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## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Insurance Analytics Intern - AAA Insurance Exchange** 

Aug 2012 – Dec 2012

Product and Data Analytics Group (using SAS, SQL, Excel)

- Queried and processed transactional policy data with SAS/SQL and visualized with Excel

- Optimized home inspection procedure to save AAA 250K annually

- Quantified current CA auto retention for ongoing system transition

**Grad Student Research** – UC Santa Cruz Sept 2006 – Dec 2012 **Astronomy Teaching Assistant** – UC Santa Cruz Sept 2006 – June 2008

**High School Student Tutor** Summer 2005 – Summer 2006

Computer Science Teaching Assistant (CS 1) – Caltech Fall 2007, Fall 2008

## **EDUCATION**

# University of California, Santa Cruz

Ph.D. / M.S., Astronomy and Astrophysics

Dec 2012

Coursework: Accounting, Probability, Mathematical Statistics, Fluid Dynamics, Dynamical Astronomy, Numerical Technique, Physics of Astrophysics, Stars, Galaxies, Planetary Science

- Developed Physics-based models to model giant planet structure and evolution using IDL, Fortran, Python, Ruby, Matlab, and R
- Utilized statistical techniques, such as linear correlation and Monte-Carlo to measure trends and test models
- Object oriented, open-source software development

# **California Institute of Technology**

B.S., Mathematics

June 2006

Coursework: Investment Analysis, Options, Auctions, Probability, Stochastic Differential Equations with Applications to Finance, Political Science (game theory), Classical and Real Analysis, Discrete Mathematics, Computer Science, Physics

## **COMPUTER SKILLS**

• C++, R, Fortran, IDL, Python, Scheme, Maple, Java, Ruby, SAS, SQL, Excel, Matlab

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- Miller, Fortney and Jackson. "Inflating and Deflating Hot Jupiters: Coupled Tidal and Thermal Evolution of Known Transiting Planets," ApJ 2009.
- Li, Miller, Lin, and Fortney. "WASP-12b as a prolate, inflated and disrupting planet from tidal dissipation," Nature 2010.
- Miller and Fortney. "The Heavy-element Masses of Extrasolar Giant Planets, Revealed," ApJ 2011.

#### **VOLUNTEER & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

- Graduate Student Commons Board Member (4 years) Advise and assist in social and professional activities for UCSC graduate students, Budget and Finance Committee
- Graduate Student Association Representative for Astronomy Department (1 year) debated and voted on graduate student community issues
- Organizing Caltech Bay area alumni activities
- Eagle Scout