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**FROM THEORY TO PRACTICE:
MY CONSULTING EXPERIENCE**

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In this talk, I'll share what that transition has been like: learning to work on projects not of my own choosing, adapting actuarial models to fit the unique needs of different clients, and discovering how taking an unexpected opportunity has become both a challenging and rewarding new chapter in my career.

Abstract

During the final stretch of my sabbatical, I received an unexpected message on LinkedIn—an invitation to discuss a potential consulting opportunity. At first, I didn't think much of it, but after a conversation with my wife, I decided to take the initial call. That single conversation led, through a series of discussions and negotiations, to my first consulting position.

Refreshments will be provided!