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Objective:

PhD Candidate in Astrophysics looking to apply extensive experience with data acquisition, analysis, visualization, and communication to a new career as a data scientist.

Skills:

- Proficient in python/pydata stack, C/C++, bash
- Regression analysis, linear and nonlinear model fitting
- Experimental design and implementation
- Open source code development and publication
- Communication of high level research to professional and public audiences

Education:

PhD in Astronomy: University of Texas Expected April 2016
Measuring the Mass Distribution of Binary Companions to Massive Stars.

Master of Arts in Astronomy: University of Texas Awarded August 2012
Towards Spectroscopic Detection of Low Mass-Ratio Binary Systems

Bachelors of Science in Physics: Illinois Institute of Technology Awarded June 2010

Professional Experience:

University of Texas – Graduate Research Assistant 9/2010 to present
Designed a large survey program, acquired and analyzed data for it, and presented results at several professional conferences and in 6 peer-reviewed publications.

University of Texas – Graduate Teaching Assistant 9/2010 to 5/2013
Led help sessions and office hours for several introductory astronomy courses.
Designed lesson plans for small group activities to more clearly demonstrate learning objectives

Argonne National Laboratory – Undergraduate Research Assistant 5/2009 to 8/2010
Used a very large scientific code base to simulate a physics experiment and optimize the detector materials.

Additional Experience:

- Published an open source code for astronomical data analysis which is currently being used by several people worldwide: <http://telfit.readthedocs.org/en/latest>
- Created a data-centric blog focused on applying machine learning and data visualization methods to a variety of problems: <http://kgullikson88.github.io/blog>