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My driving goal is to use, support, and advocate open & reproducible software practices across disciplines.

- I am the Director of Open Software at the University of I invest a significant amount of time in creating and de-Washington's eScience institute, an interdisciplinary program designed to support data-driven discovery across disciplines. At the institute I work with students, researchers, and faculty in a variety of settings.
- I maintain a technical blog, Pythonic Perambulations, to share tutorials and opinions related to statistics, open software, and scientific computing in Python.
- veloping Python tools for use in data-intensive science, including packages like Scikit-Learn, SciPy, AstroPy, Altair, and many others.
- Outside the university, I participate in the broader data science community, developing and presenting talks and tutorials on scientific computing topics at various conferences in the data science world.

EDUCATION

PhD Department of Astronomy, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

²⁰⁰⁶⁻²⁰¹² advised by Andrew Connolly and Bhuvnesh Jain (U. Penn)

Thesis: Karhunen-Loeve Analysis for Weak Gravitational Lensing

MS Department of Astronomy, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

 $^{2006\text{-}2007}$ advised by Craig Hogan and Andrew Becker

BS Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI

 $^{1999\text{-}2003}$ Major: Physics; Minors: Mathematics & Japanese

4-year letterman & 1-year captain of the swimming & diving team

EXPERIENCE _____

Employment _

Google Visiting Researcher

2018-Present Google Seattle Office.

UW eScience Director of Open Software

2017-Present University of Washington eScience Institute.

UW eScience Senior Data Science Fellow

2014–Present University of Washington eScience Institute.

UW eScience Director of Research, Physical Sciences

2014–2017 University of Washington eScience Institute.

UW Computer Science NSF post-doctoral fellowship, CI-TraCS program.

^{2013–2014} Department of Computer Science, University of Washington. Supervised by Magda Balazinska

UW Astronomy Postdoctoral Researcher, LSST Image Simulation group.

^{2012–2013} Department of Astronomy, University of Washington. Supervised by Andrew Connolly

UW Planetarium WorldWide Telescope Planetarium Project Coordinator

^{2010–2012} University of Washington Planetarium, Seattle WA & Microsoft Research, Redmond WA

UW Planetarium K-12 and Community Outreach Coordinator

^{2008–2010} University of Washington Planetarium, Seattle WA

Mount Hermon Experiential Science Educator (4th-8th grade students)

^{2004–2006} Mount Hermon Outdoor Science School, Santa Cruz CA

Summit Adventure Wilderness Instructor: Backpacking, Rock Climbing, and Mountaineering

^{2004–2005} Summit Adventure, Bass Lake CA

Japan ESL Teacher and Tutor of English as a second language

^{2003–2004} Sendai, Japan

Volunteering

Neighborhood Advocacy As co-chair of the North Delridge Neighborhood Council, I facilitated community gatherings, ^{2013–2015} service work, and other advocacy in our mixed-income neighborhood in southwest Seattle.

Safe Streets Advocacy As a founder of West Seattle Greenways and transportation chair of the Delridge Neighborhood Council, I led the effort to secure grants and city funding totaling over \$2 million for pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements in the neighborhood.

Pacific Science Center As a Science Communication Fellow, I facilitated activities for museum visitors and gave occa-^{2009–2013} sional community talks on astronomy and astrophysics.

Sierra Club As a program leader for the Sierra Club's Inner City Outings program, I led 3-4 hiking & $2007\text{--}2012\,$ camping trips each year with Seattle youth.

UW Planetarium Through my graduate career, I participated in the University of Washington Planetarium's K-12 2006-2012 outreach program, facilitating planetarium shows several times each quarter for visitors aged 4 to adult.

Formal Teaching

CSE 583 Software Development for Data Scientists

Fall 2017 University of Washington

CSE 599/ChemE 599 Software Engineering for Data Scientists

Winter & Fall 2016 University of Washington

Astr 599 / Applied Python for Scientific Computing

Math 500 University of Washington

Fall 2014

Astr 599 Scientific computing for Astronomy

Fall 2013 University of Washington

Service

Software

Journal of Open Source Editor, Astronomy and Machine Learning

2016-present

Software

Journal of Statistical Associate Editor, primarily focusing on submissions involving Python-language software.

