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Seeking Full-Time Opportunities in Machine Learning and Data Science

Education

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MISeptember 2013 – June 2017

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

Research & Teaching Experience

- » Researched active learning methods to guide the lead pipe replacement effort in the city of Flint.
- » Built simulator in Python to compare proposed methods to historical performance.

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

- » Lectured on git, virtual private servers, debuggers, bash, and being the best nerd one can be.
- » Worked with fellow TAs to craft an original syllabus for this new course.
- » Taught 600+ students over 3 semesters.

» Implemented data collection application for experiment comparing 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.

Software Engineering Intern, Nordstrom (Seattle, WA)June – August 2016

» 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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