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EDUCATION

Augustana College - Rock Island, Illinois

Bachelor's of Arts in Economics, Data Science, and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies with a minor in Mathematics and Accounting

Anticipated graduation: May 2026

Current GPA: 3.98/4.0

WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Economics Department, Augustana College

December 2024 - Present

- Extract, clean, and standardize datasets from the National Election Board and population surveys using Python (Pandas, NumPy), R, and SQL, ensuring robust statistical modeling.
- Conduct complex statistical analyses, including difference-in-differences regression, time series forecasting, and robustness checks, leveraging ggplot2, matplotlib, and geospatial mapping for visualization.
- Implement transformer models and fine-tuned LLMs to automate text extraction and classification from policy documents, integrating NLP techniques for structured data processing.
- Collaborate with faculty on peer-reviewed research, co-authoring sections on data methodology and machine learning applications for socio-economic policy analysis.

Peer Tutor, Reading/Writing Center (RWC), Augustana College

February 2023 - Present

- Facilitate critical analysis of assignment prompts and guided idea generation by mentoring students in organizing their thoughts, fostering independent ownership, and driving measurable improvements in their academic work.
- Champion linguistic justice and cultural inclusivity by embracing students' linguistic identities and implementing multilingual tutoring strategies (e.g., sessions in Nepali), ensuring equitable access to academic writing resources.
- Spearhead targeted academic support as a Writing Fellow by delivering in-depth, discipline-specific feedback on student drafts, strengthening their writing skills and fostering sustained academic relationships.
- Engineer adaptive tutoring strategies in dynamic learning environments to address individual needs, empowering students to overcome academic challenges and build enduring writing practices.

Economics, Accounting, and Business Statistics Peer Tutor, Learning Commons, Augustana College

August 2023 - Present

- Deliver personalized one-on-one tutoring in economics, accounting, and statistics by tailoring explanations to individual learning styles, enabling students to confidently solve complex problems and excel academically.
- Bridge theoretical concepts with real-world applications by illustrating examples such as fiscal policies, market trends, and financial decision-making, enhancing students' understanding and engagement with quantitative subjects.
- Collaborate with fellow tutors to develop and refine teaching strategies by sharing best practices and addressing common challenges, fostering improved outcomes for students in quantitative disciplines.

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Founder/President, Baking Club, Augustana College Member, Honor Council, Augustana College October 2024 - Present May 2023 - September 2024

Division Senator for Accounting, Business, and Economics, Student Government, Augustana College

May 2023 - September 2024

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming Languages: Python (Pytorch, Hugging Face, LangChain), R, SQL

Machine Learning: Transformer models, fine-tuning LLMs, natural language processing (NLP), computer vision

Data Analysis: Statistical modeling, data visualization (ggplot2, matplotlib, Tableau), relational databases

Tools: GitHub, AWS, Kubeflow, LLaMA-Factory