2014-present

AstroHackWeek Creator of the annual AstroHackWeek conference series; sole organizer in 2014; co-organizer in 2015-2017. Since 2014, this model has been adapted by colleagues in other fields (including NeuroHackWeek and GeoHackWeek)

SciPy Conference Co-chair of the Astronomy & Astrophysics symposium at SciPy 2017

Python in Astronomy SOC member & LOC chair for this 60-person, week-long workshop focused on development of ²⁰¹⁶ Python tools for astronomers.

PyData Seattle Member of the local organizing committee.

Computing the Universe SOC member for this week-long workshop at the University of California, Berkeley.

SciPy Conference Tutorial co-chair for 2014 SciPy conference.

PyCon Member of the tutorial review committee for PyCon 2013-2017.

PyData Member of the organizing committee for several PyData conferences.

2012-2016

Mentoring

Callin Switzer Postdoctoral Fellow, UW eScience Institute & Biology Department

2017-Present

Kathryn Neugent Graduate Student, UW eScience Institute & Astronomy Department

David Fleming Graduate Student, UW eScience Institute & Astronomy Department

2015-Present

Grace Telford Graduate Student, UW eScience Institute & Astronomy Department

2015-2017

Jes Ford Postdoctoral Fellow, UW eScience Institute & Astronomy Department

Xiaofeng Meng Postdoctoral Fellow, UW eScience Institute & Earth and Space Sciences

2015-2017

SungWon Kwak Undergraduate, University of Washington Astronomy

 ${\small 2012-2013}\>\>\> Superimposed\>\> High\>\> Redshift\>\> Spectra$

Andy Barr & Undergraduates, University of Washington Pre-MAP program

Devon McMinn Astronomical Data Processing with LLE

2008-2009

AWARDS & **HONORS**

Association

International Winner of the 2016 Outstanding Publication in Astrostatistics award for Statistics, Data Mining, **Astrostatistics** and Machine Learning in Astronomy (With Z. Ivezic, A. Connolly, and A. Gray)

July 2016

July 2013

Data Analysis Contest Winner of "Most Insightful" analysis in the 2015 Pronto Cycle Share Data Challenge

November 2015

Data Science Named Senior Data Science Fellow at the UW eScience Institute 2014-Present

Data Visualization Runner-up in the 2013 John Hunter Excellence in Plotting Competition

CIDU Best Paper Recipient of the Best Paper Award, 2012 Conference on Intelligent Data Understanding (CIDU).

October 2012 NSF Fellowship Recipient of a 3-year NSF prize fellowship through the office of CyberInfrastructure CI-TraCS

²⁰¹² program. NSF Award #1226371.

Calvin College 4-year recipient of the Calvin College Presidential Scholarship; 4 years on MIAA Atheletic Honor 1999-2003 Roll; recipient of the Roger D. Griffioen Physics Scholarship.

COMPUTING

I am an active developer, maintainer, and contributor to several well-known scientific computing packages in the Python community. See my github profile (http://github.com/jakevdp) for details.

Skills

- Experienced open source developer, with a specialization in scientific computing, including visualization, data mining and machine learning.
- Expert in the Python Language and extensions such as Cython; very good knowledge of C, C++, and interfacing to legacy Fortran code.
- Experience with a variety of tools and languages, including bash, csh, LATEX, HTML, Javascript, D3js, Git, various database query languages, web templating engines such as Jinja, etc.
- Author of *Pythonic Perambulations*, a popular Python blog covering scientific computing, visualization, statistics, academia, and related topics: http://jakevdp.github.io

Software

Scikit-Learn I a member of the core team of scikit-learn, a popular package for performing machine learning ^{2010–Present} in Python. I have contributed in many areas, but most notably routines for efficient 2-point (e.g. nearest neighbors) queries, and algorithms based on these such as k-neighbor classification, kernel density estimation, and manifold learning. I have also presented tutorials on the subject on many occasions, including at the PyCon, SciPy, and PyData conferences.

