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## Education

2016 – **Stanford University**, Palo Alto, CA.  
Ph.D. Program in Computer Science. Advisor: [Stefano Ermon](#).

2012 – 2016 **Tsinghua University (THU)**, Beijing, China.  
B.Eng. in Computer Science and Technology. Graduated with Outstanding Honor (Top 1%).

## Publications

### April 2019 **Learning Controllable Fair Representations**

Jiaming Song, Pratyusha Kalluri, Aditya Grover, Shengjia Zhao, Stefano Ermon.  
To appear in *the 22nd International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS 2019)*.  
Abridged in *ICML Workshop on Theoretical Foundations and Applications of Deep Generative Models*.

### January 2019 **InfoVAE: Information Maximizing Variational Autoencoders**

Shengjia Zhao, Jiaming Song, Stefano Ermon.  
In *33rd AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI 2018)*.  
Abridged in *ICML Workshop on Theoretical Foundations and Applications of Deep Generative Models*.

### December 2018 **Multi-Agent Generative Adversarial Imitation Learning**

Jiaming Song, Hongyu Ren, Dorsa Sadigh, Stefano Ermon.  
In *the 31th Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS 2018)*.  
Abridged in *the 6th International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR 2018) Workshop Track, 1st Workshop on Goal Specifications for Reinforcement Learning*.

### December 2018 **Bias and Generalization in Deep Generative Models: An Empirical Study**

Shengjia Zhao, Hongyu Ren, Arianna Yuan, Jiaming Song, Noah Goodman, Stefano Ermon.  
In *the 31th Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS 2018)*. Spotlight Presentation.

### August 2018 **Learning with Weak Supervision from Physics and Data-Driven Constraints**

Hongyu Ren, Russell Stewart, Jiaming Song, Volodymyr Kuleshov, Stefano Ermon.  
In *AI Magazine* 39(1): 27-38.

### August 2018 **A Lagrangian Perspective on Latent Variable Generative Models**

Shengjia Zhao, Jiaming Song, Stefano Ermon.  
In *the 2018 Conference on Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence (UAI 2018)*. Oral Presentation.  
Abridged in *2018 Bay Area Machine Learning Symposium, ICML 2018 Workshop on Theoretical Foundations and Applications of Deep Generative Models*.

### July 2018 **Accelerating Natural Gradient with Higher-Order Invariance**

Yang Song, Jiaming Song, Stefano Ermon.  
In *the 35th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML 2018)*.

### July 2018 **Adversarial Constraint Learning for Structured Prediction**

Hongyu Ren, Russell Stewart, Jiaming Song, Volodymyr Kuleshov, Stefano Ermon.  
In *2018 International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI 2018)*.  
Abridged in *NIPS Workshop on Learning with Limited Data*.

### December 2017 **A-NICE-MC: Adversarial Training for MCMC**

Jiaming Song, Shengjia Zhao, Stefano Ermon.  
In *the 30th Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS 2017)*.  
Abridged in *ICML 2017 Workshop on Implicit Models*.

- December 2017 **InfoGAIL: Interpretable Imitation Learning from Visual Demonstration**  
Yunzhu Li, Jiaming Song, Stefano Ermon.  
In *the 30th Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS 2017)*.
- August 2017 **Learning Hierarchical Features from Generative Models**  
Shengjia Zhao, Jiaming Song, Stefano Ermon.  
In *the 34th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML 2017)*.
- June 2016 **Factored Sigmoid Belief Networks for Sequence Learning**  
Jiaming Song, Zhe Gan, Lawrence Carin.  
In *33rd International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML 2016)*.
- June 2015 **Organizational Churn: A Roll of the Dice?**  
Canyao Liu\*, Jiaming Song\*, Chuan Yu\*.  
In *Undergraduate Mathematics and its Applications (UMAP), Issue 36.2*. Invited paper.
- June 2015 **Discriminative Nonparametric Latent Feature Relational Models with Data Augmentation**  
Bei Chen, Ning Chen, Jun Zhu, Jiaming Song, Bo Zhang.  
In *10th Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence Conference (AAAI 2016)*.

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## Workshop Papers and Manuscripts

- July 2018 **Dual Optimization for Latent Variable Generative Models**  
Shengjia Zhao\*, Jiaming Song\*, Stefano Ermon.  
In *ICML 2018 Workshop on Theoretical Foundations and Applications of Deep Generative Models*.
- July 2018 **Markov Chain Monte Carlo for Learning Belief Networks**  
Laetitia Shao\*, Jiaming Song\*, Aditya Grover, Stefano Ermon.  
In *ICML 2018 Workshop on Theoretical Foundations and Applications of Deep Generative Models*.
- December 2017 **Structured Prediction with Adversarial Constraint Learning**  
Hongyu Ren, Russell Stewart, Jiaming Song, Volodymyr Kuleshov, Stefano Ermon.  
In *NIPS 2017 Workshop on Learning with Limited Data*.
- December 2017 **A Lagrangian Perspective on Latent Variable Generative Modeling**  
Shengjia Zhao, Jiaming Song, Stefano Ermon.  
In *NIPS 2017 Workshop on Bayesian Deep Learning*.
- December 2017 **An Empirical Study of the Generalization Behavior of Generative Adversarial Networks**  
Hongyu Ren, Shengjia Zhao, Jiaming Song, Lijie Fan, Stefano Ermon.  
In *NIPS 2017 Workshop on Deep Learning: Bridging Theory and Practice*.
- April 2017 **Generative Adversarial Learning of Markov Chains**  
Jiaming Song, Shengjia Zhao, Stefano Ermon.  
In *the 5th International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR 2017) Workshop*.
- February 2016 **Max-Margin Nonparametric Latent Feature Relational Models for Link Prediction**  
Jun Zhu, Jiaming Song, Bei Chen.  
In *arXiv preprint arXiv:1602.07428*.
- February 2017 **Towards Deeper Understanding of Variational Autoencoding Models**  
Shengjia Zhao, Jiaming Song, Stefano Ermon.  
In *arXiv preprint arXiv:1702.08658*.

