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Skills

Languages Python, SQL, Spark, Unix, Matlab, HTML/CSS, Fortran

Data Analysis Data cleaning/wrangling, machine learning, geospatial analysis

Other Scientific communication, technical writing

Experience

Data Engineering Contractor, Flux Tailor, New York, NY

Feb 2019 - Mar 2019

- Created a Python data processing pipeline to collect, clean, standardize, and merge public data on over 10 million properties in New York and Maryland.
- Worked extensively with geospatial data analysis libraries: geopandas, shapely, fiona.

Graduate Research Assistant, Penn State University

Aug 2016 - Aug 2018

- Used ~100 GB of observational and modeling data to study Arctic clouds.
- Debugged and built on 50,000-line, single-column climate model in Fortran.
- Wrote Matlab code to process, analyze, and synthesize results from >2000 simulations.
- Lead author for a scientific publication.

Hollings Scholar Researcher in Climate Science,

Summer 2016

NOAA Earth System Research Laboratory

- Wrote code to clean, merge, and analyze >500GB of observations from five instruments at two Arctic locations.
- Received top award for conference presentation.

Research Intern in Climate Science, NASA GISS

Summers 2014, 2015

- Wrote Python code to evaluate climate model precipitation forecasts over West Africa.
- Built skills in collaboration, teaching, and communication: led a NYC high school student and science teacher through the entire research and data analysis process.

Education

The Data Incubator, New York, NY

Apr 2019 - May 2019

- Skills: Scikit-learn, TensorFlow, PySpark, SQL, visualization, web scraping.
- Capstone project: built a machine learning model to predict violations of air quality standards from EPA records (web application; documentation). Code is available on GitHub.

Pennsylvania State University, Summa Cum Laude, GPA 4.0

MS in Atmospheric Science

Aug 2016 - Aug 2018

BS in Atmospheric Science

Aug 2013 - Aug 2016

University Centre in Svalbard, Svalbard, Norway

Jan 2016 - Jun 2016

Research and field experience in the high Arctic

Honors/Awards

NOAA Hollings Scholarship

2015-2017

Student Marshall, Penn State College of Earth and Mineral Sciences

2018

Oral presentation winner, Hollings Symposium

2016