and reactivation scorecards to identify inactive customers likely to become active. With 70% recall, the models boosted success of activation drives
- Leveraged text mining techniques and utilized surrogates indicative of family relation to identify and group family members within customer base. A success rate of 70% was achieved from the identified base leading to revenue gains
- Executed end-to-end analytical campaign: Basis customer's life-stage and existent product holding, relevant life-insurance product out of over 5 variants was identified and pitched to make offering relevant, and campaigns sharper

### **PROJECTS & RESEARCH**

- Portfolio: skills in GIS, Agentic Models, Policy Analysis, Storytelling with Data, Data Vis., Design Thinking, Optimization, ML
- Capstone project with RIDC (Regional Industrial Development Corporation)

January – May 2025

Developing a system-based regional mapping framework that will evaluate the resource needs of entrepreneurs and match them to local service providers to efficiently and equitably allocate resources in the Southwest Pennsylvania region

DEI Research Assistant, Heinz DICE Office, Carnegie Mellon University

August 2023 - Present

Collaborate with a team of social justice-driven students to plan and organize events celebrating culture and igniting conversations on topics pertaining to identity

PLUS Tutor, Carnegie Mellon University

November 2023 - Present

Remotely tutoring low-income middle school students with the objective of doubling math learning outcomes

Project Manager, APA, Students Using Data for Social Good (SUDS)

October 2023 - May 2024

Led the project exploring the differential implementation and impact of the 2015 Marijuana Ordinance

Tutor for Statistical Reasoning (90707), Carnegie Mellon University

November – December 2023

SCHOOL Survey, Volunteer, Bhopal, MP, India

August 2021

Survey coordinated by Dr. Jeane Dreze and Dr. Reetika Khera to assess the impact of school closures on children's learnings. Surveyed 2 hamlets in Bhopal. Results from pan-India study was published in report titled 'Locked Out'

• Factors driving choice of occupation among trans-genders

June 2017

Project was undertaken as part of Krishna Raj Research Fellowship awarded. Conducted on-field interviews to analyze factors keeping trans-genders away from mainstream employment. Post professors' review, paper was amongst best three projects