THOMAS DEVINE

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EDUCATION

CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY

2018-2021

MS IN ECONOMICS:

Awards: \$138,000, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship in Economics

University of North Dakota

2015-2018

B.S. MATHEMATICS, MINOR IN STATISTICS; BA ECONOMICS; GPA 3.78 Awards: McNair Scholar; speaker at UND's Phi Beta Kappa induction ceremony

WORK AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Carnegie Mellon University

Summer 2020

Master's Thesis

Pittsburgh, PA

· Using R & Stata, in a DID framework, I modeled the adoption of Solar Panel installations and a neighbor's decision to install affects peers at the block-level; I used public Census and ACS data—see my personal website; this project entailed webscraping, data cleaning, modeling, statistical inference, and more

Carnegie Mellon University

Jan. 2020–Present

Teaching Assistant

Pittsburgh, PA

· (Graduate) Statistical Foundations for Business Analytics (46-883), 2 courses; Forecasting Time Series Data (45-912), 1 course. (Undergrad.) Political Economy (73-332), 2 courses; Overall, I answered questions in R and explained class concepts in statistics, econometrics, and economics

Topic Modeling with Machine Learning (project in progress)

Feb. 2021-Present

· Using R (tm, openNLP), I parse comedy monologues (stand-up specials) to build a recommendation application. I use LDA, LSA, and NMF to assess topics. I map/cluster specials, topics, and comedians to defined genres of comedy and to one another. I make a functional API to showcase the project.

CNA Financial

June-August 2018

Actuarial Intern - Long Term Care

Chicago, IL

· Using R, SAS, and Alteryx, I converted (SAS to Alteryx) a monthly 4-step process in that aggregates counts for incurred but not reported claims and terminated but not reported claims for group and individual polices; I converted (SAS to R) a monthly close process that aggregates claim counts

Carnegie Mellon University

May-July 2017

Undergraduate Researcher in Financial Math

Pittsburgh, PA

· Using R and Python, my team web-scraped put option prices into a gradient descent algorithm for chosen stocks on the DJIA and compared the efficiency of random sets of stocks to calculate error (SSE)

TECHNICAL AND ANALYTICAL SKILL SET

Skills R, Java, Python, Matlab, SQL, LATEX, Stata, SAS, Alteryx, Spanish (Intermediate)
IDEs: RStudio, Spyder, DBeaver, IntelliJ, Jupyter Notbook; Actuarial Exam P (01/2017)

LEADERSHIP ROLES

CMU Club: Actuarial Science
 UND Clubs: Chess, Actuarial Science, Political (VP)
 President 2018–2021
 President 2016–2018