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## Professional Experiences

- June 2018 - **Research Intern**, Facebook AI Research. Mentors: Michael Auli, Yann Dauphin and Tengyu Ma.  
Sept 2018 Research on deep learning and optimization.

- June 2017 - **Research Intern**, OpenAI. Mentors: Rocky Duan and John Schulman.  
 Sept 2017 Research on deep reinforcement learning.
- April 2016 - **Detection, Tracking and Reidentification Group**, Megvii Inc. Mentor: Chi Zhang  
 July 2016 Developed a scalable framework to provide distant supervision for unlabeled data, which allows model distillation and merging network structures for different tasks, such as detection and parsing.  
[Megvii Inc.](#) is a leading unicorn start-up in China, with emphasis on machine learning and computer vision.
- July 2015 - **Information Initiative @ Duke (iiD)**, Duke University. Advisor: Prof. [Lawrence Carin](#).  
 September 2015 Worked on conditional factored deep generative models using recent Neural Variational Inference methods, which allows for semi-supervised deep learning and sequence generation with side information.
- November 2014 **Statistical AI & Learning (TSAIL) Group**, Tsinghua University. Advisor: Prof. [Jun Zhu](#).  
 - June 2015 Explored stochastic variational methods for link prediction problems. Proposed an efficient method that would train on a network with over 3 million nodes, a significant improvement over original methods.
- July 2014 - **Visual Computing Group**, Microsoft Research Asia. Advisor: [Jingdong Wang](#).  
 October 2014 Implemented a convolutional neural network for multiple label image annotation with [Caffe](#).

## Honors and Awards

- June 2018 **Qualcomm Innovation Fellowship (US) Winner**, issued by Qualcomm.  
 Safe Multi-Agent Imitation Learning for Self-Driving (top 4.5%)
- June 2016 **Qualcomm Scholarship**, issued by Qualcomm.  
 Offered to Tsinghua undergraduates with exceptional research experiences (top 1%).
- June 2015 **Google Excellence Scholarship**, issued by Google.  
 This scholarship is offered to Chinese undergraduate and graduate students who possess remarkable academic achievements and project experiences. 58 students are selected nationwide (6 in Tsinghua University).
- April 2015 **Outstanding Winner**, Interdisciplinary Contest in Modeling 2015.  
 Highest award (9 out of 2317) of the contest. Published a paper which models organizational churn using Bayesian-inspired methods and network science. See [github.com/jiamings/icm2015](https://github.com/jiamings/icm2015) for more details.
- April 2015 **Third Prize**, 33rd Tsinghua Challenge Cup, issued by Tsinghua University.  
 Our project implements fast, scalable video segmentation and classification which utilizes deep activation features. Please see [jiamings.github.io/projects/decaf-video](https://jiamings.github.io/projects/decaf-video) for details.
- October 2014 **Outstanding Undergraduate**, issued by the China Computer Federation (CCF).  
 Only 4 students in Tsinghua, and 100 in China are awarded each year.
- May 2014 **Spark Program for Technological Innovation**, Tsinghua University.  
 Among top 50/3000 students for achievements in scientific and technological innovations.
- December 2013 **Zhong Shimo Scholarship**, issued by Dept. of Computer Science and Technology.  
 Highest scholarship in the CS Department. (top 0.75%)
- July 2011 **Bronze Prize, National Olympiad in Informatics**, issued by China Computer Federation (CCF).

## Professional Services and Outreach

- Reviewer TIST, NeurIPS 2019, COLT 2019, UAI 2019, ICCV 2019, ICML 2019, CVPR 2019, ICLR 2018, ACML 2018, BayLearn 2018
- December 2018 **NIPS 2018**, Mentor.  
 Invited to mentoring breakfast session for researchers of color.

- Fall 2017 - Now **Ermon Group Blog**,  
Maintaining an academic blog post (<http://ermongroup.github.io/blog/>), with several thousand visitors per month.
- April 2018 **Data Learning and Inference 2018**, Organizer  
Organizing the Generative Models for Reinforcement Learning workshop.
- December 2017 **Women in Machine Learning (WiML) 2017**, Mentor.  
Invited to discussion panel on “A-NICE-MC: Adversarial Training for MCMC”.
- December 2017 **Global NIPS Paper Implementation Challenge**, Mentor.  
Provide guidance to reproduce results in NIPS 2017 papers.

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## Teaching

- Fall 2018 **CS236 (Deep Generative Models)**, Stanford University

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## Talks

- November 2018 **Deep Generative Models for Imitation Learning and Fairness**, Microsoft Research
- November 2018 **Learning Controllable Fair Representations**, Stanford University