SciPy I am a maintainer of SciPy, the definitive repository for many scientific computing tools available ^{2011–Present} in Python. My contributions are primarily in the sparse matrix package, including code for efficient solutions of large sparse eigenvalue problems, and for efficient traversal and analysis of large sparse graphs.

Altair I am co-creator of the Altair project, a declarative statistical visualization library for Python 2016-Present built on the Vega-Lite visualization grammar.

AstroPy I have contributed several components of the suite of statistics tools for the AstroPy project, a Python package aimed at astronomers. In particular, I wrote the modules for Bayesian Blocks and the Lomb-Scargle Periodogram.

Others I have created and contributed to many other Python projects, including Matplotlib, IPython, NumPy, Pandas, AstroML, SciDB-Py, Pelican, mpld3, and others. I have also open-sourced much of my research code and teaching materials. More information is available in my GitHub profile.

SELECTED **TALKS**

 $**=invited\ talk$

Many of the slide-decks referenced below are archived at http://speakerdeck.com/jakevdp/.

Keynote _ **Addresses**

**July 2017 PyData 101: Everything you need to know to get started with data science in Python PyData Seattle 2017

**May 2017 The Unexpected Effectiveness of Python in Science PyCon 2017, Portland OR

**July 2015 The State of the Stack SciPy 2015, Austin TX

Computing .

**September 2017 Introduction to Machine Learning with Scikit-Learn

Neuro Hack Week 2017

July 2017 Scientific Analysis at Scale: a Comparison of Five Systems SciPy 2017, Austin TX

**May 2017 Python's Visualization Landscape (Submitted Talk) PyCon 2017, Portland OR

**April 2017 The Python Visualization Landscape

Puget Sound Python Meetup, Seattle WA

March 2017 Software Engineering for Data Science

Week-long short-course through PNNL, taught with David Beck and Joe Hellerstein

**November 2016 Declarative Visualization in Python

Puget Sound Python Meetup, Seattle WA

**October 2016 Python and Machine Learning in Astronomy TalkPython podcast #81

**July 2016 The Python Data Science Stack JSM 2016, Chicago IL

May 2016 Statistics for Hackers PyCon 2016, Portland OR

**April 2016	Driving Reproducibility at UW NYU Reproducibility Symposium, Brooklyn NY
**March 2016	Introduction to Scikit-Learn PyData @ Strata, San Jose CA
**March 2016	Data Analysis with Pandas Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Institute
**December 2015	Statistics for Hackers CSSS Seminar, University of Washington
**December 2015	An Overview of the Python Scientific Stack Python in Geosciences Seminar, University of Washington
**September 2015	Statistics for Hackers Multithreaded Data Meetup, San Francisco, CA
July 2015	Machine Learning with Scikit-Learn (2 hour tutorial) Data Science at University of Washington (30 minute talk) PyData Seattle 2015, Redmond WA
**June 2015	Astronomy, Python, and Data Science at UW Seattle DAML (Data/Analytics/Machine Learning) meetup
April 2015	$Losing\ Your\ Loops:\ Fast\ Numerical\ Computing\ with\ NumPy\ (30\ minute\ talk)\\ Introductory\ Machine\ Learning\ with\ Scikit-Learn\ (3\ hour\ tutorial)\\ PyCon\ 2015,\ Montreal,\ QC$
**December 2014	Data Science with Python. (Invited Instructor for 3-day course) Institute of Health & Society, University of Oslo, Norway
**October 2014	Machine Learning with Python Practice of Machine Learning Conference, Redmond WA
**October 2014	Introduction to NumPy and Matplotlib PyData Strata 2014, New York NY
July 2014	Frequentism and Bayesianism: What's the Big Deal? SciPy 2014, Austin, TX
**July 2014	Parallel Computing in Python Invited guest lecture, CodeFellows course
**April 2014	Python in the Browser Age: Data Exploration in the IPython Notebook OpenVisConf 2014, Boston MA
April 2014	Exploring Machine Learning with Scikit-learn (3-hour tutorial) Diving deeper into Machine Learning with Scikit-learn (3-hour tutorial) with Olivier Grisel PyCon 2014, Montreal, QC
November 2013	Financial Time-series Data in SciDB with Bryan Lewis PyData NYC 2013
November 2013	Efficient Computing with NumPy (1.5-hour tutorial) PyData NYC 2013
November 2013	$\begin{array}{l} \textit{Machine Learning with Scikit-Learn} \ (1.5\text{-hour tutorial}) \\ \textit{PyData NYC 2013} \end{array}$
August 2013	Big Analytics for Python Users Without the Hassles with Bryan Lewis, & Travis Oliphant Webinar presented by Paradigm4
**July 2013	Interactive Computing with IPython and ASCOT Clawpack Workshop, University of Washington
July 2013	An Introduction to Scikit-Learn (2-part, 8-hour tutorial) with Gael Varoquaux, & Olivier Grisel Scipy 2013, Ausin TX

