# Sonya Sawtelle

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

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## **Education**

### Ph.D. program in Applied Physics, Yale University (2012-present)

- Research on transport in metal nanostructures.
- · Coursework in physics, engineering, and statistics.

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

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

#### MOOCs (ongoing)

• Machine Learning (Stanford, Andrew Ng)

# **Experience**

Independent Researcher, Yale University (2012-present, New Haven CT)

Data analysis and simulation in Python and MATLAB, and instrument control in C++.
Designed and executed experiments across four projects and managed several undegraduate students.

MCAT Instructor, Kaplan Test Prep (2011-2012, New Haven CT)

 Planned and delivered lectures on core content in undergraduate Physics, Chemistry and Biology to medium-sized groups of undergraduates.

### Skills

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

Python SciPy Tools: Pandas, Numpy, Matplotlib, Scikit-learn

### **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 out of 498 in the class.

# **Projects**

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.

### GeekBuddy Social Graph and Buddy Finder (2017)

• A web app that displays the social graph for a user in the www.boardgamegeek.com (BGG) community and color nodes by correlation to the user using boardgame ratings data.