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Previously, Dr. Higgins led the innovation unit at the American Family Insurance (AmFam) Data Science and Analytics Lab in Chicago, where his team developed new products and services based on text, imagery and IoT data in the property and casualty (P&C) domain. Prior to joining AmFam, Dr. Higgins was lead data scientist at Civis Analytics, and used deep learning to uncover latent factors in political discussions on social media. Before that, he was the Director of NLP and Speech Research at Educational Testing Service, where he and his team developed tools for analyzing student responses that are now used in leading testing programs around the world, including the GRE and TOEFL exams.

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