

# RYAN STEED

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## EDUCATION

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**George Washington University**  
B.S. Computational Economics  
Minor in Philosophy

August 2017 - May 2020  
GPA: 3.98

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**George Washington University**  
*Research Assistant, Department of Computer Science*

September 2018 - Present

- Research fairness, accountability, and transparency in machine learning with Dr. Aylin Caliskan.
- Motivated, designed, and conducted experiments to detect bias in state-of-the-art face recognition.

**Duke University**  
*Research Assistant & Lead Modeler, Social Science Research Institute*

May 2017 - January 2018

- Under Max Erdemandi, oversaw model design and computational development of game-theory-based strategic decision-making software for security analysts in Python on top of Flask.
- Coordinated the development of social network analysis algorithms & Monte Carlo models for link prediction; presented work to intelligence community members the Pentagon.
- Presented neural network sentence classification model at ISA academic conference.

**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**  
*Research Affiliate, Department of Political Science*

August 2016 - May 2017

- Collaborated with Dr. Timothy McKeown to analyze and compile foreign policy web archives.
- Constructed Python web crawler to collect and store digital documents from various sources.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Capital One**  
*Data Engineer*

May 2019 - Present

**GW Innovation Center**  
*Virtual Jane Project Manager & Technology Fellow*

September 2017 - Present

- Co-founded GWU's first maker space for entrepreneurs and student innovation.
- Product owner & scrum master for Virtual Jane project, a mobile virtual reality educational app for the Jane Goodall Institute modeled in Maya and developed in Unity.
- Recruit, organize, and fundraise for a team of student animators, developers, and content creators.
- Hosted Dr. Jane Goodall at GWU for a motion capture scan and creative pitch.

**Magic Number**  
*Machine Learning Specialist*

May 2018 - August 2018

- Researched, designed and tested machine learning classification and clustering models to categorize patent documents into packaged sectors for clients.

- Implemented virtual machine microservice stack to schedule machine learning training and execution, manage model hyperparameters, and serve machine learning predictions.

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Erdemandi, M., Augustine, R., Zhao, L., **Steed, R.**, “Expansion of automated event coding for better international security analysis,” in *International Studies Association South*, 2017.
- Rivera, W. A., Rogers, A., **Steed, R.**, “The practice and promise of open source intelligence and computational security studies,” in *International Studies Association South*, 2017.
- **Steed, R.**, “Evolution of innovation in patent citation networks,” Poster presented at GW Research Days, 2019.
- **Steed, R.**, “AI is Heideggerian enough, but can it be authentic?” Manuscript, 2019.
- **Steed, R.**, “Effect of religious diversity on growth,” Manuscript, 2018.
- **Steed, R.**, Rivera, W. A., “The derivative relational attribute graph model for link prediction,” Manuscript, 2017.
- **Steed, R.**, “From plato to popper: Platonic forms in modern science and quantum theory,” Manuscript, 2017.

## FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

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<b>Social Good Fellowship</b> <i>GW Innovation Center</i>	September 2017 - Present
<b>Data MASTER Fellowship</b> <i>GW Mathematics And Statistics Training, Education, and Research Program</i>	May 2017 - May 2019
<b>Sigelman Undergraduate Research Enhancement Award</b> <i>George Washington University</i>	October 2018

## HONORS & AWARDS

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- Dean’s List, George Washington University, *2017-18 & 2018-19*
- Presidential Scholarship with Honors, George Washington University, *May 2017 - Present*
- Outstanding Academic Achievement Award, George Washington University, *May 2019*
- 2nd Prize, Politics & Economics, GW Research Days Poster Competition, *April 2019*
- Strasser Writing Prize, GW Honors Program, *January 2018*
- National Merit Scholarship, *May 2017*

## PRESENTATIONS

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- Machine Learning Document Classification, GW ACM, *November 2018*
- “The Practice and Promise of Open Source Intelligence and Computational Security Studies,” *International Studies Association South*, Orlando, 2017.