July 2013	Introduction to Python (3-hour tutorial) Software Carpentry Course, Seattle WA
April 2013	Interactive Applications with Matplotlib (2-hour tutorial) PyData Silicon Valley, Santa Clara CA
April 2013	An Introduction to Scikit-Learn (3-hour tutorial) PyCon 2013, Santa Clara CA
**October 2012	Scientific Machine Learning with Scikit-learn (1-hour tutorial) Interactive Visualization with Matplotlib (1-hour tutorial) PyData NYC, New York NY
July 2012	Machine Learning in Python (4-hour tutorial) Scipy 2012, Austin TX
**March 2012	Scikit-Learn Tutorial (1-hour tutorial) PyData Workshop, Google Campus, Mountain View CA
Astronomy	
**August 2017	Statistics, Data Mining, and Machine Learning (don't really work) in Astronomy Plenary session at the 18th International Workshop on Advanced Computing and Analysi Techniques in Physics Research (ACAT 2017)
**August 2016	Fundamentals of Frequentist & Bayesian Statistics 2016 AstroHackWeek, UC Berkeley
**August 2016	Git and Github for Driving your Research Software Engineering for Astronomers Introduction to Bayesian Inference LSSTC Data Science Fellowship Program Summer School, Northwestern University
**June 2016	Exploring Galaxy Evolution through Manifold Learning Modern Massive Datasets, UC Berkeley
**April 2016	Astrostatisics: Opening the Black Box Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center Data Science Seminar
**January 2016	Bayesian Methods in Astronomy half-day workshop, 227th AAS meeting
*December 2015	Astrostatistics: Opening the Black Box Webinar, Inter-institutional Laboratory for e-Astronomy
*November 2015	Astrostatistics: Opening the Black Box Colloquium, Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics, Victoria, BC
*November 2015	$Astrostatistics:\ Opening\ the\ Black\ Box$ Colloquium, Mitchell Institute for Fundamental Physics and Astronomy, College Station, TX
**June 2015	Periodograms for Multiband Timeseries (Invited Talk) Machine Learning Workshop (Invited instructor) Local Group Astrostatistics conference, Ann Arbor, MI
**January 2015	Code Licensing for Astronomy. (Invited Short Talk) 225th meeting of the American Astronomical Society, Seattle, WA
**October 2014	ESAC Data Analysis and Statistics Workshop. (Invited Instructor) European Space Astronomy Center, Madrid, Spain
January 2014	AstroML: Python-powered Machine Learning for Astronomy Jake VanderPlas, Andrew Connolly, & Zeljko Ivezic AAS $\#$ 223, 2014, Seattle, WA
*November 2013	Information Theory and Survey Design LBL Cosmology Seminar, Berkeley CA
October 2013	LSST and the Time-domain Universe Calvin College Physics Seminar, Grand Rapids, MI
**October 2013	Unlocking the Universe with Python and LSST RuPy conference, Budapest, Hungary

