

Sonya Sawtelle

Data enthusiast with a strong background in math, science and programming.

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Experience

Data Scientist, Upwork (part-time) (2017-2018)

- Employed predictive models to drive business decisions such as "How long should we leave job posts open before expiring them?".
- Exploratory analysis and machine learning with Python (SQL for data extraction).
- Communicated results and insights to non-technical employees on product teams.

Graduate Researcher, Yale University (2012-2018, New Haven CT)

- Simulation and data analysis with Python, MATLAB, and C++.
- Coursework in physics, engineering, and statistics.
- Managed 4 undergraduate assistants.

Education

Ph.D. in Applied Physics, Yale University (2012-2018)

- Six publications (three first-author [[1](#)][[2](#)][[3](#)])

B.S. in Physics, Indiana University (2008-2011)

- Baccalaureate with Departmental Honors and Highest Distinction, 3.98/4.0 GPA

MOOCs (ongoing)

- Machine Learning (Andrew Ng), Neural Networks & Deep Learning (Andrew Ng)

Skills

Programming: Python, SQL, MATLAB, C++, R, git, HTML/CSS, d3.js

Python Packages: Pandas, Numpy, Matplotlib, Scikit-learn, PyMC, Scipy

Awards

- **Sterling Prize Fellowship**, Yale University (2013). Awarded to 30 out of 10,500 applicants.
- **IU Founders Scholar**, Indiana University (2012)
- **Baccalaureate with Highest Distinction**, Indiana University (2012). Granted to 5 students.

Projects

GeekBuddy Social Graph and Buddy Finder (2017)

- A web app that displays the social graph for a user on www.boardgamegeek.com and colors nodes by correlation to the user computed from boardgame ratings data.

Evening Sessions: Explorations in Data Science and Python Blog (2015-present)

- Authored a series of articles covering a wide variety of topics and tools related to pure Python programming, data science and statistics.