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Education

University of Michigan

PHD COMPUTER SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

- Advisor: Dr. Jason Mars

Ann Arbor MI, USA

Sept 2019 - present

University of Michigan

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

- Current GPA : 4.0

Ann Arbor, MI, USA

Sept 2021 - Present

University of Michigan

MSC. COMPUTER SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

- GPA : 4.0

Ann Arbor, MI, USA

Sept 2019 - Apr 2021

University of Guyana

BSC. COMPUTER SCIENCE

- GPA : 3.2, pass w/Credit
- Undergrad thesis: *A Sentient approach to designing Smart Devices*

Georgetown, Guyana

Sept 2015 - May 2017

University of Guyana

ASC. COMPUTER SCIENCE

- GPA : 3.4, pass w/Distinction

Georgetown, Guyana

Sept 2013 - May 2015

Professional Experience

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| Fall 2022 | Applied Scientist Intern , Amazon |
| Summer 2022 | Research Intern , Microsoft |
| 2021 - Present | Lecturer I , University of Guyana |
| 2019 - Present | Graduate Student Research Assistant , University of Michigan |
| 2019 - Present | Director , V75 Inc. |
| 2018 - Present | Director , Nexus Hub Inc. |
| 2019 - 2020 | Research Consultant (Core AI Team) , Clinc Inc. (via V75 Inc.) |
| 2018 - 2019 | Research Assistant , University of Michigan |
| 2017 - 2021 | Instructor , University of Guyana |
| 2016 - 2018 | Webmaster , University of Guyana |
| 2016 - 2017 | Teaching Assistant , University of Guyana |
| 2015 - 2019 | Software Engineer , Version75 Solutions (now V75 Inc.) |
| 2013 - 2016 | Information Technology Teacher , Jos-el Educational Institute |

Publications & Patents

PUBLISHED

Christopher Clarke, Joseph Peper, Karthik Krishnamurthy, Walter Talamonti, Kevin Leach, Yiping Kang, Walter Lasecki, Lingjia Tang, Jason Mars. 2022. One Agent To Rule Them All: Towards Multi-agent Conversational AI. Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics: ACL 2022 ([PDF](#), [Code](#))

Yiping Kang, Ashish Mahendra, **Christopher Clarke**, Lingjia Tang, Jason Mars. 2022. Towards Personalized Intelligence at Scale. arXiv preprint 2022 ([PDF](#))

Stefan Larson, Anish Mahendran, Joseph J Peper, **Christopher Clarke**, Andrew Lee, Parker Hill, Jonathan K Kummerfeld, Kevin Leach, Michael A Laurenzano, Lingjia Tang, Jason Mars. 2019. An Evaluation Dataset for Intent Classification and Out-of-Scope Prediction. Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing and the 9th International Joint Conference on Natural Language Processing (EMNLP-IJCNLP), 1311–1316. ([PDF](#), [Code](#))

IN REVIEW

Christopher Clarke, Karthik Krishnamurthy, Walter Talamonti, Yiping Kang, Lingjia Tang, Jason Mars. 2022. One Agent too Many: User Perspectives on Approaches to Multi-agent Conversational AI. Under review

Christopher Clarke, Yuzhao Heng, Yiping Kang, Krisztian Flautner, Lingjia Tang and Jason Mars. 2023 Label Agnostic Pre-training for Zero-shot Text Classification. Under review

Christopher Clarke, Matthew Hall, Gaurav Mittal, Ye Yu, Sandra Sajeev, Jason Mars and Mei Chen. Rule By Example: Harnessing Logical Rules for Explainable Hate Speech Detection. 2023. Under review

IN PREP

Christopher Clarke, Stefan Heng, Yiping Kang, Krisztian Flautner, Lingjia Tang, Jason Mars. 2022. Zero-shot, Few-shot, Live-shot: Exploring the limitations of Text Classification in Production. In prep

