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EMPLOYMENT

MIT Lincoln Laboratory
Technical staff (AI Researcher)

Lexington, MA
October 2023 - Present

EDUCATION

Pennsylvania State University
Ph.D. in Information Sciences and Technology
Thesis: *Reverse Turing Test in the Age of Deepfake Texts*
Advisor: Dr. Dongwon Lee

University Park, Pennsylvania
August 2018 - August 2023

University of Maryland Baltimore County
B.S. Mathematics | Minor: Statistics, **Honors:** Cum Laude
Thesis: *Numerical Simulation of Vibrations of Mechanical Structures*
Advisor: Dr. Bedrich Sousedik

Baltimore, Maryland
August 2014 - May 2018

SKILLS

Programming: Python, R, Matlab, Java, L^AT_EX, Maple
Tools: PyTorch, Tensorflow, Keras, Transformers
Applications: Git, Tableau, R Shiny
Operating Systems: Linux, Windows, MacOS

RESEARCH INTERESTS

NLP, NLG, LLMs, Cybersecurity, Adversarial Robustness, Machine Learning, Topological Data Analysis

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

Post-Graduate

EWM-EMS Summer School: Stability in Topological Data Analysis @ Sweden
Associates Leadership Development Program with [The Partnership Inc.](#)
Dagstuhl Seminar - Fair Division @ Germany
11th Heidelberg Laureate Forum (HLF) @ Germany

July 2025
February-December 2025
October 2024
September 2024

Graduate and Undergraduate

Alfred P. Sloan Minority Ph.D. Scholarship (**\$40,000**)
NSF SFS Scholarship (**\$34,000 annually**)
Bunton-Waller Graduate Fellowship
Diversity & Inclusion ICML 2022 & BlackinAI conference scholarship
Diversity & Inclusion ACL 2022 conference Student Scholarship
WiCyS Student Scholarship
CRA-WP Grad Cohort for Women
ACM Richard Tapia Conference Student Scholarship
CRA-WP URMD/IDEALS Student Scholarship
TTO Student Travel Scholarship (£**1250**)
Best Poster Presentation at ATRC internship
Best Documentation at ATRC internship
Outstanding Tutor Award

January 2021 - August 2023
August 2020 - May 2023
August 2018 - May 2023
July 2022
May 2022
September 2021, March 2022
April 2021, 2022
September 2020, 2021, 2022
March 2020, 2022
October 2019
August 2019
August 2019
May 2018

PREPRINTS

2. [arXiv'25] Dominik Macko, Aashish Anantha Ramakrishnan, Jason Samuel Lucas, Robert Moro, Ivan Srba, **Adaku Uchendu**, Dongwon Lee “[Beyond speculation: Measuring the growing presence of LLM-generated texts in multilingual disinformation](#),” *ArXiv Preprint*, March 2025 (*Under Review*)
1. [arXiv'24] **Adaku Uchendu**, Thai Le, “[Unveiling Topological Structures in Text: A Comprehensive Survey of Topological Data Analysis Applications in NLP](#),” *ArXiv Preprint*, November 2024 (*Under Review*)

