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Seeking Full-Time Opportunities in Machine Learning and Data Science

#### Education

## University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

September 2013 - May 2017 (Expected)

- » LS&A, Computer Science, B.S. (3.1)
- » Machine Learning, Information Theory, Cognitive Science, Computer Security, Web Applications.

## Research & Teaching Experience

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 over 300 students.
- » Taught lectures on git, virtual private servers, and debuggers.
- » Held weekly discussion sections and office hours, in addition to grading homework and exams.

#### Research Assistant, advised by Prof. Eric Schwartz

Fall 2015

- » Designed a website with user tracking capabilities implemented in Javascript using the Firebase API.
- » Collected data from users to measure the 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

## Software Engineering Intern, Nordstrom (Seattle, WA)

June - Aug. 2016

» Independently prototyped an in-house fraud detection system trained on debit card chargeback data with the Payments and POS teams. Collected, analyized, and modeled data to predict fraud incidence.

## Web Developer, Computer Aided Engineering Network

May - Aug. 2015

» 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 (pending acceptance)
- » 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

# Campus Involvement

#### Communications Chair, Michigan Data Science Team

Fall 2015 - Present

- » Managed club growth for two years, gaining 40 active members and 400 subscribers to team newsletter.
- » Organized and officiated prediction challenges by meeting with competition sponsors and partners.
- » Advised students and professors from other schools building similar organizations in one-on-one calls.

Organizer, Michigan Machine Learning Reading Group

Summer 2015 - Fall 2016

(Modified: March 2017)