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EXPERIENCE University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign 2020-Now

Research Scientist, Institute of Sustainability, Energy, and Environment

University of Chicago 2017–2020

Postdoctoral Scholar (Advisor: Dan Black), Harris School of Public Policy

EDUCATION Northwestern University 2009–2014

Ph.D. Mathematics (Advisor: Steve Zelditch)

Dissertation: Euclidean Embeddings and Riemannian Bergman Metrics

Columbia University 2005–2009

B.A. Mathematics with Honors, Columbia College

Thesis: An Application of Poincaré's Fundamental Polyhedron Theorem

Publications Think outside the plots: Perimeter measurements and spatial modeling mitigate confounding in a 145-year experiment

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OTHER WRITING Why It's So Hard to Find Out Where the Candidates Stand

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INVITED TALKS Soil Science Society of America Annual Meeting

Measure-and-remeasure of soil organic carbon at scale, 11/11/2024

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

Conference Presentations Predicting Soil Organic Carbon Variability with Applications for Sampling Design

American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting 2022, Chicago, IL, December 2022

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Industry Experience	University of Chicago Research Professional II, Center for Data Science and Public Policy	2014–2017
	Eric and Wendy Schmidt Data Science for Social Good Technical Mentor	Summer 2016
	Open Energy Efficiency Meter (openeemeter.org) Data Scientist	2015
	Oroeco (oroeco.com) Scientific Software Engineer	2014
Teaching	University of Chicago Mutlilevel Regression Modeling for Public Policy (Winter 2020) Introduction to Program Evaluation (Spring 2019, Winter 2020) Introduction to Programming for Public Policy (Spring 2018, 2016)	2016-2020
	Northwestern University Assistant: Probability & Stochastic Processes, Mechanics, Real Analysis	2008-2013

SKILLS

Python (numpy, scipy, pandas, sklearn, matplotlib) R (tidyverse, Stan)

SQL (PostgreSQL), Java, JavaScript (D3.js), Ruby (on Rails)

Geospatial (PostGIS, GDAL, OpenStreetMap, Mapnik, QGIS, Leaflet)

git, bash, GNU/Linux, \LaTeX

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