

# Kenneth Lee

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Causal Inference, Reinforcement Learning, Graphical Models, Control Theory

## EDUCATION

### University of California, Davis

M.S. in Statistics 2019 - 2021

- Advisor: James Sharpnack, Norm Matloff
- CGPA: 3.78/4.0

### Brigham Young University—Hawaii

B.S. in Mathematics, Computer Science 2014 - 2018

- Minors: Information Systems, Information Technology
- Honors Thesis: *An Evaluation of Blind Reconstruction Methods of the Dynamical Structure Functions*
- Advisor: Vasu Chetty
- CGPA: 4.0/4.0

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### University of California, Davis

Researcher

Oct 2020 - Present

- *Machine Learning*: Researching on an alternative to a probability calibration method named Platt scaling [[Link to project](#)].
- *Data Science*: Researching on an alternative to resampling techniques in dealing with unbalanced class data.
- Supervisor: Norm Matloff

### Carnegie Mellon University Delphi Epi-Forecasting Group

Researcher

Sep 2020 - Present

- *Causal Inference*: Studied the impact of government interventions on mobility under confounders in US using Delphi EpiData API. [[Link to project](#)].
- Presented the work at 2020 NSF Student Conference on COVID19 Modelling.
- Advisor: James Sharpnack, Larry Wasserman, Valerie Ventura

### Brigham Young University—Hawaii Institutional Research

Research Analyst Intern

Aug 2018 - Jun 2019

- *Consulting*: Leveraged 11-year data from enrollment, degree completion, freshman cohort, and curriculum to conduct retention study for BYU—Hawaii President's council.
- *Data Visualization*: Built pipelines to update Tableau Server workbooks automatically from Quartics surveys.
- *Database Management*: Coordinated with the Enterprise Information System department at BYUH to establish a data warehouse to facilitate institutional research.
- *Data Cleaning*: Trained and supervised students workers on the data cleaning and visualization with R and Tableau.
- Status: Part-Time

- Working hours: 27 hours per week
- Supervisor: Kathy Pulotu

Research Assistant Supervisor

Sept 2017 - Jun 2018

- *Literature reviews*: Conducted literature reviews for designing new graduating student survey.
- *Data Visualization*: Built a data dashboard from cleaning course evaluation survey data of the past 5 years in R to visualizing the data via Tableau for the school administration and faculty.
- *Statistical Analysis*: Evaluated the redundancy of the graduating student survey questions by using factor analysis.
- *Survey Design*: Led a poster publication titled “*How Meaningful Is Our Graduating Student Survey*” to showcase how to better evaluate survey design.
- Status: Part-Time
- Working hours: 19 hours per week
- Supervisor: Kathy Pulotu

### Brigham Young University IDeA Labs

Researcher Intern

Jun 2017 - Aug 2017

- *Systems Theory*: Research in Systems and Control Theory with applications in a variety of areas including social networks, natural language processing, and biological systems.
- *Software Engineering*: Tasks involve developing code, modeling networks, analyzing simulations, developing theoretical results and writing research papers.
- Advisor: Sean Warnick
- Status: Full-Time
- Working hours: 40 hours per week

## PROJECTS

### Understanding the resting behaviors of Trirectangular Tetrahedral and Triangular Prism Dice Rolls

- *Computer Vision*: Applied Faster Regional-Convolutional Neural Networks (RCNN) in Python to count dice rolls more efficiently by object detection.
- *Robotics*: Configured a dice rolling machine from scratch to automate the process of dice rolling and reduce bias that may come from rolling dice by hand.
- *Software Engineering*: Rewrote codes from MATLAB image processing toolbox to Python using OpenCV, scikit-image and dlib libraries.
- The project got turned into a paper in 2020. [[Link to paper](#)]
- Duration: 2017- 2019
- Number of hours per week of effort: 3
- Advisor: Paul Hurst

### Predict Patient Inflow at Pali Momi Hospital’s Emergency Room

- *Machine Learning*: Applied quantile regression model to predict patient inflow at Pali Momi Hospital’s Emergency Room (ER).
- *Consulting*: Provided recommendations for how to optimize scheduling for their ER’s doctors and mid-level providers.
- Duration: Apr-Jun 2018
- Number of hours per week of effort: 2

- Advisor: Cody Baldwin

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Newday Impact Investing

Investment Analyst

Sep 2020 - Present

- *Deep Learning*: Leveraged partner company's sustainable portfolio data by transfer learning to increase F1-score from 0.5 to 0.75 on classifying 1:16 imbalanced sustainable companies based on metrics developed by Newday.
- Status: Part-Time
- Working hours: 20 hours per week

Data Analytics Intern

Jun 2020 - Sep 2020

- *Machine Learning*: Selected companies from S&P 500 that account for the variance of stock price based on principal component analysis to aid decisions making on portfolio construction with back-testing.
- Status: Full-Time
- Working hours: 40 hours per week

