# MANUEL ALCALA KOVALSKI

I have made interactive visualizations viewed by thousands of people<sup>7</sup>, led data science trainings for 65+ staff<sup>2</sup>, and written over 40 blog posts<sup>3</sup>.





### **EDUCATION**

2019 2017 B.A., Mathematical Economics (minor in Statistics)

### University of Pennsylvania

• Philadelphia, PA

- · GPA: 3.5
- · Economics Honors Thesis: "The Distributional Effects of Capital Account Liberalization: Evidence from a New Index"

2017 2015 B.A. candidate, Mathematics, Economics, and Political Science

#### University of Miami

• Coral Gables, FL

- · GPA: 3.9
- · Completed 69 credits in four semesters



### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Present 2019

Senior Research Assistant

Washington, D.C.

- The Brookings Institution The Hutchins Center on Fiscal and Monetary Policy
- · Streamlined data collection by web scraping in R, automated data cleaning, modeled/analyzed data, and communicated results through public facing data visualisation
- · Created an R package to facilitate data visualization consistent with the Brookings brand
- · Building R shiny applications to communicate insights from macroeconomic data

2018 2018 Summer Undergraduate Minority Research Scholar

### Leonard Davis Institute

• University of Pennsylvania

· Independently analyzed and constructed statistical models for large data pertaining to healthcare costs



### PUBLICATIONS

2021 2021 The relationships between marijuana use and exercise among young and middle-aged adults4

#### Preventive Medicine

- · Co-authored with Dr. Michael T. French and Dr. Karoline Mortensen
- Featured in U.S. News<sup>5</sup>

View this CV online with links at nickstraver.me/datadrivencv/

### CONTACT

- malcalakovalsk@gmail.com
- github.com/malcalakovalski

### SOFTWARE

Package (ggbrookings) -Author, maintainer.

## **PROGRAMMING SKILLS**

R
Git & GitHub
Markdown
HTML
CSS
SQL
Python



- 1: https://www.brookings.edu/essay/multinational-corporations-in-the-21st-century/
- 2. https://rpkgs-brownbag.netlify.app/#1
- 3: https://www.brookings.edu/author/manuel-alcala-kovalski/?type=posts
- 4: https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S009174352100102X
- 5. https://www.usnews.com/news/health-news/articles/2021-04-05/forget-the-lazy-stoner-marijuana-users-dont-exercise-any-less