**August 2013	Reproducible Astronomy in the LSST Era Data Science Seminar, Los Alamos National Labs
July 2013	Opening Up Astronomy with Python and AstroML Jake VanderPlas, Andrew Connolly, & Zeljko Ivezic Scipy 2013, Austin TX
**May 2013	Information Theory and Survey Design UC Davis Cosmology Seminar, Davis CA
**April 2013	Observational Tracers of Modified Gravity: Dwarf Disk Galaxies Novel Probes of Gravity Workshop, University of Pennsylvania
October 2012	AstroML: Machine Learning for Astronomy Conference on Intelligent Data Understanding, Boulder CO
July 2012	AstroML: Machine Learning for Astronomy SciPy Conference, Austin TX
December 2011	Processing Shear Maps with Karhunen-Loeve Analysis (poster) Jake VanderPlas, Bhuvnesh Jain, & Andrew Connolly Neuro-Imaging Processing Symposium (NIPS), Granada Spain
**October 2011	Alternatives to 2-Point Statistics in Weak Lensing DES Collaboration meeting, Philadelphia PA
**June 2011	Digital Planetariums for the Masses AstroVis, University of Washington
May 2011	KL Interpolation of Weak Lensing Shear INPA Cosmology Seminar, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, CA
May 2011	KL Interpolation of Weak Lensing Shear UC Davis Cosmology Seminar, Davis CA
May 2011	KL Interpolation of Weak Lensing Shear KIPAC Cosmology Seminar, SLAC National Laboratory, CA
January 2011	Finding the Odd One Out in Spectroscopic Surveys (poster) A. Connolly, S. Daniel, L. Xiong, J. VanderPlas, & J. Schneider 217th AAS meeting, Seattle WA
January 2011	3D Reconstruction of the Density Field (poster) Jake VanderPlas & Andrew Connolly 217th AAS meeting, Seattle WA
July 2010	A New Approach to Tomographic Mapping Ten Years of Cosmic Shear, Edinburgh, UK
**November 2007	SALT-2 Light-curve Fitting for SDSS Supernovae SDSS Collaboration Meeting, Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory
Academia &	
Policy **December 2016	Promoting Open Science in the University
Beechiser 2010	Invited Panel, Open Science and Big Data session at IEEE 2016, Washington DC
**October 2014	Stemming the Data Science Brain Drain Invited talk, TTI/Vanguard Reprogramming Programming, Washington DC
August 2014	Hacking Academia from Inside and Out Breakout session, O'Reilly SciFOO, Mountain View CA
General Interest	
**June 2013	The Science of Time Travel at the event Short Films, Big Ideas: The Science of Science Fiction

Calvin College Physics Colloquium, Grand Rapids MI

- **November 2011 Kinect/WorldWide Telescope Demonstration Supercomputing 2011, Seattle WA
- **November 2011 WorldWide Telescope Demonstration
 Partners in Learning Global Forum, Washington DC
- **November 2011 Gravity: A Lens to the Universe
 KCTS9 Queen Anne Science Cafe, Seattle WA
- **October 2011 WorldWide Telescope Demonstration
 Popular Mechanics Breakthrough Awards, New York NY
- **March 2011 Understanding the Dark Side of the Universe
 Pacific Science Center's "Science with a Twist", Seattle WA
- **February 2011 Interconnection in Art and Cosmology at the Traces of the Universe Art show, University of Washington, Seattle WA
 - May 2009 Dark Matter, Gravitational Lensing, and Cosmology
 Battle Point Astronomical Society, Bainbridge Island, WA

PUBLICATIONS

Books _

- [1] J. VanderPlas. The Python Data Science Handbook. O'Reilly Media, 2016
- [2] J. VanderPlas. A Whirlwind Tour of Python. O'Reilly Media, 2016
- [3] Z. Ivezic, A. Connolly, J. VanderPlas & A. Gray.