### Dell EMC

Associate Consultant Intern

Jun 2019 - Sep 2019

- *System Testing*: Designed and implemented test cases using MS SQL Server for the human resources manpower information system of Hong Kong Vocational Training Council.
- Status: Full-Time
- Working hours: 40 hours per week

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### University of California—Davis

Teaching Assistant

2019 - Present

- Graduate Level
  - BAX 453 Application Domains (Spring 2021)
  - BAX 452 Machine Learning (Winter 2021)
  - BAX 411 Intermediate Statistics (Fall 2020)
  - BAX 400 Foundation of Business Analytics (Summer 2020)
  - BAX 463 Practicum Analysis & Implementation (Spring 2020)
- Undergraduate Level
  - Statistics Bootcamp on R (Summer 2020)
  - 12Y Data Visualization for Social Sciences (Fall 2019, Winter 2020)

### Brigham Young University—Hawaii

Computer Science Substitute Instructor

2017

- CS301: Algorithms and Complexity.

Math Lab Tutor (Calculus)

2015 - 2016

## PUBLICATIONS

### Conference Proceedings

V. Chetty, N. Woodbury, J. Brewer, **K. Lee** and S. Warnick, *Applying a Passive Network Reconstruction Technique to Twitter Data in Order to Identify Trend Setters*, IEEE Conference on Control Technology and Applications, Kohala Coast, HI, 2017.

### Posters

**K. Lee**, S. Fuluvaka, *Meet Don, the Autonomous Dice Rolling Machine*, Brigham Young University-Hawaii Undergraduate Research Conference, 2018.

**K. Lee**, K. Pulotu, *Graduating Student Survey Revision: A student effort*, California Association for Institutional Research, Garden Grove, CA, 2018.

K. Pulotu, **K. Lee**, T. Vallabh, Hong Ni M. and R. Ram, *How Meaningful is our Graduating Student Survey?*, Academic Resource Conference, Burlingame, CA, 2018.

SELECTED HONORS	<b>Brigham Young University—Hawaii</b>	
	Computer and Information Science Overall Outstanding Graduate	2018
	<b>(Top 1 of the graduating class)</b>	
	Undergraduate Research Best Oral Presentation Award	2018
	<b>(1 out of 30 peer research teams)</b>	
	Computer Science Alumni Scholarship	2017 - 2018
	Mathematics Departmental Scholarship	2014 - 2018
	Academic Merit Scholarship	2014 - 2018
	University Dean's List	2014 - 2018
	Hong Kong Student Association Leadership Certificate	2015 - 2016
	BYUH Student Leadership Award	2015
	<b>Association for Computing Machinery</b>	
	ACM/UPE Scholarship Award	2017
	<b>(4 out of all the ACM student members)</b>	
	Honorable Mention - International Collegiate Programming Contest (Pacific Northwest Region)	2016
PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS	<b>The National Society of Leadership and Success</b>	
	Academic Excellence Scholarship	2017
	<b>(12 out of all the NSLS inducted members)</b>	
	<b>The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi</b>	
CERTIFICATIONS	Love of Learning Award	2019
	The National Society of Leadership and Success, Member	2017 - Present
	Phi Kappa Phi, Member	2016 - Present
	Association of Computing Machinery, Member	2016 - Present
SKILLS	Upsilon Pi Epsilon, Member	2016 - Present
	Deep Learning Specialization, deeplearning.ai	Jun 2019
	Machine Learning by Stanford University, Coursera	Mar 2019
REFERENCES	Tableau Desktop Specialist, Tableau Software	Feb 2019
	<i>Language:</i> English (Fluent), Cantonese (Native), Mandarin (Fluent)	
	<i>Programming Language:</i> Python, R, MATLAB, SQL	
	<i>Framework:</i> , Pytorch, Keras, OpenCV, Scikit-learn, TensorFlow, Dlib	
	<i>Other:</i> Tableau, AWS EC2, AWS Dynamodb, AWS S3	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Academia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Dr. Norm Matloff</b>, Professor, UC Davis</li> <li>* Field of study: Probability, Functional Analysis and Statistics</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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- **Dr. James Sharpnack**, Assistant Professor, UC Davis
  - \* Field of study: Statistics, Machine Learning
  - \* Relationship: Project advisor, a teacher in multiple classes
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- **Dr. Vasu Chetty**, Principal Data Scientist, Lucid Software Inc.,
  - \* Field of study: Computer Science
  - \* Relationship: Thesis advisor, a teacher in multiple classes
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- **Dr. Sean Warnick**, Professor, Brigham Young University,
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  - \* Relationship: Summer research internship supervisor
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- **Dr. Paul Hurst**, Associate Professor, Brigham Young University—Hawaii,
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- **Dr. Joel Helms**, Professor, Brigham Young University—Hawaii,
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  - \* Relationship: A teacher in multiple classes
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- Employment:
  - **Ms. Kathy Pulotu**, Institutional Research and Assessment Manager, Brigham Young University—Hawaii,
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