# Daniel McNeela

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## **EDUCATION**

B.A. IN APPLIED MATHEMATICS College of Letters and Sciences

SAN DIEGUITO ACADEMY

Aug. 2012 - May 2017 | Berkeley, CA

Aug. 2009 - Jun. 2012 | Encinitas, CA

**BERKELEY** 

HIGH SCHOOL

## **EXPERIENCE** UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA. INTERNATIONAL NEUROINFORMATICS COORDINATING

## FACILITY | SOFTWARE ENGINEER - GOOGLE SUMMER OF CODE

- Developed tools for scientific visualization using Matplotlib and Plotly.
- Wrote 10,000 lines of code in Python and Javascript.
- Rewrote the core module using object-oriented principles, paring thousands of lines of code down to an equivalent few hundred.
- Implemented and created visualizations of a variety of neural computational models such as the Hopfield Network, Restricted Boltzmann Machine, and McCulloch-Pitts Neurons.
- Implemented the Sammon Mapping non-linear dimensionality reduction algorithm, and provided visualizations for the Locally Linear Embedding and related algorithms.

## LINKS

Github://mcneela LinkedIn://daniel-mcneela

# COURSEWORK

#### **IN PROGRESS**

Efficient Algorithms and Intractable **Problems** Data Science Deep Reinforcement Learning Database Systems

#### **COMPLETED**

Graduate Topology and Analysis **Neural Computation** Numerical Analysis Mathematical Logic Computational Linguistics

Natural Language Processing Research Seminar

Honors Multivariable Calculus Honors Linear Algebra and Differential Equations

Honors Abstract Algebra

Real Analysis

Complex Analysis

Advanced Linear Algebra

Structure and Interpretation of Computer

Programs

Introductory Neuroscience

Organic Chemistry Physics: Mechanics

Physics: EM

#### **ELITE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE** | Mathematics Instructor

- SAT Preparation
- ACT Preparation
- ISEE Preparation
- AP Calculus tutoring

#### UC BERKELEY CS 61A | Undergraduate Tutor

- Led weekly supplemental course sections
- Assisted in the development of section teaching materials

## **PROJECTS**

## PERSONAL WEBSITE | HTML, CSS, JAVASCRIPT, JEKYLL, RUBY

Developed in 2016

- Implements a Jekyll backend
- Templating via Liquid
- Implemented a custom reading feed using a Ruby script to access the GoodReads API

#### CHIP-8 EMULATOR | PYTHON 3, TKINTER

Developed in 2015

- Emulator of the Chip-8 virtual machine run on some of the very first personal computers such as the Cosmac VIP and Telmac 1800.
- Developed a GUI in Tkinter
- Implemented hardware instructions in Python code

#### **SCHEME INTERPRETER** | PYTHON 3

Developed in 2013

- Interpreter for the functional language Scheme.
- Course project for CS61A at UC Berkeley.

# TECHNICAL SKILLS

#### **PROGRAMMING**

Proficient

Python • Matlab • Git • MTFX • Javascript • Jekyll

Familiar

C • Java • NLTK

# AWARDS

2012 National Merit Finalist 2012 National AP Scholar

2012 Rensselaer Medal