

# Travis T. Byrum

DATA SCIENTIST

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## Education

### Duke University

Durham, NC

B.S. STATISTICS AND B.A. POLITICAL SCIENCE

2009 - 2013

- Coursework Includes: Multivariable Calculus, Linear Algebra, Probability, Mathematical Statistics, Data Analysis/Statistical Inference, Regression Analysis, Bayesian/Modern Statistics, Decision Theory, Statistical Consulting, Survey Statistics
- Senior Thesis: Wavelet-Based Functional Modeling of Accelerometer Data in Fitness Intervention Study
- Dean's List Fall 2011, Fall 2012, and Fall 2013

## Technical Skills

- **Languages:** R, Python, MySQL, PostgreSQL,  $\LaTeX$ , Markdown
- **Tools:** IPython, matplotlib, numpy, scikit-learn, BeautifulSoup, caret, Shiny, ggplot2, git, Github, Sweave, knitr, Unix Utilities, AWS, Microsoft Office, Qualtrics
- **Statistics and Machine Learning:** Classification, Regression, Mixed-Effects Models, Clustering, Ensembles, Dimensionality Reduction, Hypothesis Testing, Decision Analysis, Bayesian Statistics, Nonparametric Methods, Data Visualization

## Experience

### Data Scientist

Washington, D.C.

MORNING CONSULT

October 2015 - Present

- Work directly with company co-founders on all phases of polling projects including survey creation, monitoring, and data analysis (*Research has been cited by: **The Washington Post, New York Times, 538, Fortune Magazine, The Hill, ABC, Huffington Post, Vox, Bloomberg, among others***)
- Helped to improve statistical standards and develop best practices for the company's polling methodology
- Constructed and validated state and congressional-level election forecasts based off national surveys using multilevel regression and post-stratification (MRP)
- Developed R package to automate in-house modeling and data visualization

### Analytics Intern

Milwaukee, WI.

MILWAUKEE BUCKS

October 2014 - June 2015

- Used the web application framework Shiny in the R programming environment to create a portal for distributing important information to coaches and front office employees
- Constructed statistical models for tasks such as forecasting career outcomes for drafted players and predicting the efficiency of lineup combinations
- Designed a framework for performance metrics to aid in player evaluation using several statistical methods
- Worked directly under the Bucks' Director of Analytics along with front office employees and coaches to assist in evaluating the team's on-court performance

### North Carolina Common Sense

Durham, NC.

ANALYST

June 2013 - April 2014

- Synthesized North Carolina government finances for public viewing as part of a Duke student-led public policy initiative
- Quantified information on state budgetary reports using the R programming environment and assisted the team's coders in creating data visualizations

### Duke Statistics Department

Durham, NC.

TEACHING ASSISTANT

August 2013 - December 2013

- Helped conduct the Probability/Statistics in Engineering course at Duke University
- Instructed one of the course's associated lab sections
- Assisted students during office hours