# JESSE MURRAY

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#### **EDUCATION**

University of Oxford Oxford, England Oct 2020 – Sep 2021

• MSc in Statistical Science

Drew University Madison, NJ Aug 2016 – May 2020

• B.Sc. in Physics, Mathematics minor (GPA: 4.000 / 4.000)

• GRE: 169/170 Quantitative, 165/170 Verbal, 5/6 Analytical Writing

The Juilliard School New York, NY Aug 2015 – May 2016

• Cello Program

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

## Astrobiology Statistics Researcher NASA Ames Research Center

Jun 2020 - Aug 2020

Statistical analysis and coding for astrobiological data in Octave and MATLAB with mentor Diana Gentry.

# **Eye-tracking Researcher**

#### **Drew University**

May 2019 - Present

• Obtained new results about how the first and last two letters of a solution word are particularly informative in solving a word puzzle (anagram) by designing and running a highly stimulus-manipulated experiment on 29 subjects and applying statistical tests. Cleaned and prepared over 1.8 million rows of raw coordinate data with Pandas and NumPy. Presented at the University of Scranton Brain and Behavior Conference in March 2020. Poster can be viewed on jessemurray.com.

Statistics Researcher Drew University Sep 2019 – Mar 2020

• Created a population model of polygenic inheritance derived from the linear regression and normality of polygenic traits. R<sup>2</sup>=0.81 with Galton's height data and R<sup>2</sup>=0.96 with US family income data. The calculus involved model was simulated in python. Editing a paper for journal submission. Paper can be viewed on jessemurray.com.

#### **SKILLS**

- Numerous data science and modeling projects (jessemurray.com)
- Expertise in Python and its data science libraries: NumPy, Pandas, Scikit-learn, SciPy, Matplotlib, Seaborn
- Fluency in R, MATLAB, Octave, LaTeX, some experience with C, Julia, HTML, and SQL
- Experienced with calculus-based statistics, probability, multivariable calculus, linear algebra, differential equations
- Cello, piano, music theory, perfect pitch composition

# **ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE**

# University Tutor Drew University Jan 2017 – Jan 2020

• Tutored undergraduate students in physics I and II, calculus I, II and III, pre-calculus, statistics, astronomy, biology, chemistry, organic chemistry. Led drop-ins for math-related courses, explained problems to large groups of students.

President of Math Club Drew University Jan 2019 – Jan 2020

• Completely revamped the club, put up posters around the school of intriguing math problems and began weekly meetings to solve those problems, lead discussions, and present projects. Created a professor talk series in which quantitative professors give math-related lectures.

## **Research and Teaching Assistant**

## **Drew University**

Jul 2019 - Aug 2019

Worked with students at the New Jersey Governor's School in the Sciences to complete a project about implementing
machine learning with iRobot hardware for human detection. Graded and tutored students in a special relativity class.

#### **AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, HONORS**

Marshall C. Harrington Prize in Physics and Astronomy: Awarded in Spring 2020 from the Drew University Physics Department (for completion of an outstanding research project). Pi Mu Epsilon: Inducted into Mathematics honor society in Spring 2020. Arnold S. Boxer Memorial Prize in Physics: Awarded from the Drew University Physics Department in Spring 2019. Sigma Pi Sigma: Inducted into Physics honor society in Spring 2019. Phi Beta Kappa: Inducted in Spring 2018. Weddell Family Scholarship: Awarded from the Drew University Physics Department in Spring 2018. John F. Ollom Prize in Physics: Awarded from the Drew University Physics Department in Spring 2017. Dean's Transfer Scholarship: Awarded from Drew University in Fall 2016.