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Seeking Full-Time Opportunities in Machine Learning and Data Science

Education

- » LS&A, Computer Science, B.S. (3.0)
- » Machine Learning, Web Applications, Cognitive Science.
- » Co-Founded and chaired two ML focused organizations, managing growth to over 50 active members.

Research & Teaching Experience

» Researching non-linear models for solving multi-armed bandit problem.

Instructional Aide, EECS 398, Computing for Computer Scientists Winter 2016 – Winter 2017

- » Worked with a team to craft original course syllabus (homework, exams, etc.,) for first time class of over 300 students.
- » Taught lectures on git, virtual private servers, and debuggers.

» Implemented data collection application for experiment which compared efficacy of 'native' advertising against traditional banner ads.

Grader & Tutor, EECS 183, Introduction to Programming Concepts Fall 2014 - Winter 2015

- » Assisted students in on-on-one meetings with all course material.
- » Graded homework, and projects for both correctness and code style.

Work Experience

- » Built web application used to record and manage service line replacement effort.
- » Data from application used in multiple predictive models which guided replacement efforts.
- » Recording all 18,000 replacements, an \$87,000,000 project over three years.

» Collected, analyzed, and modeled data to predict fraud incidence at POS terminals with payments team.

» Independently designed and implemented a RESTful JSON API for UM Data Warehouse.

Publications

- » J. Abernethy, A. Chojnacki, et al, "A Data Science Approach to Understanding Residential Water Contamination in Flint" KDD Conference 2017
- » J. Stroud, A. Chojnacki, J. Abernethy, "The Michigan Data Science Team: A Student Organization for Machine Learning Challenges" NIPS 2016 Workshop "Challenges in Machine Learning: Gaming and Education"
- » J. Abernethy, C. Anderson, A. Chojnacki, et al, "Data Science in Service of Performing Arts: Applying Machine Learning to Predicting Audience Preferences" Bloomberg Data For Good Exchange 2016

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