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EDUCATION **Carnegie Mellon University, Pennsylvania (2014-Present)**

- PhD Student in Machine Learning and Public Policy; GPA: 4.00
- Advised by Dr. Daniel Neill
- Funded in part by NSF Graduate Fellowship and ARCS Fellowship

Princeton University, New Jersey (2008-2012)

- BSE in Electrical Engineering; GPA: 3.79
- Concentration in Machine Learning
- Minors in Computer Science and Near Eastern Studies

EMPLOYMENT **MIT Lincoln Laboratory, Massachusetts (2012-2014)** *Assistant Researcher*

- Conducted research on artificial intelligence, robotics, and cybersecurity. See research below.
- Initiated and managed project on robotic swarm cybersystems, collaborating with MIT researchers
- Guided Department of Defense officials on implications of our research for national defense

Adaptive Motion Technologies, Maryland (2012) *Researcher*

- Designed and constructed a low-cost, highly adaptable prosthetic leg for amputees in the developing world
- Presented design to Walter Reed Army Institute of Medicine

Diana Furchtgott-Roth (2012) *Intern*

- Conducted general macroeconomics research for former chief economist of the Department of Labor and Senior Fellow at the Manhattan Institute
- Wrote reports on the economic implications of 2012 Presidential candidates' energy policies

AWARDS

- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (3 year tuition and stipend award, 2014)
- ARCS Foundation Fellowship (3 year stipend award, 2014)
- *Phi Beta Kappa*, liberal arts and sciences honor society (inducted June 2012)
- *Tau Beta Pi*, engineering honor society (inducted December 2010)
- *Sigma Xi*, scientific research honor society (inducted June 2012)
- Calvin Dodd MacCracken Senior Thesis Award (June 2012)
- Charles Ira Young Memorial Tablet and Medal (June 2012)
- Excellence in Engineering Funding (May 2011)
- Kamran Rafieyan '89 Fund for Undergraduate Research (October 2011 and October 2010)

PUBLICATIONS • “Scalable Gaussian Processes for Characterizing Multidimensional Change Surfaces”, **Herlands**, Wilson, Nickisch, Flaxman, Neill, van Panhuis, Xing. Submitted to *Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS)*, 2016.

- “Lass0: Sparse Non-Convex Regression by Local Search”, **Herlands**, De-Arteaga, Neill, Dubrasky. Accepted to *NIPS Workshop on Optimization*, 2015.

- “A Machine Learning Approach to Musically Meaningful Homogeneous Style Classification”, **Herlands**, Der, Greenberg, Levin. *Association for the Advancement in Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*, 2014.

- “Effective Entropy: Security-Centric Metric for Memory Randomization Technologies”, **Herlands**, Hobson, and Donovan. *USENIX Workshop on Cybersecurity Security Experimentation*, 2014.

- “Intelligent Sensor Interconnection Networks Performing Signal Classification”, **Herlands**, Fok, Prucnal. *IEEE Conference on Photonic Interconnections with High Speed Digital Systems*, 2011.

TEACHING	<p>System Design and Analysis ELE301, Princeton (2012) <i>Teaching Assistant</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentored and supervised Junior Electrical Engineering students as they developed small-scale autonomous vehicles
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	<p>Event Pattern Detection Laboratory, Carnegie Mellon University (2014 - Present) <i>Researcher</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigating novel methods for causal inference at the intersection of machine learning and econometrics • Evaluating policy interventions without randomized control trials. Developing Bayesian nonparametric algorithms to predict counterfactual measures in highly complex, massive, multidimensional data • Analyzed how the effectiveness of measles and polio vaccine programs varied heterogeneous over states <p>Transportation Experimentation and Prediction, City of Boston (2014-2015)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked with Department of Transportation to develop randomized experiments and evaluation techniques to reduce traffic through real time predictive analytics and scheduling of public transportation <p>Human Trafficking Advertisement Modeling, Carnegie Mellon University (2014)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyzed 10,000s of ads on solicitation websites to characterize online human trafficking behavior for a FBI project to counter international human traffickers. <p>Robotic Swarm Cybersystems, MIT Lincoln Laboratory (2013 - 2014) <i>Researcher</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explored jamming and Byzantine adversary vulnerabilities in distributed multi-robot systems • Developed defensive mechanisms for quadcopter ad-hoc communication network <p>Goal-Oriented Scenario Modeling Robots, MIT Lincoln Laboratory (2012 –2013) <i>Researcher</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Created incentive-based artificial intelligence system to emulate at scale human reactions to contemporary cybersecurity attacks on large networks; Trained system to real network data using reinforcement learning <p>Cyber Measurement Campaign, MIT Lincoln Laboratory (2012 – 2014) <i>Researcher</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed a system to quantify the defensive capabilities of emerging memory-based randomization defenses, known as moving target defenses. Supported government deployment and testing of novel cybersecurity technologies
COLLEGE	<p>The Princeton Tory (2008- 2012) <i>Editor-in-Chief, Staff Writer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formulated articles for this magazine of moderate and conservative political thought • Developed the magazine’s website and associated blog site <p>Students and Workers for International Free Trade (2010-2012) <i>Founder and co-President</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded group devoted to educating students about the benefits of nuanced international free trade policies in order to benefit the domestic US economy and developing nations • Organized a nation-wide collegiate protest to reform corporate welfare in the US Farm Bill <p>Princeton Autonomous Vehicle Engineering Team (2008- 2011) <i>Team Member</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked in collaborative, multi-disciplinary teams on electronic and mechanical hardware projects to autonomize a Ford Explorer <p>James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions (2008- 2012) <i>Undergraduate Fellow</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in seminars on Constitutional thought and political theory <p>Program on Religion, Diplomacy, and International Relations (2012) <i>Fellow</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in discussion and policy groups about the effects of religion and culture on contemporary international relations and armed conflict
Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proficient in Matlab, Python, R, and Java. Working knowledge of Stan, C, and MIPS • Amateur ornithologist, specializing in quail • Experience with metal mills, lathes, laser cutters, and woodworking