# **Kairsten Fay**

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## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

- Dynamic, personable, and detail-oriented individual studying data science and machine learning
- Quick, independent learner with data science and big data skills achieved through previous jobs and by completing online courses, projects and competitions

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

## NC STATE UNIVERSITY, Raleigh, NC

GIS Data Technician, Jan 2015 - Sep 2016

- ◆ Paved the way for a new lab project by designing and maintaining the database, collecting, cleaning, and entering data, and organizing data collection trips to museums across the U.S.
- Used Python and R to determine where our biases lay and adjusted data collection accordingly
- ◆ Created aesthetic maps from multi-variate data from SQL queries in ArcGIS
- Contributed to research on global coat color phenology, paper in preparation

## NC STATE UNIVERSITY, Raleigh, NC

Research Assistant, Apr 2014-Mar 2015

- Designed independent research project using available lab materials and resources
- ♦ Heightened lab and research visibility by presenting data at a university symposium and at a Genetics Society of America international conference
- ◆ Contributed to research on genomic, fitness, developmental, and behavioral response in high ethanol environments, paper in preparation

#### **EDUCATION**

## NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY, Raleigh, NC

Bachelor of Science in Biology, May 2015

- ◆ GPA: 3.98/4.0
- Awarded the intensive, leadership-oriented Caldwell Fellowship for my integrity, scholarship, and service
- ♦ Inducted into the Phi Beta Kappa national honor society for academic excellence

#### **SKILLS**

- R, R graphics, Python, SQL, GIS, Microsoft Excel, applied statistics, data mining, data visualization, machine learning, big data platforms (Hadoop, Apache Spark)
- ◆ Prominently self-taught with 13+ verified skill certificates from Coursera
- Bilingual English and Spanish
- Excellent communication, time management, and problem solving skills
- ◆ 2+ years data entry and customer service experience