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EDUCATION

Professional Certificate, 05/2016 - 12/2016

Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism & Department of Computer Science

The Lede Program is an interdisciplinary post-baccalaureate program focused on advancing proficiency with data through courses covering databases, data structures, algorithms, machine learning, and data visualization.

B.A. Economics, 09/2008 - 05/2012

Columbia University, Columbia College in the City of New York

EXPERIENCE

MDRC, 07/2016 - 10/2016 and 10/2012 - 11/2015

Consultant/Technical Research Assistant

- Wrote, checked, and updated impact programs for four large-scale social policy research projects using statistical programming packages and network analysis tools including SAS, SQL, and UCINET
- Cleaned and checked survey, network, administrative, and management information system data
- Implemented classification and regression trees using SAS Enterprise Miner to add insight to survey response bias evaluation
- Conducted comprehensive literature reviews to assist with the development of experimental designs
- Acquired governmental datasets for two projects and supervised data collection process for survey firm contractor
- Wrote technical memos documenting data quality, trends, and data processing decisions.

Columbia University, 06/2011 - 09/2011

Sustainable Development Department (Professor Solomon Hsiang), Research Assistant

- Systematically collected information on all tropical cyclones in the Atlantic Basin from 1970 to the present
- Constructed a quantitative system of categorizing storm-incurred damages for the research team's analysis

Columbia University, 01/2011 - 05/2011

Economics Department (Assoc. Professor Stefania Albanesi), Research Assistant

- Navigated the Integrated Public Use Microdata Series (ÍPUMS-International) to locate 70+ years of census data in 30 countries
- Extracted and cleaned relevant variables using STATA and Excel for advanced analysis
- Conducted basic statistical analysis of census data for each country

SKILLS

Coursework

Essential Data Structures in C/C++, Foundations of Computing in Python, Data Analysis Studio, Storytelling with Data (D3), Algorithms, Linear Algebra, Statistics w/ Calculus, Analysis and Optimization, Ordinary Differential Equations, Calculus I – III, Econometrics

Computing

Proficient	SAS, SQL, Python, Excel, Adobe Illustrator
Basic	C/C++, D3

Language

Proficient | French