

I grew up in rural Minnesota, where I learned at a young age how marginalized, under-represented, and under-funded such communities can be. My public education began in a town of 7,000 where I was lucky to have dial-up Internet, a good public library, and a community college. Despite the challenges, I was inspired to learn and I fought hard for my own education. I took charge of my learning and advanced my knowledge independently, which involved taking part in extracurriculars ranging from math league to student government. In addition I took honors courses whenever possible. I gravitated to statistics during Carleton College's Summer Quantitative Reasoning Institute. There I was exposed to the statistical programming language STATA and began my independent study of statistics.

I challenged myself to learn and apply my statistical skills during my undergraduate studies. I studied under Economics Professor Jeff Parker and did an internship researching European unemployment. Additionally, I applied text analysis to understand the efficacy of Pokémon battling strategies for a senior thesis. College also provided financial obstacles to overcome as I had to work nearly full-time to keep afloat while in school.

Directly out of college I was hired by Fisher Investments where I worked for over two years to support their market research efforts. Ultimately, I left Fisher to continue pursuing academic rigor and challenge myself further. In early 2020, I went back to Reed College to audit upper level statistics classes which led to Professor Kelly McConville hiring me to work on research estimation methods with the Forestry Services. I've continued to work on the manuscript, which is set to be published in 2021.

I am not only committed to pursuing a career in statistics, but I am also enthusiastic to continue applying my skills in ways I find meaningful.