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EDUCATION Uni

University of California, Berkeley

Ph.D., Political Science with a Designated Emphasis in Computational Science and Engineering, 2019

M.A., Political Science, 2014

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Non-degree graduate coursework in Economics, 2011-2013

Harvard University

Non-degree graduate coursework in Economics, 2010

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

B.A., Economics, Phi Beta Kappa, 2008

Professional Appointments

Duke University and SAMSI, Durham, NC

Postdoctoral Associate, Department of Statistical Science, August 2019 –

Faculty Mentor: Prof. Fan Li

Refereed Articles

Jason Poulos (2019). "Land Lotteries, Long-term Wealth, and Political Selection."

Public Choice, 178(1): 217-230.

Jason Poulos and Rafael Valle (2018). "Missing Data Imputation for Supervised Learning." Applied Artificial Intelligence 32(2): 186-196.

Papers Under Review

"RNN-Based Counterfactual Prediction, with an Application to Homestead Policy and Public Schooling." Invited to Revise & Resubmit, *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society*, *Series C*. arXiv:1712.03553.

"Estimating Population Average Treatment Effects from Experiments with Non-compliance" (with Kellie Ottoboni). Revised & Resubmitted (second round), Journal of Causal Inference. arXiv:1901.02991.

"State-Building through Public Land Disposal? An Application of Matrix Completion for Counterfactual Prediction." arXiv:1903.08028.

"Character-Based Handwritten Text Transcription with Attention Networks" (with Rafael Valle). arXiv:1712.04046.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

PI, National Science Foundation XSEDE Startup Allocation: "RNN-Based

Counterfactual Time-Series Prediction" (SES180010), 2018-2021 (\$1,122)

Berkeley Empirical Legal Studies Graduate Fellowship,

University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, 2016-2017 (\$1,000)

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, 2013-2018

OTHER

Research Support Associate, Department of Political Science,

Professional Experience Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2011 - 2013 Research Assistant, Department of Economics, Harvard University, 2010 - 2011

Research Assistant, Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University, 2009 - 2010

INVITED TALKS

"Statistical Methods for Computational Advertising" Workshop, Banff Interna-

tional Research Station, April, 2020

Conference Presentations American Political Science Association 2014 (poster), 2015 (paper), 2018

(paper; discussant)

Midwest Political Science Association 2018 (paper)

TEACHING INTERESTS Applied Machine Learning; Causal Inference; Empirical Political Economy

TEACHING & MENTORING

Graduate Student Instructor, Department of Political Science,

University of California, Berkeley, 2017 - 2019

Introduction to American Politics (undergraduate) with Prof. Paul Pierson,

spring 2017 and spring 2018

Introduction to Empirical Analysis & Quantitative Methods (undergraduate)

with Prof. Andrew Little, fall 2018

Research Mentor, Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program (URAP),

University of California, Berkeley, fall 2016 and spring 2017

SERVICE

Reviewer: Economics & Politics; European Journal of Operational Research; NeurIPS

2019; Statistics and Public Policy