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EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology - Cambridge, MA

September 2012 - June 2014

Candidate for Master of Science in Media Arts and Sciences

University of Pennsylvania - Philadelphia, PA

September 2004 - May 2008

Jerome Fisher Program in Management and Technology

Wharton School: Bachelor of Science in Economics, Concentrations in Finance, Operations and Information Management School of Engineering and Applied Science: Bachelor of Applied Science in Computer Science

EXPERIENCE

MIT Media Lab - Cambridge, MA

August 2012 - present

Research Assistant - Macro Connections

- Awarded Graduate Research Assistant appointment and full tuition funding

Synthosys – Washington, DC

July 2011 - August 2012

Consultant (part time) – National Science Foundation – Star Metrics

- Developed and designed front end prototype to allow NSF divisions to better understand their portfolio investments through auditable and standardized metrics
- Coordinated between internal NSF staff and external contractors to conceptualize and build an operational framework for analyzing cross divisional and cross agency data

Harvard Business School - Boston, MA

August 2010 - June 2012

Research Associate – Technology and Operations Management, Entrepreneurial Management

- Managed NSF-funded research project to disambiguate unique inventors within 30 years of US patent data
- Automated data cleaning and parsing scripts in Python for SQL dataset consisting of 9 million+ records
- Presented preliminary research results at expert workshop "Academic Patenting in Europe Name Game Workshop"
- Recipient of European Science Foundation Short Visit Grant to Bocconi University, Milan, Italy for collaborative work on integrating US and European patent disambiguation data
- Contributed data and developed Python modules for the GovData project, a joint collaboration between the Institute of Quantitative Social Science at Harvard University and the Center for Future Civic Media at MIT
- Analyzed firm and patent data to study innovation trends within the digital photography industry

Barclays Capital - New York, NY

September 2008 – July 2010

Analyst –Global Research - Index, Portfolio and Risk Solutions - POINT Marketing

- Series 7 (General Securities Representative License) and Series 63 (Uniform Securities Agent State Law Exam)
- Analyzed client portfolios using Barclays Capital's multi-asset portfolio analytic platform, POINT, and advised clients on the implementation of risk management and portfolio optimization strategies
- Educated clients about Barclays Capital research through presentations, conference calls and on-site visits
- Coordinated with development and database teams to build specifications for product enhancements
- Created and enhanced existing technical documentation to facilitate client product usage

Montgomery County Maryland - Rockville, MD

June 2008

Pro Bono Consultant Program

- Coordinated over 400 volunteers and contractors for the Extreme Makeover Home Edition Fall 2008 Season Premiere
- Donated over 40 hours of service to local home builder, including procuring vendor donations and on-site building

Goldman Sachs - New York, NY

June 2007 – August 2007

Summer Analyst – Information & Technology Risk, Policies & Practices

- Initiated and coordinated development of security standards and controls for firmwide technology platforms
- Redesigned team website using proprietary in-house content management system
- Created and published new development process framework for Platform Specific Security Standards to clarify and communicate policy development roles across various functional areas

SKILLS

Technical:

Python, Java, SQL, R, HTML/CSS, Javascript, LaTeX, Windows, Linux, Microsoft Office Suite

PERSONAL PROFILE

Marathon runner, community volunteer, culinary enthusiast and food blogger. Member of the Park Slope Food Coop.