# Swetha Pola

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#### **Data Scientist**

### Education

Master of Information and Data Science | UC Berkeley

August 2021 (expected)

Selected Coursework: Machine Learning at Scale, Deep Learning, Statistics, Research Design, Causal Inference

GPA: 3.9

B.A. Cognitive Science | UC Berkeley

May 2020

Selected Coursework: Computational Models of Cognition, Neuropsychology, Social Psychology, Linguistics

GPA: 3.6

#### Skills

- Python
- RSQL
- R
- Hadoop
- Spark
- Cloud Computing
- Machine Learning
- Deep Learning
- Natural Language Processing
- Tableau
- Data Visualization
- Experimentation

## **Projects**

Differential Gender-Based Outcomes of Cardiovascular Disease: BERT & Extracting Insights from Reddit UCSF Cardiology, UC Berkeley School of Information | Repository

• Developed RNN classifier to predict whether a CVD-related post originated from the r/askWomen or r/askMen subreddit and utilized LIME library to provide interpretability over blackbox model

Assessing the Effectiveness of a Social Norms Based Sexual Violence Prevention Digital Campaign UC Berkeley PATH To Care Center, UC Berkeley School of Information | Repository

• Designed experimental study, developed Qualtrics study, cleaned data in Python, built linear regression models in R, and presented statistically conclusive causal results to campus Student Affairs leadership

## Experience

Data Science Fellow | D-Lab at UC Berkeley

September 2020 - Present

- Lead data scientist on American Medical Association research project guiding research design & methods, performing topic modeling, driving large-scale labeling task through MTurk, and developing classification models in Python to conceptualize constructs of racism in medical literature
- Designing and instructing "Introduction to Neural Networks" 24-week curriculum in Python and R for Kaiser Permanente Division of Research Systems
- Mentored 6 undergraduate teams on data science research lifecycles, modeling approaches, and how to use technologies such as Azure ML, Github, and Tableau through the Data Science Discovery Program

Technical Product Manager | <u>Umba</u>

May 2020 - August 2020

- As sole PM leading a 12-person cross-functional team: set company-wide product vision, roadmapped & drove 12 weeks of product development, and spearheaded rollout of 5 core digital banking features for total active base of 300,000+ users
- Decreased loan default rates by 7% by working closely with senior data scientist on building, tuning, and deploying unsupervised fraud detection model into new user flow
- Led quantitative and qualitative user research via surveys, focus group, multiple stages of usability testing, and guiding customer segmentation project; synthesized findings into product & design decisions

#### Product & Analyst Intern | <u>JustAnswer</u>

June 2019 - August 2019

- Launched and validated lean multivariate test, successfully driving free-trialler conversion to subscription membership by engaging users via Concierge, a high touch customer relationship management product
- Developed dashboards in Power BI and analyzed qualitative data to make 4 additional phases of improvement, resulting in 15% lifts in Concierge engagement & 10% lifts in conversions overall