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Education

PHD IN INFORMATICS, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

Expected Graduation: 2027

Professional and Research Experience

INFORMATION SCIENCE TEACHING ASSISTANT AT UIUC

AUGUST 2022 - TODAY

- Taught 2 discussion sessions, 60 students in total
- Graded assignments

MATHEMATICS RESEARCH ASSISTANT AT SOKA UNIVERSITY

SEPT 2021 - MAY 2022

- R.A. for Katherine Perry, professor of Mathematics
- Designed algorithms for market networks
- Research Network algorithms and cycle enumerating optimizations

PHYSICS RESEARCH ASSISTANT FALL AT SOKA UNIVERSITY

OCT 2021 - MAY 2022

- R.A. for Phat Vu, professor of Physics
- Research digital simulation methods and software
- Create Python notebooks on modeling and simulations
- Hold Python tutoring hours for students

SOFTWARE DEVELOPER AT PUSHSTART

MAR 2021 - JUN 2021

- Junior JavaScript developer
- Analyzed and implemented design documents for web games
- Used Git, Slack and Jira to coordinate with team, and PIXIjs, GSAP, Yarn and JavaScript to develop web applications

WRITING CENTER RESEARCH ASSISTANT FALL

FALL 2019 - SPRING 2020

- R.A. for the Director of the Writing Center at Soka University
- Conducted academic research on alternative housing in Orange County
- Developed academic website with WordPress: kristiwilsonphd.com

Additional Experience

DS4A FELLOW SPRING 2021 - SUMMER 2021

- Awarded merit-based fellowship to highly selective (4% acceptance rate) Data Science program with Harvard Professor Natesh Pillai
- Nominated a SoftBank Endowed Scholar based on outstanding work and noteworthy professional promise

NETWORK SCIENCE LIBRARY

- Wrote the first general-purpose Network Science library for Deno in TypeScript
- Implemented breadth first search, clustering, closeness centrality, assortativity and other graph data structure algorithms
- <https://deno.land/x/nets@v0.4.8>

NETWORK VISUALIZATION TOOLS

- Visualization apps that demonstrate uses for the network2020 library
- Chirp-firing game: <https://rmorais.itch.io/a-monstrous-constelation>
- NetworkX graph generator: <https://github.com/rodigu/nxtool>

EMAIL AUTOMATION BOT SUMMER 2020

- Built a fully automated bot for email handling and database reading/writing
- Automated emailing at non-profit project created by students of color
- Fundraising saw significant gains when the bot was deployed
- Used the Mailchimp API and the Google Drive API