

# NOAH M. SWAN

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## EDUCATION & SKILLS

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**University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL  
*Master of Science in Statistics*

Expected March 2027

**Villanova University**, Villanova, PA

May 2023

*Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, Minors in Economics, Statistics and French, Honors PPE Concentration*  
*Graduated Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society*

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**NERA Economic Consulting** | Washington DC

July 2023-May 2025

*Associate Analyst*

- Drove efforts to comply with governmental data requests for multiple billion-dollar mergers, coordinating data review with researchers to provide accurate submissions to DOJ/FTC that supported regulatory approval
- Leveraged arrow and data.table packages in R to conduct analyses on datasets up to 1.5 TB, reducing computational time by 5-20x and cutting memory usage by 50-70%
- Developed S3 method for internal R package to streamline charting with ggplot2; improved reproducibility through standardized charts and reduced build time on deliverables by 35%
- Generated 50+ service area maps using ArcMap and Python (ArcPy), highlighting geographic overlaps between merging parties to inform antitrust risk assessment and anticipate DOJ arguments
- Charted receipt data and transactional sales data to identify customer overlaps and possible event studies, guiding analyses of product substitutability ahead of regulatory scrutiny

**Orlando City SC** | Remote

Fall 2022

*Soccer Analytics Intern*

- Engineered a ball-progression metric to evaluate team possession play from event data using R, strengthening how the team assessed buildup effectiveness
- Designed framework to isolate game-state bias on player and team statistics, strengthening the ability to evaluate opponents and possible transfer targets

**Oklahoma City Energy FC** | Remote

2021-2022

*Lead Data Analyst*

- Developed ETL pipeline to receive data from Wyscout API and designed Shiny dashboard suite to track team's KPIs and support coaching strategies ahead of a top 5 league finish
- Implemented recruitment dashboard integrating custom filters to track and compare player performance metrics across 3 leagues, improving coaching staff's ability to identify, evaluate, and compare transfer targets

## SELECTED PROJECTS

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**Marginal Effect of XGBoost Hyperparameter Tuning** (XGBoost, hyperopt, polars)

- Ran XGBoost tuning experiments across search-space regimes; built a modular codebase for prediction tasks
- Found that shorter tuning runs across focused search spaces achieved comparable performance with time savings of ~37%

**Simulating Tennis Matches for Outcome Prediction** (PyTorch, XGBoost, Scikit-learn, SciPy, pandas, Matplotlib)

- Built a post-match win-probability model and simulated match paths from player-level statistic distributions to forecast outcomes, achieving 8% better accuracy over a naïve rank-based prediction strategy
- Parameterized player-level distributions using maximum likelihood estimation with truncated normal distribution to simulate match results for prediction algorithm

## TECHNICAL SKILLS AND INTERESTS

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**Programming Languages:** Python, R, C++, SQL

**Software and Tools:** pandas, polars, XGBoost, PyTorch, Scikit-learn, NumPy, SciPy, Matplotlib, tidyverse, data.table, Arrow, ggplot2, shiny, Git, ArcPy/ArcMap

**Additional Interests:** Surrealist Books, Soccer, Tennis, College Football, NBA, Sports Analytics, Art History, French