PUBLICATIONS

* means equal contribution

18. [NAACL'25-W] Kenneth Alperin, Rohan Leekha, **Adaku Uchendu**, Trang Nguyen, Srilakshmi Medarametla, Carlos Levya Capote, Seth Aycock, Charlie K. Dagli, “[Masks and Mimicry: Strategic Obfuscation and Impersonation Attacks on Authorship Verification](#),” *The 5th International Conference on Natural Language Processing for Digital Humanities (NLP4DH) at NAACL 2025 Workshop*, May 2025
17. [NAACL'25] Ekaterina Artemova, Jason Lucas, Saranya Venkatraman, Jooyoung Lee, Sergei Tilga, **Adaku Uchendu**, Vladislav Mikhailov, “[Beemo: Benchmark of Expert-edited Machine-generated Outputs](#),” *NAACL 2025*, Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 2025
16. [NAACL'25] Jooyoung Lee, Toshini Agrawal, **Adaku Uchendu**, Thai Le, Jinghui Chen, Dongwon Lee, “[PlagBench: Exploring the Duality of Large Language Models in Plagiarism Generation and Detection](#),” *NAACL 2025*, Albuquerque, New Mexico, April 2025
15. [EMNLP'24] Dominik Macko, Robert Moro, **Adaku Uchendu**, Ivan Srba, Jason Lucas, Michiharu Yamashita, Nafis Irtiza Tripto, Dongwon Lee, Jakub Simko, Maria Bielikova “[Authorship Obfuscation in Multilingual Machine-Generated Text Detection](#),” *EMNLP-Findings 2024*, Miami, FL, November 2024
14. [ECAI'24] **Adaku Uchendu**, Thai Le, Dongwon Lee, “[TOPFORMER: Topology-Aware Authorship Attribution of Deepfake Texts with Diverse Writing Styles](#),” *ECAI (European Conference on Artificial Intelligence) 2024*, Santiago de Compostela, Spain, October 2024
13. [ACL'24] Nafis Irtiza Tripto, Saranya Venkatraman, Dominik Macko, Robert Moro, Ivan Srba, **Adaku Uchendu**, Thai Le, Dongwon Lee, “[A Ship of Theseus: Curious Cases of Paraphrasing in LLM-Generated Texts](#),” *ACL 2024*, Bangkok, Thailand, August 2024
12. [NAACL'24] Saranya Venkatraman, **Adaku Uchendu**, Dongwon Lee, “[GPT-who: An Information Density-based Machine-Generated Text Detector](#),” *NAACL-Findings 2024*, Mexico, June 2024
11. [EMNLP'23] Dominik Macko, Robert Moro, **Adaku Uchendu**, Jason Lucas, Michiharu Yamashita, Matúš Pikuliak, Ivan Srba, Thai Le, Dongwon Lee, Jakub Simko, Maria Bielikova, “[MULTITuDE: Large-Scale Multilingual Machine-Generated Text Detection Benchmark](#),” *EMNLP 2023*, Singapore, December 2023
10. [EMNLP'23] Nafis Irtiza Tripto, **Adaku Uchendu**, Thai Le, Mattia Setzu, Fosca Giannotti, Dongwon Lee, “[HANSEN: Human and AI Spoken Text Benchmark for Authorship Analysis](#),” *EMNLP-Findings 2023*, Singapore, December 2023
9. [EMNLP'23] Jason Lucas, **Adaku Uchendu**, Michiharu Yamashita, Jooyoung Lee, Shaurya Rohatgi, Dongwon Lee, “[Fighting Fire with Fire: The Dual Role of LLMs in Crafting and Detecting Elusive Disinformation](#),” *EMNLP 2023*, Singapore, December 2023

8. [HCOMP'23] **Adaku Uchendu***, Jooyoung Lee*, Hua Shen*, Thai Le, Kenneth Huang, Dongwon Lee, “[Does Human Collaboration Enhance the Accuracy of Identifying LLM-generated Deepfake Texts?](#),” *11th AAAI Conference on Human Computation and Crowdsourcing (HCOMP)*, Delft, Netherlands, November 2023
7. [KDD Exp'23] **Adaku Uchendu**, Thai Le, Dongwon Lee, “[Attribution and Obfuscation of Neural Text Authorship: A Data Mining Perspective](#),” *ACM SIGKDD Explorations Newsletter*, Vol. 25(1), June 2023
6. [Web Conf'23] Fionda, V., et al., “[Tutorials at The Web Conference 2023](#),” In Companion Proceedings of the *ACM Web Conference 2023* (pp. 648-658), Austin, Texas, April 2023
5. [AIKE'21] **Adaku Uchendu**, Daniel Campoy, Christopher Menart, Alexandra Hildenbrandt. “[Robustness of Bayesian Neural Networks to White-Box Adversarial Attacks](#),” *IEEE Fourth International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Knowledge Engineering (AIKE)*. IEEE, December 2021.
4. [EMNLP'21] **Adaku Uchendu**, Zeyu Ma, Thai Le, Rui Zhang, Dongwon Lee. “[TURINGBENCH: A Benchmark Environment for Turing Test in the Age of Neural Text Generation](#),” *Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics: EMNLP 2021* (pp. 2001-2016), Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, November 2021
3. [EMNLP'20] **Adaku Uchendu**, Thai Le, Kai Shu, Dongwon Lee. “[Authorship Attribution for Neural Text Generation](#),” In *Proceedings of the 2020 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)*, Virtual Event, November 2020
2. [TTO'19] **Adaku Uchendu**, Jeffrey Cao, Qiaozhi Wang, Bo Luo, Dongwon Lee. “[Characterizing Man-made vs. Machine-made Chatbot Dialogs](#),” In *Conference on Truth and Trust Online (TTO)*, London, UK, October 2019
1. [WebSci'19] Jialin Shao, **Adaku Uchendu**, Dongwon Lee. (2019). “[A Reverse Turing Test for Detecting Machine-Made Texts](#),” In *11th International ACM Web Science Conference (WebSci)*, Boston, MA, July 2019

