

# Reagan Howell

APPLIED MATHEMATICIAN · DATA SCIENTIST · MECHANICAL TINKERER

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## Summary

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I am a passionate applied mathematician with a strong knack for tinkering and mechanical engineering. I have real world experience in developing numerical models and machine learning algorithms to address physics-based challenges and data-driven problems. I am currently searching for a position that allows me to work at the intersection of physics and data.

## Work Experience

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### Sandia National Laboratories

*Jun. 2022 - Aug. 2022*

SUMMER INTERN

*Albuquerque, New Mexico*

- Developed machine learning tools based on NumPy and Pandas to track the flow of information over time to identify the sources and spread of disinformation
- Developed game theory based methods to identify and halt the spread of disinformation in simulation
- Developed an internal Python package framework for modelling the spread of disinformation that was applied to identify anti polio vaccination propaganda in African countries

### Department of Mathematics

*Sep. 2020 - May 2022*

RESEARCH ASSISTANT – PROF. LENNARD BAKKER

*Provo, Utah*

- Developed models for Near Earth Asteroids and studied numerical methods to find and verify the stability of different variations of these 3-body systems
- Built simulations of predicted asteroid trajectories using Kalman Filtering and Auto Regressive Moving Average (ARMA)

### Department of Mathematics

*Aug. 2019 - Jan. 2020*

RESEARCH ASSISTANT – PROF. JARED WHITEHEAD

*Provo, Utah*

- Developed data-driven and physics-based models to optimize the placement of tsunami early warning buoys
- Curated and refined complex observational data from multiple sources of Indian Ocean earthquakes to a uniform computational database
- Programmed physics-based models based on Navier-Stokes equations to predict the size and speed of earthquakes and tsunamis
- Used the predicted locations and sizes of the earthquakes to determine the areas along fault lines with the most stress and highest risk for an earthquake event

## Education

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### Brigham Young University

*Sep. 2018 - Apr. 2022*

B.S. IN APPLIED AND COMPUTATIONAL MATHEMATICS EMPHASIS

*Provo, Utah*

- Concentration: Mechanical Engineering, Dynamical Systems

## Relevant Coursework

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Advanced Linear Algebra · Ordinary Differential Equations · Machine Learning · Multi-Variable Calculus · Linear and Non-Linear Analysis · Bayesian Statistics · Partial Differential Equations · Complex Analysis · Optimal Control · Dynamic Systems · Design of Control Systems

## Skills

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### Programming Tools

Python · PyTorch · Keras · Linux · C++ · MATLAB

### Computational Methods

Numerical Methods · Convex Optimization · Numerical Linear Algebra · Fourier Analysis

### Machine Learning Methods

Deep Learning · Regression · Decision Trees · Clustering · Nearest Neighbors

### Hardware

Raspberry Pi · Arduino