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### RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

## OpenUp - Cape Town, South Africa (Freelance data scientist)

2019 -

- Develop deep learning networks and clustering algorithms to predict racial transformation in entrepreneurship in South Africa from text data
- Languages/ Technologies used: Keras, TensorFlow, NLTK, Python, AWS

# Umuzi Academy- Johannesburg, South Africa (Data science manager, head of tech department)

2018 -

- Analytics
  - Designed and implemented psychological testing of internal applicants, created ETL pipeline, and obtained actionable insights from data. Decreased screening time by 80%
  - o Surveyed and conducted focus groups for Uber to create a training course for drivers
  - Consulted on data ETL pipeline, analysis, and monitoring and evaluation strategy for Allan Gill Gray Philanthropy
- Teaching and curriculum development
  - o Created data science curriculum, going from 0 to 17 students in a span of 8 months
  - o Taught students Python, Machine Learning, and Statistical Analysis via lecture, one-on-one training, and self-published assignments
  - Held workshops on negotiation, public speaking and technical interviews, increasing student placement by 20%
- Management
  - Responsible for supervising management team of 7 web developers, data scientists and data engineers
  - o Served as interim CTO, overseeing managers and initiating company partnerships
- Languages/ Technologies used: Python, R, MySQL, Linux, Docker, Airflow, Google Data Studio

## **Univ. of Cape Town – Cape Town, South Africa (Postdoctoral fellow)**

2017 - 2018

- Researched genetic risk for developmental disorders in collaboration with Harvard, the Univ. of Cape Town and the Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI)
- Analytics
  - Researched psychological test validity and reliability across language and cultural groups and created standardized language versions
  - Used general additive and hierarchical linear models to predict risk factors for poor fetal and infant growth outcomes
  - o Conducted genomic quality control and genome wide association studies
- Management and community engagement
  - o Conducted focus groups with community stakeholders
  - o Supervised 6 students to completion
  - Chair, Student Training Committee, African Regional Int. Meeting for Autism Research 2018
- Languages/ Technologies used: R, Linux, MATLAB, BrainVision Analyzer, E-Prime

## **Univ. of Cape Town – Cape Town, South Africa (Contract lecturer)**

2011 - 2018

- Lecturing
  - o Taught multivariate statistics & machine learning (regression, classification, boosting, multilevel models, cross-validation), psychometrics, cognition and neuroscience
  - Created textbooks and education materials for Statistics for Evaluation & Research Methods, School of Management Studies, Faculty of Commerce
- Languages/ Technologies used: R, SPSS

## **Cape Town, South Africa (Statistical consultant)**

2010 - 2018

• Conducted statistical analysis and consulting for research groups incl. the Institute for Mindfulness South Africa

### **LANGUAGES**

English (Native), Afrikaans (Native), German (Elementary), Dutch (Reading Proficiency)

#### **AWARDS**

<ul> <li>Emerging Researcher Award, South African Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions and International Meeting for Autism Research</li> </ul>	2017
<ul> <li>Stevens-Shapiro Award, International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities</li> </ul>	2016
EDUCATION	
Fellow, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health & Broad Inst. of Harvard and MIT	2017 - 2019
PhD Psychology, Univ. of Cape Town	2017
MA Psychological Research (Neuropsychology) Cum Laude, Univ. of Cape Town	2011
BSocSc (Hons) Psychology Cum Laude, Univ. of Cape Town	2008
BSc Human Life Sciences Cum Laude, Stellenbosch Univ.	2007

### RESEARCH

- Characterizing genetic influences on neuro-developmental disorders in African populations
- Psychobiological correlates of empathy in autism
  - Longitudinal and time series data, multilevel modelling, data reduction, structural equation modelling, reproducible research, measurement of physiological signals
- Prediction of risk factors for poor fetal and infant growth outcomes
  - o Longitudinal and time series data, multiple imputation of multilevel data, additive modelling

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

# **Publications (out of 16, with 160 citations)**

- Hoogenhout, M.\*, de Menil, V.\*, Kipkemoi, P.\*, ... Newton, C.R., Donald, K.A., & Robinson, E. (2019). The NeuroDev study: Phenotypic and genetic characterization of neurodevelopmental disorders in Kenya and South Africa. Neuron, 101, 15 – 19.
- Hoogenhout, M. (2018). Displaying data. In C. Tredoux & K. Durrheim (Eds.), Numbers, Hypotheses and Conclusions: A Course in Statistics for the Social Sciences (3<sup>rd</sup> ed.). Cape Town: UCT Press.
- Tredoux, C. & Hoogenhout, M. (2018). Repeated measures analysis of variance. In C. Tredoux & K. Durrheim (Eds.), Numbers, Hypotheses and Conclusions: A Course in Statistics for the Social Sciences (3<sup>rd</sup> ed.), Cape Town: UCT Press.
- Donald, K. A., Hoogenhout, M., Du Plooy, C.P., Wedderburn, C.J., Nhapi, R.T., Barnett, W., Hoffman, N., Malcolm-Smith, S., Zar, H.J., & Stein, D.J. (2018). Cohort profile: The Drakenstein Child Health Study (DCHS). BMJ Paediatrics Open, 2, e000282. doi:10.1136/bmjpo-2018-000282
- **Hoogenhout, M.**, & Malcolm-Smith, S. (2014). Theory of mind predicts severity level in autism. *Autism*, 21, 242-252, doi: 10.1177/1362361316636758

### Symposia Organised

- Kaku, S. M., & Hoogenhout, M.\* (Chairs). Strategies for management of children with mental health disorders in low and middle-income countries. International Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions (Aug 2018), Prague, Czech Republic.
- **Hoogenhout,** M.\* & K. Donald. (Chairs). The presentation and management of ASD in South Africa: Implications for multicultural and low-income settings. African Regional International Meeting for Autism Research (Aug 2017), Stellenbosch, South Africa.

### **Conferences & Invited Talks (out of 29)**

- **Hoogenhout, M\***. Growing young talent: Selecting and training the next generation of data scientists. Deep Learning IndabaX (April 2019), Durban, South Africa.
- **Hoogenhout, M\*.** Services for the poor need not be poor services: Child mental health interventions in low and middle-income countries. International Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions (Aug 2018), Prague, Czech Republic.
- Donald, K. A., Hoogenhout, M.\*, Du Plooy, C.P., Wedderburn, C.J., Nhapi, R.T., Barnett, W., Hoffman, N., Malcolm-Smith, S., Zar, H.J., & Stein, D.J. Investigating determinants of early child development and cognition in the Drakenstein Child Health Study. International Association of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions (Aug 2018), Prague, Czech Republic.
- Hoogenhout, M. The physiology of empathy in autism. Yale Child Study Center (July 2017), New Haven, USA.