Data Science for the Public Good Young Scholars Program Curriculum

DSPG trainings focus on learning data science methods and tools. The students engage in 47 classroom training modules covering the topics listed in Table 1. By the end of the program, the students have learned about and used the skills learned in their projects. All students have learned or increased their proficiency in using data science software and tools.

Table 1. DSPG Training Classes, 2020

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Getting Ready	Data Management
1 SDAD Data Science Process	24 Storage, Security, Destruction
2 Data Security Requirements	25 Metadata
3 Introduction to the SDAD Computing Platforms	Data Profiling
	26 Structure
Code Management with Git	27 Quality
4 Naming Things	28 Metadata & Provenance
5 Project Setup, Git Setup, Git on your own	Data Preparation
6 Git with branches for collaboration	29 Restructuring
R Basics Boot Camp	30 Cleaning
7 R Notebooks	31 Transformation
8 Strings, Factors, Numerics, Date, Times	32 Joining
9 Data Objects	33 Deduplication
10 Iteration (Loops and Vectorization), Functions	Data Exploration & Analysis
11 Regex	34 Exploration & Visualization
Data Discovery	35 Mapping
12 FIELD TRIP: Library of Congress LABS	36 Text Mining
13 Literature Review	Media Interaction
14 Data Inventory & Screening	37 Media Writing
Research Ethics & Behavioral Experiments	38 Media Speaking
15 Research Ethics	Data Modeling
16 Brown Bag: Data Privacy & Stakeholder	39 Modeling: Social Network Analysis
Expectations	40 Modeling: Regression / GLM
17 Behavioral Experiments	41 Modeling: Classification & Clustering
Data Ingestion	42 Modeling: Decision Trees
18 From Files & APIs	Data Presentation
19 From Databases & Spatial	43 APIs
Scraping Data	44 Graphics Cookbook
20 Web-Scraping: HTML	45 Latex
21 Web-Scraping: Javascript	46 Shiny Documents & Dashboards, part 1
Transforming (& Creating) Data	47 Shiny Documents & Dashboards, part 2
22 Restructuring on Ingest	
23 Creating Data from Satellite Imagery	

As we switched to a virtual program last summer, we are benefiting from online recorded trainings from DSPG 2020.

The recorded training material from last year's virtual program is posted on: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL5pmbS-xLPOFeiLGKYwunU5EBpFzLd-bJ

Our current training modules for DSPG 2021 program and associated materials are listed on: https://github.com/DSPG-Young-Scholars-Program/DSPGTraining2021