

# Sydney Tomsick

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## Profile

I'm passionate about uncovering meaningful insights through data analysis and communicating them through user-centered design. With interests spanning statistics, data science, UX design, and digital humanities, I enjoy working at the intersection of quantitative analysis and creative storytelling: translating complex data into accessible, engaging experiences across digital platforms.

## Education

**University of California Los Angeles** Sept 2022 – Present  
Major in Statistics and Data Science | Minor in Digital Humanities | 3.8 GPA

## Experience

**UCLA Fundraising and Advocacy Internship at the Hammer Museum** Upcoming Role  
**Assistant Manager at the Lawrence Hall of Science** Dec 2023 - Jan 2024

- Led retail staff in daily operations
- Analyzed daily ticket sales, membership sales, and visitor feedback

## Projects

**A Statistical Analysis of the Informed Placement Process (IPP) at UCLA** June 2025

- Used statistical methods (logistic and linear regression) on a dataset of 980 UCLA students to evaluate how self-assessments and demographic factors influence English placement outcomes, identifying structural inequities and the role of confidence in writing ability

**The Social Soundscape: How Social Media Impacts Music Popularity** Mar 2025

- Used statistical methods (Kruskal-Wallis test, ART ANOVA, logistic regression) on 4,000+ songs to analyze whether release timing, genre, and social media engagement influence music popularity

**Eaton Fire Story Map, Mapping Wildfire Impact and Historical Redlining in Altadena** Mar 2025

- Created an ArcGIS StoryMap that analyzes the disproportionate impact of the Eaton Fire on Altadena's marginalized communities, integrating wildfire damage data, redlining maps, and census demographics to reveal structural inequities and cultural loss

**Website for DH 101, Exploring Female Representation in MoMA** Dec 2024

- Analyzed gender disparities among MoMA artists using a dataset of 15,000+ artworks and created Tableau visualizations to reveal representation trends over time
- Designed and developed a WordPress website to present our findings

**Kaggle Competition: Predicting Obesity Status Using a Random Forest Model,** Dec 2024

- Built a random forest model to predict obesity status with 99.9% accuracy using a dataset of 42,000+ individuals and 29 genetic and lifestyle predictors

## Leadership & Activities

**Co-Director of Synthesis Dance Theater** Jun 2024 - Present

- Lead practices 3 times a week; oversee and coordinate the leadership team; organize performances

**Data Journalist for the Daily Bruin** Sept 2023 - Present

- Use Javascript and HTML to create data-based articles and Instagram posts

## Skills

**Languages:** R, familiarity with Javascript and Python

**Technologies:** ArcGIS, Canva, Figma, Github, Google Sites, LaTeX, Microsoft Suite, Power BI, Tableau, WordPress