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Education

Baylor University, Waco, TX

Ph.D., Statistics

(expected) **2022**

Awards: Presidential Fellowship (top 1-2% of applicants), TeaCHE program

M.S., Statistics: GPA 3.96

2019

Wittenberg University, Springfield, OH

B.A., Mathematics; B.A. Financial Economics: GPA 3.70

2018

Awards: *cum laude*, University Honors Student, Phi Beta Kappa

Technical Skills

Languages & Applications

** designates proficiency

R** SAS** Stan Python JMP JAGS L^AT_EX** MS Office** Git

Relevant Coursework

Regression Analysis

Computational Stat. I/II

Linear Models

Statistical Methods

Spatial Analysis

Large Sample Theory

Time Series

Theory of Stat. I/II/III

Multivariate Analysis

Bayesian Stat. I/II

Categorical Analysis

High Dim. Analysis

Professional Experience

Graduate Research Assistant

2019 - Present

Baylor University, Waco, TX & Remote

- Collaborated with a wide range of professionals to identify research goals and challenges
- Reviewed statistical literature, developed project-specific models, and interpreted results
- Communicated findings to various stakeholders in presentations, publications, and weekly reports
- Designed and Implemented a yearly R “bootcamp” for undergraduate researchers
- Managed projects between city & university stakeholders and undergraduate research teams
→ (In total, 3 teams and 29 students)

Instructor, Elementary Statistics

2019

Baylor University, Waco, TX

- Independently instructed 19 undergraduate students in Elementary Statistics
- Developed tests, examples, and materials to supplement established curriculum

Graduate Teaching Assistant

2018 - 2019

Baylor University, Waco, TX

- Proctored, graded & organized hundreds of exams, & otherwise assisted multiple professors
- Personally tutored over one hundred undergraduate students in statistical concepts

Bioinformatics Analyst

2017 - 2018

Henry M. Jackson Foundation, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, OH

- Analysed over 650,000 viral nucleotide structures from over 5,000 viruses
- Found significant genomic sequences of biological relevance
- Provided statistical support to multiple research efforts in the 711th Human Performance Wing

Exploratory Meds/Advanced Analytics Intern

2016

Eli Lilly & Company, Indianapolis, IN

- Prepared applications for use in large clinical trials; debugged prototypes by delivery deadlines
- Organized hundreds of nonstandard clinical trial data sets for migration weeks before deadline

Publications & Presentations

Durell, L., Scott, J. T., Nychka, D., Hering, A.S. “Functional Forecasting of Dissolved Oxygen Lake Profiles,”
(In Preparation)

Hering, A. S., Durell, L., and Morgan, G. (2021) “Illustrating Randomness in Statistics Courses with Spatial Experiments,”
The American Statistician, Accepted. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00031305.2020.1871070>

Durell, L. and Hering, A. S. (2021) “mowateR: Data Sets from the Modernizing Water and Wastewater Treatment through
Data Science Education and Research Team,” R package version 1.0.0. github.com/lukedurell/mowateR_pkg

Baylor Graduate Student Twitter Conference: *Functional Forecasting of Dissolved Oxygen Lake Profiles*, Presented Remotely,
(Feb 2021)

TIES 2020 Virtual Conference: *Functional Forecasting of Dissolved Oxygen Lake Profiles*, Presented Remotely, (Nov 2020)