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Professional Experience

2005–2017 Data Analyst and Software Engineer

Amplify Education

Brooklyn, NY

Data Engineer — 2016–2017

Implemented a data pipeline and reporting platform for educational games division

Data Analyst — 2012–2015

Researched the efficacy of machine learning algorithms in educational products

Data Engineer — 2009–2012

Led development of analysis tools for classroom assessment and instructional products Senior Software Engineer -2007-2009

Headed data discovery and integration on large data system for New York City Department of Education and directed development of a reporting tool for school administrators and teachers

Software Engineer — 2005–2007

Implemented services for deployment of software packages to mobile devices and tools for monitoring of backend systems, primarily focused on database performance

Research Projects

2018 Extreme Weather and Human Mobility

NYC Media Lab and The Weather Company

Co-researched the effects of extreme weather on human populations using company's mobile product data with a focus on differences among socioeconomic groups

2017 Visualizing NEH

Graduate Center Digital Initiatives

Analysis of open data from National Endowment of Humanities (NEH) and the National Endowment of the Arts (NEA) following proposed budget cuts

2017 Digital Research Tools for Historians

Provost Digital Innovation Grant, The Graduate Center, CUNY

Surveyed digital research tools for historians and proposed implementation of new software based on modern web technologies and cloud infrastructure

2014–2016 Conversations in Black Freedom Studies

Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture and The Graduate Center, CUNY Developed a website and produced social media as an online extension of a monthly series of discussions at the Schomburg Center

Presentations and technical talks

Feb 2018 Do the 'R' Thing: Data Analysis with R

The Graduate Center, CUNY

Nov 2017 Academics Git

The Graduate Center, CUNY

Oct 2017 Skill Share: Pandoc

Digital Scholarship Lab, The Graduate Center, CUNY

Oct 2016 Databases II: Querying in the Real World

The Graduate Center, CUNY

Education

2011- Ph.D., Urban Education (Expected June 2018)

The Graduate Center, CUNY, New York, NY

Dissertation: "Free Tuition and Exclusion at the City University of New York, 1957-1976"

1998-2002 B.A., Cognitive Science and Mathematics

Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

Technical skills

Python, R, SQL, WordPress, JavaScript, Git, Docker