Timothy R. McDade

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Education	PhD program: Duke University Political Science: Political Economy, Quantitative Methods	2018 –	
	BS, Honors: The College of William & Mary Mathematics and Chinese Language & Literature	2008 – 2012 2010	
	Tsinghua University Coursework in Chinese Language and Culture		
Work Experience	DevLab@Duke: Durham, NC, USA	2018 –	
	 Research Associate, Machine Learning for Peace Scraped international media sources to construct an event data set as input to a natural language processing algorithm that predicts democratic backsliding, civil space closures and authoritarian influence across the world. Constructed data set of economic indicators for inclusion in event prediction model. 		
	- Managed undergraduate research assistants.		
	Microsoft: Beijing, China and Redmond, WA, USA Data Scientist, Microsoft Azure Business Analytics - Led market analytics for China Azure.	2012 - 2018 $2014 - 2018$	
	 Relocated to Beijing in August 2016 to provide deeper in-country context, make specific recommendations based on the geopolitical climate, and improve the relationship between the Chinese and USA Azure teams. 		
	 Built analytical tools to inform executive decisions in these key areas: Strategy to improve market standing as a foreign company in China: advocated the improvement of web direct business (B2C) to capitalize on the scalable nature of cloud computing. 		
	 Price changes based on data from competitive analyses and pr lations. 	-	
	 Mitigation of data center capacity constraints based upon analysis of customer usage trends. More effective marketing compaigns via lifetime value analysis and cost per trial		
	 More effective marketing campaigns via lifetime value analysis and cost-per-trial conversion analysis. Introduction of machine learning models to reduce customer churn and identify top 		
	 tier customers. Delivered data-driven and market-based insights that influenced business decisions leading to 731% growth in Microsoft Azure China's monthly revenue over 27 months. Led a team of four on-site and offshore contractors. 		
	Program Manager, MACH IT Rotation Program Delivered four contracts resulting in \$337,500 revenue.	2012 – 2014	
	The College of William & Mary: Williamsburg, VA, USA Researcher, Computational Science in the Mathematical Sciences	2010 – 2012 2011 – 2012	

Researcher, W&M Global Business Immersion

2010 - 2011

Publications

Timothy R. McDade. What can insurance tell us about the capitol mob? *Foreign Policy*, January 2021 (Link here.)

Working Papers

Timothy R. McDade. Multilateral constraints on chinese behavior in south china sea territorial disputes. *Duke Global Working Paper Series*, (19), March 2020 (Link here or here.)

Timothy R. McDade. Economic determinants of protest, 2021

Timothy R. McDade. Ownership concentration of government bond markets, 2021

Timothy R. McDade, Layna Mosley, and B Peter Rosendorff. Political shocks and sovereign borrowing, 2021

Timothy R. McDade, Mateo Villamizar Chaparro, Molly Jacobs, and Michelle Corea. The effect of covid-19 and economic stimulus on food security, 2021

Honors, Distinctions, and Awards

Duke University

- Grant Funding, Bradley Foundation (\$7,000): 2021.
- Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Political Science (\$3,000): 2021.
- Departmental Fellowship, Department of Political Science: 2018, 2019, 2020.
- Summer Research Fellowship, Duke Graduate School: 2019, 2020.
- Summer Institute in Computational Social Science, Russell Sage Foundation and Alfred P. Sloan Foundation: 2019.

The College of William & Mary

- Monroe Scholar: ranked in the top 5% of Class of 2012 admitted students. Awarded summer research fellowship (\$3,000).
- Dean's List: Fall 2011 & Spring 2012.

Languages

Mandarin Chinese (advanced), Spanish (advanced)

Skills

Technical skills:

- Python, R, SQL, Unix/Bash, Git, Stata, Matlab, LaTeX
- Quantitative analysis, time series analysis, advanced regression and statistics, forecasting, machine learning, factor analysis, natural language processing, data management

Business skills:

- Synthesis of academic, technical, business, and strategic material to recommend action to varied groups of stakeholders.
- Synthesize, organize, and evaluate huge amounts of data and evidence both quantitative and qualitative.
- Detail-oriented, but able to connect to the bigger picture.
- Project and people management.
- Use evidence to advocate a position or strategy.
- Construct evidence-based theories of change.

Invited Presentations	February 2020: UT Austin, Restraint and National Security Conference	
Departmental Service	Duke University Research Assistant, Professor Scott de Marchi Research Assistant, Professor Erik Wibbels Teaching Assistant, Professor Michael Munger Teaching Assistant, Professor Alexander Rosenberg	2018 - 2019 2019 - 2021 2020 - 2021 2021
Teaching	Political Science 145: Introduction to Political Economy (Fall 2020)	
Professional Affiliations	American Political Science Association International Studies Association	