Joe Zemmels

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EDUCATION

Iowa State University

Ames, IA

PhD. Student in Statistics

Aug. 2018 - Present

Iowa State University

Ames, IA

Master of Science in Statistics

May 2020

Winona State University

Winona, MN

Bachelor of Science in Honors Mathematics & Mathematics: Secondary Education

Dec. 2017

EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant

Jan. 2020 - Present

Center for Statistics and Applications in Forensic Evidence | Website

Ames, IA

- $\bullet \ \ {\rm Devise} \ \ {\rm and} \ \ {\rm implement} \ \ {\rm computational} \ \ {\rm methods} \ \ {\rm for} \ \ {\rm performing} \ \ {\rm firearm} \ \ {\rm evidence} \ \ {\rm identification}$
- Create and maintain open-source resources for forensic statistics researchers
- Develop materials for a Statistical Thinking for Forensic Practitioners online course

Graduate Instructor

Aug. 2019 – Dec. 2019

Iowa State University Department of Statistics

Ames, IA

- Taught an undergraduate Introduction to Business Statistics course
- Facilitated student learning by applying best educational practices to lesson and assessment development

Data Analytics Intern

June 2019 – Aug. 2019

John Deere

 $Moline.\ IL$

- Formulated and assessed time series models for forecasting machine usage
- Identified data errors and anomalies across multiple data sources to improve forecast robustness
- Collaborated with Data Scientists and Data Engineers to turn analyses into actionable insights

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Aug. 2018 – May 2019

Iowa State University Department of Statistics

Ames, IA

- Led weekly review and enrichment labs for undergraduate introductory statistics courses
- \bullet Performed grading duties for introductory statistics and business statistics courses

Projects

$\mathbf{cmcR} \mid \mathit{R}, \; \mathit{TravisCI}, \; \mathit{Git} \mid \underline{\mathsf{Package Website}} \mid \underline{\mathsf{Presentation Slides}}$

May 2019 - Present

- Implement a cartridge case identification method known as the Congruent Matching Cells method
- Develop an open-source R package of implementation using package development best practices
- Demonstrate validity of implementation by comparing to closed-source published results

Bayesian analysis of float glass data | R, RMarkdown, RStan | Website

April 2020

- Analyzed data of the chemical composition of float glass for a final project in a Bayesian statistics course
- Leveraged data tools such as the Tidyverse and Bayesian statistical packages such as RStan

$statsfoRstudents \mid R, R Shiny, Git \mid App Website$

April 2019

- Created a package and R Shiny app to assist undergraduates in understanding statistics concepts
- Collaborated with statistics course instructors using GitHub to construct intuitive, interactive tools

Professional Interests

Pattern recognition, Forensic statistics, Open-source development, Reproducibility, Image processing, Data science, Data visualization, Time series modeling, Machine learning, Statistics education

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: R, Python

Developer Tools: RStudio, Git, TravisCI, Apache Spark (Databricks)

Libraries: Tidyverse (ggplot2, dplyr, purrr, tidyr), R Shiny, NumPy, pandas, SciPy