
EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley

Master of Information and Data Science

Expected: April 2021

University of Virginia

Master of Political Science

2015-2017

METHODS

Statistics: Linear, Unordered Categorical, Ordered Categorical, Binary, Count, Survival, Time Series, Time Series Cross-Section, Multiple Imputation, Numerical Optimization

Machine Learning: Nearest Neighbors, Decision Trees, Support Vector Machines, Dimensionality Reduction, Clusters

Deep Learning: MLP, Regularization, Normalization & Initialization, Optimization, Distributed

Natural Language Processing: CNN, Capsules, T5, Entity Embeddings, BERT, Generation, Summarization, Semantic Search

Qualitative: Research Design and Causal Inference, Comparative Methods, Essential Empirical Methods

Technologies: Python, R, AWS, Spark, Petastorm, Horovod, DataBricks, SQL, PyTorch, AWS-SageMaker

KEY PROJECTS

Latent Control: Modeled a latent variable, territorial control, across the entire country of Afghanistan using sub-national event data, a Hidden Markov Model, Uber's hexagonal spatial index, and logistic spatial and temporal decay functions to treat serially correlated data in time *and* space.

PetaFlights: Placed model into production with TorchServe in an academic setting using a 31 million row deep learning time series tabular data set, processing 450k rows/minute on CPU across 8 workers using state-of-the-art Petastorm, Horovod, PyTorch, Spark, and DataBricks.

Taliban Mobility: Conducted causal inference research on the determinants of a military group's mobility across geographic units and time using a time series cross-sectional linear model, treatment and control case studies, and custom maps. This research influenced the President's Daily Brief, was cited in defense of the U.S. National Intelligence Estimate's key judgments, and was selected for presentation at a data science conference.

Cities Under Attack: Proposed causal explanations for why cities in Afghanistan are attacked using a time series logit model, treatment and control case studies, and dashboards to animate time series data. This research was selected for presentation at a data science conference.

Enemy at the Gates: Delivered novel cross-sectional research through interactive graphics and visual executive summaries that estimated the most important factors associated with the deaths of tens of thousands of allied foreign military forces in Afghanistan.

Natural Language Propaganda: Created novel NLP data set from scratch on 11,000 Taliban propaganda messages from 2014-2020 for use in classification, text generation, and summarization tasks on an array of transformers and baseline models including: BERT, T5, and GPT-2 in PyTorch.

WORK EXPERIENCE

National Ground Intelligence Center

Data Scientist

Charlottesville, VA

2010 - Present

Technical: Provided technical consultation to my colleagues on methodological matters such as overcoming non-random assignment to treatment, data summation, data visualization, data gathering strategies, hypothesis testing, research design, research questions, and modeling.

Leadership: Led individuals and groups of analysts at all stages of analysis from research design to data collection, data coding, and drafting in order to produce a series of insightful and superior collaborative assessments.

INVITED DATA SCIENCE CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

5th Annual Data Science Technical Exchange

Central Intelligence Agency

Dulles, VA

September 2019

ConMap Meet: Conflict Mapping

National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency

Springfield, VA

May 2019

4th Annual Data Science Technical Exchange

Central Intelligence Agency

Bethesda, MD

September 2018