TUTORIALS

4. [NAACL'24] **Adaku Uchendu**, Saranya Venkatraman, Thai Le, Dongwon Lee, “[Catch Me If You GPT: Tutorial on Deepfake Texts](#),” *2024 Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics*, Mexico City, Mexico, June 2024
3. [NSF Summit'23] **Adaku Uchendu**, Thai Le, Dongwon Lee, “[Catch Me If You GPT: Tutorial on Deepfake Texts](#),” *2023 NSF Cybersecurity Summit for Large Facilities and Cyberinfrastructure at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory*, Berkley, California, October 2023 (*Training/Workshop*)
2. [Web Conf'23] **Adaku Uchendu**, Thai Le, Dongwon Lee, “[Catch Me If You GAN: Generation, Detection, and Obfuscation of Deepfake Texts](#),” *ACM Web Conference (WWW)*, Austin, Texas, April 2023
1. [INLG'22] **Adaku Uchendu**, Vladislav Mikhailov, Jooyoung Lee, Saranya Venkatraman, Tatiana Shavrina, Ekaterina Artemova. “[Tutorial on Artificial Text Detection](#),” *The 15th International Conference on Natural Language Generation (INLG): Tutorial*, Maine, July 2022

THESES

2. **Adaku Uchendu**. (2023). [Reverse Turing Test in the Age of Deepfake Texts](#). Ph.D. Dissertation, College of Information Sciences and Technology, Pennsylvania State University, PA, USA. 2023.
1. **Adaku Uchendu**. (2017). [Numerical Simulation of Vibrations of Mechanical Structures](#). Senior Thesis, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC), MD, USA. 2018. [[slides](#)]

INVITED TALKS & PANELS

- Served on a virtual panel for UMBC McNair's *Let's Talk Grad School (LTGS) #3: Careers After Graduate School*, Virtual, March 8, 2025
- Invited to serve on a virtual panel of professionals to speak to [USM LSAMP](#) Summer Research Fellows about career pathways. Virtual, July 22, 2024.
- *Attribution and Obfuscation of Deepfake Text Authorship*, at Cohere for AI (Geo Regional Africa Group), **Research Guest Speaker**, Virtual, May 14, 2024. [[Video](#)]
- *Attribution and Obfuscation of Deepfake Texts*, at St. George's University, Grenada, **Invited Lecture**, Virtual, February 15, 2024.
- *Detection and Obfuscation of Deepfake Texts*, at MIT Lincoln Laboratory's fourth Recent Advances in Artificial Intelligence for National Security (RAAINS) workshop, **Student Lightning talk**, Boston, MA, November 16, 2022.
- *Attribution and Obfuscation of Neural Text Authorship*, at Dublin City University, Ireland, **NLP Seminar**, Virtual, October 10, 2022
- *Reverse Turing Test in the Age of Neural Text Generation*, at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Information Technology Laboratory, **Software and Systems Division**, Virtual, February 10, 2022.
- *Reverse Turing Tests for Distinguishing AI-generated texts from Human-written texts*, at National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), **Applied and Computational Mathematics Division (ACMD)** Seminar Series, Virtual, May 25, 2021.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

PIKE Research Lab @ Penn State — *Research Assistant* **University Park, Pennsylvania**

- **Research project:** Reverse Turing Tests *August 2018 - August 2023*
- **Description:** Built automatic and human-based approaches to accurately distinguish deepfake (LLM-generated) texts from human-written ones. Deepfake text generators include GPT-3, PPLM, LLaMA, Flan-T5, etc..
- Advisor: Dr. Dongwon Lee

Pacific Northwest National Lab — *NSIP Ph.D. Intern* **Richland, Washington (Virtual)**

- **Research project:** Analysis of Cybersecurity contract documents *May 2022 - August 2022*
- **Description:** Used NLP techniques to assess the coverage of cybersecurity contract-like vocabulary in the documents.
- Mentor: Dr. David McKinnon

IBM Research — *Ph.D. Research Intern* **San Jose, California (Virtual)**

- **Research project:** AutoML for NLP *May 2021 - August 2021*
- **Description:** Worked on an Automated AI model for text classification.
- Mentors: Dr. Sairam Gurajada & Dr. Alexandre Evfimievski