 Statistics, Data Mining and Machine Learning in Astronomy. Princeton University Press, 2014

 (Winner of the IAA's Outstanding Publication in Astrostatistics award)

Articles _

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- [5] Parmita Mehta et al. Comparative Evaluation of Big-Data Systems on Scientific Image Analytics Workloads arXiv:1612.02485, 2016
- [6] J. Ford & J. VanderPlas Cluster-lensing: A Python Package for Galaxy Clusters & Miscentering Astronomical Journal, 152:228, 2016
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- [8] Ariel Rokem et al. Building an Urban Data Science Summer Program at the University of Washington eScience Institute. Proceedings of the Data For Good Exchange 2015
- [9] J. VanderPlas & Z. Ivezic. Periodograms for Multiband Astronomical Time Series. ApJ 812:1, 2015
- [10] J. VanderPlas. Frequentism and Bayesianism: A Python-driven Primer. Proceedings of the 13th Python in Science (SciPy) Conference, 2014
- [11] J. VanderPlas. Visualizing Four-Dimensional Asteroids. Scientific American Magazine, Oct. 2014
- [12] A.J. Connolly et al. An end-to-end simulation framework for the Large Synoptic Survey Telescope. SPIE 9150:14, 2014
- [13] J. VanderPlas et al. Squeezing a Big Orange into Little Boxes: The AscotDB System for Parallel Processing of Data on a Sphere IEEE Data Engineering Bulletin 36(4): 11-20 (2013)
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- [15] L. Buitinck et al. API design for machine learning software: experiences from the scikit-learn project European Conference on Machine Learning and Principles and Practices of Knowledge Discovery in Databases (2013)
- [16] L. Palaversa et al. Exploring the Variable Sky with LINEAR. III. Classification of Periodic Light Curves AJ 146:101, 2013
- [17] V. Vikram, A. Cabré, B. Jain, & J. VanderPlas. Astrophysical tests of modified gravity: the morphology and kinematics of dwarf galaxies JCAP 08:20, 2013

- [18] J. VanderPlas, A. Connolly, Z. Ivezic, & A. Gray. Introduction to AstroML: Machine Learning for Astrophysics. Proc. of the CIDU, 2012 (Recipient of the CIDU 2012 Best Paper award)
- [19] J. VanderPlas, A. Connolly, B. Jain, & M. Jarvis. Interpolating Masked Weak Lensing Signals with Karhunen-Loeve Analysis. ApJ 744:180, 2012
- [20] S. Daniel, A. Connolly, A.J. J. Schneider, J. VanderPlas, & L. Xiong Classification of Stellar Spectra with LLE. AJ 142:203, 2011
- [21] F. Pedregosa et al. Scikit-learn: Machine learning in Python. Journal of Machine Learning Research, 12:2825, 2011
- [22] B. Jain & J. VanderPlas. Tests of Modified Gravity with Dwarf Galaxies. JCAP 10:32, 2011
- [23] J. VanderPlas, A. Connolly, B. Jain, & M. Jarvis. 3D Reconstruction of the Density Field: An SVD Approach to Weak Lensing Tomography. ApJ 727:118, 2011
- [24] L. Xiong, B. Poczos, J. Schneider, A. Connolly, & J. VanderPlas. Hierarchical Probabilistic Models for Group Anomaly Detection. Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS), 2011
- [25] H. Lampeitl et al. First-year Sloan Digital Sky Survey-II supernova results: consistency and constraints with other intermediate-redshift data sets. MNRAS 401:2331, 2010
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- [27] R. Kessler et al. First-Year Sloan Digital Sky Survey-II Supernova Results: Hubble Diagram and Cosmological Parameters. ApJS 185:32, 2009
- [28] J. VanderPlas & A. Connolly. Reducing the Dimensionality of Data: Locally Linear Embedding of Sloan Galaxy Spectra. AJ 138:1365, 2009
- [29] J. Sollerman et al. First-Year Sloan Digital Sky Survey-II (SDSS-II) Supernova Results: Constraints on Nonstandard Cosmological Models. ApJ 703:1374, 2009
- [30] R. Kessler et al. SNANA: A Public Software Package for Supernova Analysis. PASP 121:1028, 2009