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EDUCATION

Rice University, Houston, TX
Expected May 2020

- **Bachelor of Arts in Computer Science**
- **Bachelor of Arts in Statistics**

Relevant Coursework: Statistical Machine Learning; Tools and Models for Data Science; Generalized Linear Models & Categorical Data Analysis; Multivariate Analysis; Intro to Database Systems; Reasoning About Algorithms; Applied Time Series and Forecasting; Parallel Programming; Introduction to Program Design

WORK EXPERIENCE

Paycom Software Inc.

Software Development Intern
May 2019 - Present

- Working on a tool that uses computer vision to detect differences in user interface designs

Rice University Houston, Texas

Teaching Assistant - Algorithmic Thinking

January 2019 - May 2019, January 2018 - May 2019

- Assisted in teaching an introductory algorithms course
- Held sessions for students to review proof techniques and algorithmic concepts
- Graded student homework assignments

Drugshoppe LLC Houston, Texas

Data Science Consultant

March 2018 - Present

- Implemented a novel predictive algorithm for determining drug delivery efficacy
- Created a suite of software tools for measuring molecular similarity
- Wrote tools for automated chemical data collection

Rice University Houston, Texas

Research Assistant

May 2017 - May 2018

- Worked in a small team on a large Python based software project that led to two publications
- Created ALPHA, a free open source software tool for automated phylogenomic analysis and data visualization
- Developed and published an algorithm for computing a new statistic to be used in the study of species hybridization

PUBLICATIONS

DGEN: A Test Statistic for Detection of General Introgression Scenarios - WABI 2018,

<https://doi.org/10.1101/348649> Presented: 21 August 2018

ALPHA: A Toolkit for Automated Local Phylogenomic Analyses - Bioinformatics, bty173,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/bioinformatics/bty173> Published: 19 March 2018

SKILLS

- **Programming Languages:** Advanced - Python, R, SQL Intermediate - Java, C, Matlab Proficient - PHP, HTML, C#
- Machine Learning, Statistical Modeling, Keras, Tensorflow, Computer Vision, Image Processing, PostgreSQL, SQL Server, Amazon Web Services, Apache Spark, Hadoop, Git, Subversion

HONORS

- **Rice University** Trustee Distinguished Scholarship
- **TAMUHack** Best First Time Hackathon Team

PROJECTS

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