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EXPERIENCE	University of Chicago Postdoctoral Scholar (Advisor: Dan Black), Harris School of Public Policy	2017–Now
EDUCATION	Northwestern University Ph.D. Mathematics (Advisor: Steve Zelditch) Dissertation: Euclidean Embeddings and Riemannian Bergman Metrics	2009–2014
	Columbia University B.A. Mathematics with Honors, Columbia College Thesis: An Application of Poincaré’s Fundamental Polyhedron Theorem	2005–2009
PUBLICATIONS	Algorithmic Fairness: Choices, Assumptions, and Definitions To appear in <i>Annual Reviews of Statistics</i> , 2021. S. Mitchell, E. Potash , S. Barocas, A. D’Amour, K. Lum	
	Validation of a Machine Learning Model to Predict Childhood Lead Poisoning <i>Jama Network Open</i> , 2020. E. Potash , R. Ghani, J. Walsh, E. Jorgensen, C. Lohff, N. Prachand, R. Mansour	
	Randomization Bias in Field Trials to Evaluate Targeting Methods <i>Economics Letters</i> , Volume 167, June 2018, Pages 131–135. E. Potash	
	Predictive Modeling for Public Health: Childhood Lead Poisoning <i>21st ACM SIGKDD Proceedings</i> E. Potash , J. Brew, A. Loewi, S. Majumdar, A. Reece, J. Walsh, E. Rozier, E. Jorgensen, R. Mansour, R. Ghani	
	Euclidean Embeddings and Riemannian Bergman Metrics <i>The Journal of Geometric Analysis</i> , January 2016, Volume 26, Issue 1, pp 499–528 E. Potash	
WORKING PAPERS	A Bayesian Approach to Recreational Water Quality Modeling and Cross Validation in the Presence of Measurement Error <i>Submitted</i> . E. Potash and S. Steinschneider	
OTHER WRITING	Why It’s So Hard to Find Out Where the Candidates Stand <i>Washington Monthly</i> , November 2016	
INVITED TALKS	Environmental Policy Institute at Chicago (EPIC) Workshop Can Health Departments Prevent Childhood Lead Poisoning?, 5/15/2018	
	EPA Research and Development “Science at Work” Seminar Proactive Lead Investigations, 4/12/2017	
	City Bureau Public Forum Lead Poisoning Panel Speaker, 3/13/2017	
	American Public Health Association Annual Meeting Predictive Analytics in Advancing Public Health Session, 11/3/2015	

Bloomberg Data for Good Exchange

Predictive Modeling for Public Health: Childhood Lead Poisoning, 9/30/2015

ACM Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD) Annual Conference

Predictive Modeling for Public Health: Childhood Lead Poisoning, 8/12/2015

GRANTS

Collecting and Sharing Information across Sectors in Chicago and Illinois to Identify Children at Risk for Lead Poisoning. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. With Rayid Ghani, Raed Mansour, Matthew Roberts, John DiCello, Tom Schenk, Illinois Department of Human Services, and Alliance of Chicago. Grant ID 73354. \$200,000.

INDUSTRY
EXPERIENCE

University of Chicago 2014–2017
Research Professional II, Center for Data Science and Public Policy

Eric and Wendy Schmidt Data Science for Social Good Summer 2016
Technical Mentor

Open Energy Efficiency Meter (openeemeter.org) 2015
Data Scientist

Oroeco (oroeco.com) 2014
Scientific Software Engineer

TEACHING

University of Chicago 2016–Now
Multilevel Regression Modeling for Public Policy (Winter 2020)
Introduction to Program Evaluation (Spring 2019, Winter 2020)
Introduction to Programming for Public Policy (Spring 2018, 2016)

Northwestern University 2008–2013
Assistant: Probability & Stochastic Processes, Mechanics, Real Analysis

SKILLS

Python (numpy, scipy, pandas, sklearn, matplotlib)
R (tidyverse, rstanarm)
SQL (PostgreSQL), Java, JavaScript (D3.js), Ruby (on Rails)
Geospatial (PostGIS, GDAL, OpenStreetMap, Mapnik, QGIS, Leaflet)
git, bash, GNU/Linux, L^AT_EX
Fluent in Russian

REFERENCES

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Professor, Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago
- Shira Mitchell, sam942@mail.harvard.edu
Statistician, Civis Analytics
- Emile Jorgensen, Emile.Jorgensen@cityofchicago.org
Epidemiologist, Chicago Department of Public Health