PATENTS

Andrew Lee, Stefan Larson, **Christopher Clarke**, Kevin Leach, Jonathan K Kummerfeld, Parker Hill, Johann Hauswald, Michael A Laurenzano, Lingjia Tang, Jason Mars. 2020. Systems and methods for constructing an artificially diverse corpus of training data samples for training a contextually-biased model for a machine learning-based dialogue system. US Patent 10,796,104, 2020

Awards, Fellowships, & Grants

- 2022 **Weinberg Institute for Cognitive Science Travel Award**, University of Michigan
- 2022 **William R. & Flora Hewlett Foundation Award**, University of Michigan
- 2017 **Seeds for the Future Programme Award Recipient**, Huawei
- 2015 **Promoting CSME through Field Promotion Award Recipient**, Caricom

Presentations

** presenting author; + mentored undergraduate*

INVITED TALKS

Summer 2020. *DevOps Automation with Gitlab*. V75 Dev Talk, Remote ([Video](#), [Slides](#)).

Spring 2018. *A Sentient Approach to Designing Smart Devices*. 2nd Annual Undergraduate Research Conference, Turkeyen, Guyana

CONTRIBUTED PRESENTATIONS

Timothy Indarsingh⁺, Girendra Persaud, **Christopher Clarke**. 2018. A Comparative Analysis of the Usability of Event Management Software Interfaces. Poster: 2nd Annual Undergraduate Research Conference, Turkeyen, Guyana

Teaching Experience

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| Winter 2023 | EECS 449: Conversational AI , Graduate Student Instructor | University of Michigan |
| Fall 2021 | EECS 498: Conversational AI , Graduate Student Instructor | University of Michigan |
| Summer 2018 | CSE 1201: Introduction to Programming , Lecturer | University of Guyana |
| Spring 2018 | CSE 3203: Object Oriented Software Analysis, Design and Development , Lecturer | University of Guyana |
| Spring 2018 | CSE 2200: Contemporary Programming Paradigms , Co-Instructor | University of Guyana |
| Fall 2017 | ITE 4102: Applied Project , Co-Instructor | University of Guyana |
| Fall 2017 | CSE 3101: Internet Computing II , Lecturer | University of Guyana |
| Fall 2017 | CSE 2201: Internet Computing I , Lecturer | University of Guyana |
| Fall 2017 | CSE 2100: Data Structure & Algorithms , Lecturer | University of Guyana |
| 2016-2017 | V75 Web Developer Series , Course Co-ordinator & Instructor | WeOwn Space |

Mentoring

- 2021-2022 **Victoria Shipman**, Explore CS Research Programme, University of Michigan
- 2021-2022 **Tamariah Davis**, Explore CS Research Programme, University of Michigan
- 2017-2018 **Timothy Indarsingh**, Undergrad Advisee, University of Guyana

Outreach & Professional Development

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

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| 2021-Present | Explore Computer Science Research , Mentor | University of Michigan |
| 2017-Present | Nexus Hub Inc. Annual Hack-Solve , Co-ordinator | Georgetown, Guyana |
| 2014-2017 | University of Guyana Career Day , Volunteer, Co-ordinator | Georgetown, Guyana |
| 2017 | DevX Event , Co-ordinator | Georgetown, Guyana |

DEVELOPMENT

MIT 15.390.1x: Entrepreneurship 101: Who is your customer?, 2015.

The Entrepreneurs & Innovators Group of Guyana: Entrepreneurship & Innovators Workshop, 2015

Caricom CSME in the classroom: Improving Teaching & Learning, 2015

HarvardX: GSE2x Leaders of Learning, 2014.

PEER REVIEW

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| International Symposium on Code Generation and Optimization (CGO) , Artifact Evaluation Committee | 2020 |
| IEEE International Symposium on Performance Analysis of Systems and Software (ISPASS) , Reviewer | 2020 |
| Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP) , Reviewer | 2021, 2022 |
| Association of Computational Linguistics (ACL) Rolling Review , Reviewer | 2022, 2023 |
| Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) , Reviewer | 2022 |