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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Informatics, Complex Systems track, Indiana University August 2017,—
• Minor in computer science with focus on machine learning
M.S., Theoretical Physics, Lanzhou University (China) June 2017
B.S., Theoretical Physics, Lanzhou University (China) June 2014

HONORS AND AWARDS

Awards

- NSF Research Trainee scholarship in Complex Networks and Systems (\$5000) 2018
- Informatics Ph.D. Student Conference Travel Awards (\$1000) 2019
- IU GISA Conference Travel Awards (\$700) 2019

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- [J1] **Kai-Cheng Yang**, Onur Varol, Clayton A Davis, Emilio Ferrara, Alessandro Flammini, and Filippo Menczer. “Arming the public with artificial intelligence to counter social bots”. In: *Human Behavior and Emerging Technologies* (2019), e115. doi: [10.1002/hbe2.115](https://doi.org/10.1002/hbe2.115).
- [J2] Brea Perry, **Kai-Cheng Yang**, Patrick Kaminski, Jaehyuk Park, Michelle Martel, Carrie Oser, Patricia Freeman, Yong-Yeol Ahn, and Jeffery Talbert. “Co-prescription network reveals social dynamics of opioid doctor shopping”. In: *Under review* (2019). doi: [10.31235/osf.io/5v2z4](https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/5v2z4). SocArXiv: [5v2z4](https://arxiv.org/abs/1905.05224).
- [J3] Harry Yan, **Kai-Cheng Yang**, and Filippo Menczer. “Human biases affect efficacy of social bot identification task”. In: *In preparation* (2019).
- [J4] Yi-Jiao Zhang, Zhi-Xi Wu, Petter Holme, and **Kai-Cheng Yang**. “Advantage of being multicomponent and spatial: Multipartite viruses colonize structured populations with lower thresholds”. In: *Under review* (2019).
- [J5] Chengcheng Shao, Giovanni Luca Ciampaglia, Onur Varol, **Kai-Cheng Yang**, Alessandro Flammini, and Filippo Menczer. “The spread of low-credibility content by social bots”. In: *Nature communications* 9.1 (2018), p. 4787. doi: [10.1038/s41467-018-06930-7](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-018-06930-7).
- [J6] **Kai-Cheng Yang**, Zhi-Xi Wu, Petter Holme, and Etsuko Nonaka. “Expansion of cooperatively growing populations: Optimal migration rates and habitat network structures”. In: *Physical Reviews E* 95 (2017), p. 012306. doi: [10.1103/PhysRevE.95.012306](https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevE.95.012306).

Conference Proceedings

- [C1] **Kai-Cheng Yang**, Onur Varol, Pik-Mai Hui, and Filippo Menczer. “Botometer-Lite: A lightweight, scalable and interpretable bot detector”. In: *In preparation* (2019).

- [C2] Pik-Mai Hui, **Kai-Cheng Yang**, Onur Varol, and Filippo Menczer. “Election Impersonators: Abusing the Right to Be Forgotten”. In: *In submission* (2019).

Workshop Papers

- [W1] **Kai-Cheng Yang**, Pik-Mai Hui, and Filippo Menczer. “Bot Electioneering Volume: Visualizing Social Bot Activity During Elections”. In: *Companion Proceedings of The 2019 World Wide Web Conference*. WWW ’19. San Francisco, CA, USA: ACM, 2019, pp. 214–217. DOI: [10.1145/3308560.3316499](https://doi.org/10.1145/3308560.3316499).

RESEARCH PROJECTS **Social bots** PI: [Filippo Menczer](#)

- **Botometer**[®], popular bot detection tool [J1]
- BotometerLite, a scalable bot detection tool that is 200 times faster than Botometer, but still yields comparable results [C1]
- [Bot Electioneering Volume](#), visualization of bot-like activity during elections [W1]
- **BotSlayer**, a free, customizable and distributed tool that detects potential manipulation of information spreading
- Revealing how social bots amplify the spread of misinformation [J5]
- Characterizing human bias in social bot identification task [J3]

Bad actors on social media PI: [Filippo Menczer](#)

- **Hoaxy**[®], visualization of information spreading on Twitter
- Studying abusive social media profile reset [C2]

Opioid doctor shopping PIs: [Brea Perry](#), [Yong-Yeol Ahn](#)

- Building a pipeline that manages, wrangles the large scale dataset for the whole team
- Proposing new network based indicators for opioid doctor shopping [J2]
- Using machine learning to predict opioid overdoses

Spread of population Past project PI: [Zhi-Xi Wu](#)

- Modeling cooperatively growing populations’ expansion on networked habitats [J6]
- Modeling epidemic process of multipartite viruses on networks [J4]

TALKS

- Expansion of Cooperatively Growing Populations on Networks
Chinese Physical Society Fall Meeting (Beijing, China) 09/04/2016
- Bot Electioneering Volume
The Fourth Workshop on Computational Methods in Online Misbehavior (San Francisco, USA) 05/13/2019

TEACHING

Associate Instructor, Indiana University

I590 Applied Data Science

Fall 2017, Spring 2018

APPOINTMENTS

Research Assistant, Indiana University

Doctor shopping project

Fall 2018 – Summer 2019

RELEVANT COURSES

Machine learning

- CSCI-B 555 Machine Learning
- CSCI-B 659 Applying Machine learning Techniques in Computational Linguistics
- CSCI-B 659 Learning Theory & Graphical Models

SKILLS

Computational

Frequent user of Python (Pandas, Matplotlib, Scikit-learn, NetworkX, etc), SQL for data analysis.

Familiar with HTML, CSS, JavaScript and Flask for web applications.

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