ATRC, Air Force Research Laboratory — *Research Assistant Intern* **Dayton, Ohio (Virtual)**

- **Research project:** Adversarial Robustness of Bayesian Neural Networks *May 2020 - October 2020*
- **Description:** Implemented an adversarially robust Deep learning model by incorporating Bayesian Inference.
- Mentors: Christopher Menart & Alexandra Hildenbrandt

ATRC, Air Force Research Laboratory — *Research Assistant Intern* **Dayton, Ohio**

- **Research project:** Reproducibility of the One-Pixel Attack *May 2019 - August 2019*
- **Description:** Studied the characteristics of the one-pixel adversarial attack and its robustness.
- Mentor: Alexandra Hildenbrandt

Federal Reserve Board — *IT intern*

Washington, D.C.

- **Research project:** Islamic vs. Non-Islamic banks *May 2017 - August 2018*
- **Description:** Investigated the Financial inclusion and growth of Islamic vs. Non-Islamic banks.
- Mentor: Dr. Nida Davis

University of Maryland Baltimore County — *Research Assistant*

Baltimore, Maryland

- **Research project:** Numerical Simulation of Mechanical Structures *February 2016 - May 2018*
- **Description:** Researched the appropriate damping constant needed to reduce the oscillation of a simulated mechanical structure in MATLAB.
- Mentor: Dr. Bedrich Sousedik

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Pennsylvania State University
Teaching Assistant

State College, Pennsylvania

January 2019 - May 2019

- Worked as a Teaching Assistant in a Security and Risk Analysis course.
- Assisted students with the use of Excel and R, graded and held office hours.

REU Lab Tutor

May & June 2021

- Designed and instructed the lab on LaTeX, Overleaf, and AI text-generation

University of Maryland Baltimore County
Math Lab Tutor

Baltimore, Maryland

September 2015 - May 2018

- Tutored the following courses: College Algebra, Pre-calculus, Calculus I, Calculus II, Calculus III, Linear Algebra, and Differential Equations.

Math Learning Assistant (LA)

August 2016 - December 2016

- Assisted students in Pre-Calculus.
- Held weekly discussion sessions and Office hours.
- Presented and graded the students with a weekly individual quiz.

PROFESSIONAL & ACADEMIC SERVICES

- **Area Chair**
 - 2025 Feb. ACL RR (for ACL 2025)
- **Program Committee Member**
 - The First Workshop on Efficient Benchmarking in NLP (NLP Power) at ACL 2022
 - ECAI 2024 conference
 - Workshop on *Detecting AI Generated Content* @ COLING 2025
 - NAACL-HLT/ACL/EMNLP Tutorials 2025
 - ECAI 2025 conference
- **Conference Reviewer**
 - 2024 ACL Rolling Review (for cycles - Dec, Feb, April, June, October)
 - 2024 ACM Richard Tapia conference
 - 2025 ACL Rolling Review
 - 2025 ACM Richard Tapia conference

- **Session Chair**
 - *Crowd Modeling and Optimization* Session at AAAI HCOMP 2023
- **Journal Reviewer**
 - Social Network Analysis and Mining (SNAM)
 - Language Resources and Evaluation (LREV)
 - Journal of Artificial Intelligence (AIJ)
 - Nature Human Behaviour
- **Planning Committee**
 - The 2023 6th Annual Pan-APA conference @ Penn State
- **Executive Staff for Organizations**
 - 2022-2023 Penn State Pan-African Professional Alliance (IT Officer)
 - 2019-2020 Graduate Student Association in IST, Penn State (Treasurer)

MENTORING EXPERIENCE

- UMBC Reach Initiative (September 2017 - May 2018)
 - Provided STEM exposure and professional development for Baltimore high school girls
- UMBC Summer 2021 McNair students (through *2021 McNair Alumni Mentor*)
- Students in NLP Research (from 2020 - Present)

PRESS COVERAGE

[“Is AI the Future of Content Generation?”](#), **Bloggers Insights**, August 2021.
[“Five top technology trends from 2021 that are here to stay,”](#) **Ericsson Blog**, June 2021.
[“Finance’s Embrace Of AI-Generated Writing,”](#) **Robot Writers AI**, March 2021.
[“Researchers test detection methods for AI-generated content,”](#) **Penn State News**, February 2021.
[“Siblings pursue parallel doctoral degrees,”](#) **Penn State News**, August 2020.
[“Adaku Uchendu to extend passion for mathematics through information sciences Ph.D. at Penn State,”](#)
UMBC News, April 2018.