# XIYUE ZHANG

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Coding: Python, C, Java, SQL

Hobbies: Musical Theatre, Piano, Tennis

### WORK EXPERIENCE

## **Software Developer Intern**

May 2022 - May 2023

IBM · ZDevOps Service Designer Team

Toronto, Canada

- Enhanced user experience of Service Designer by adding new home page features
- Reduced manual web testing by creating a Cypress suite of e2e tests
- Worked within agile software practices and obtained SAFe 5 Practitioner certification

#### **Undergraduate Researcher**

May 2021 - Aug 2021

Toronto, Canada

 ${\sf FORCOLAB\cdot Hardware\text{-}Software\ Collaboration}$ 

· Awarded NSERC USRA funding for summer research

 Helped author paper "In the Age of Collaboration, the Computer-Aided Design Ecosystem is Behind: An Interview Study of Distributed CAD Practice" accepted into CSCW 2023

## **PROJECTS**

# Reducing Gender Bias in NLP by Modifying the Optimization Objective

Fall 2022

Group Research Project · CSC2559: Trustworthy Machine Learning · poster

- Achieved >8 times more indirect gender debiasing compared to previous techniques
- Replicated debiasing techniques and measurements from published papers using PyTorch

#### Censorship and Machine Learning

Spring 2021

**Engineers Without Borders** 

- · Implemented similarity metrics on lists of censored words in Chinese social media
- Tuned hyperparameters on linear models labeling censored words as political vs. apolitical and obtained a maximum validation accuracy of 89%.

#### EXTRACURRICULAR

# Founder/President May 2021 - present

Ethical Principles in Al Team (<a href="https://ethical-principles-in-ai.github.io/">https://ethical-principles-in-ai.github.io/</a>)

- Founded and **affiliated a new club** with University of Toronto, obtaining funding for technical projects for 75+ registered club members and monthly events featuring guest speakers
- Launched an **ethical AI hackathon**, AlHacks4good, obtaining affiliation with Major League Hacking (MLH) and 250+ registrants (<a href="https://aihacks4good.github.io/">https://aihacks4good.github.io/</a>)

## EDUCATION

# University of Toronto, Bachelor of Engineering Science

Sep 2019 - Apr 2024

Major in Machine Intelligence, Minor in Engineering Business

• Awards: Entrance Scholarship (2019), Dean's Honour List (Winter 2021), Troost ILead Summer Fellowship (2022)