Eugenie Y. Lai

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Education

University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada

September 2015-Present Graduation: May 2021

Bachelor of Commerce

Specialization: Combined Major of Business and Computer Science with Co-op

GPA: overall 4.0/4.0 (90%); CS-only 4.0/4.0 (92%)

Awards

2020 Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) Undergraduate Student Research Award (USRA) – \$4,500

2020 UBC CS Rick Sample Memorial Research Award - \$2,500

2019 IVADO/Mila Deep Learning Winter School Scholarship – \$500

2019 UBC Sauder School of Business Kenneth G. Young Memorial Scholarship - \$800 2018 UBC Sauder School of Business Scholarship (ranked 3/800+ in the faculty) - \$2,370

2018 UBC Trek Excellence Scholarship (top 5% with a 90+% course load) - \$1,500

Publications

O. AlOmeir, E. Y. Lai, M. Milani, and R. Pottinger. Summarizing Provenance of Aggregation Query Results in Relational Databases. [Short paper]. To appear in IEEE International Conference on Data Engineering, 2021 (ICDE '21).

O. AlOmeir, E. Y. Lai, M. Milani, and R. Pottinger. Pastwatch: On the Usability of Provenance Data in Relational Databases. [Short paper]. IEEE International Conference on Data Engineering, 2020 (ICDE '20): 1882-1885.

On-Going Work

QueryTeller: Sequence-Aware Query Recommendation Using Deep Learning.

Presentations

Developing a Data-Driven Electric Vehicle Strategy in Surrey, BC, Canada. [Co-presented]. Special Interest Group on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining, Social Impact Session, 2020 (SIGKDD '20).

Maximizing Utilization of Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure in Surrey, BC Using a Data-Driven Model. [Co-presented]. UBC Multidisciplinary Undergraduate Research Conference, 2020.

UBC Computer Science Undergraduate Program Evaluation and Renewal. [Co-presented with Dr. Rachel Pottinger]. UBC Board of Governors Meeting, 2020.

Facilitating Users with SQL Query Formulation. UBC Undergraduate Three-Minute Thesis Competition, 2019.

Research Experience

UBC Data Management and Mining Lab

May 2019-Present

Research Volunteer and Intern (Since May 2020) with Dr. Rachel Pottinger

- Contributed to project ideation, the implementation of the backend system, and the experiments for two short-paper projects as the second author.
- Currently leading a team of four on a query recommendation project that applies concepts of machine learning to recommend customized SQL queries using query workloads.

UBC Sauder Information Systems Division

July 2019-August 2020

Research Assistant with Dr. Arslan Aziz, Dr. Gene Lee

- Used causal inference methods to evaluate the impact of online platform policy changes.
- Applied NLP techniques, e.g., TFIDF, n-grams, doc2vec, for matching and sentiment analysis.

UBC Data Science for Social Good Program

Summer 2019

Research Intern with Dr. Raymond Ng, Dr. Kevin Lin

- Partnered with the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee of the City of Surrey, BC to guide the development of the Surrey Electric Vehicle Transformation Strategy.
- Used statistical and machine learning models to understand potential electric vehicle consumers and classify communities into groups such as current growth and high potential.
- Enabled data-driven city planning by helping the city select 20 curbside charger locations for a federal funding proposal in September 2019.

Grad Course Projects

CPSC 530L AI Social Impact with Dr. Kevin Leyton-Brown

- Spring 2020
- Worked on a team project that uses deep learning techniques to improve irrigation strategies in agriculture as a collaboration with ecohydrologists in UBC Earth and Ocean Sciences.
- Defined an interdisciplinary research problem from scratch by looking into real-world issues, narrowing down project scope, exploring feasibility, and soliciting domain experts' view.
- Extracted, explored, and processed 60GB NASA satellite data used in modelling.

COMM 635 Causal Inference in Information Systems with Dr. Arslan Aziz Spring 2020

- Used difference-in-difference and fixed effects to evaluate the impact of online platform policy changes on incentivized reviews in small electronic products, e.g., batteries and screen protectors.
- Proved and validated with robustness check that after Amazon's ban on incentivized reviews, the number of unnatural reviews maintained while their characteristics became more similar to natural reviews, providing a proof-of-concept for evaluating platform-wide policy effects.

Industry Experience

Statistics Canada Ottawa Headquarter

September 2017-April 2018

Software Developer Intern

- Implemented a web service application embedded in a toolbox using technologies such as C#, JavaScript, SQL, ASP .NET and exceeded clients expectations by optimizing jQuery widgets.
- Designed and developed a Windows Service application and obtained positive feedback from clients by effectively communicating the client needs and executing tasks efficiently.
- Obtained a full-time offer from the Statistics Information System Division (SISD) executive team by demonstrating strong self-learning skills and work ethic.

Other Experience UBC CS Undergraduate Program Renewal Project, Admin Assistant August 2019-August 2020 UBC CPSC 304 Introduction to Relational Databases, Teaching Assistant Summer 2019

Community Involvement SIGMOD 2020, Student Volunteer
UBC Data Science for Social Good Program, Mentor
UBC CS Student Society (CSSS) Coffee Chat, Mentor
UBC CS Tri-Mentoring Program, Mentor
Greater Vancouver Regional Science Fair, Lab Volunteer
Vancouver Learning Buddy Network, Math Tutor Volunteer
UBC YOURS Club, IT Team Executive

September 2018-April 2019 April 2017 January 2017-April 2017 October 2015-April 2016

March 2020-May 2020

June 2020

June 2020

Programming

Python, R, JavaScript.

References

Available upon request.