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Curriculum Vitae

School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
Washington State University
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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Trustworthy Machine Learning (TML), Conformal Prediction, Deep Learning, Multi-target Regression with Representation Learning, Computer Vision, Out-of-Distribution (OOD) Detection, Generative AI.

RESEARCH SUMMARY

My general research interests are in **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** and **Machine Learning (ML)**, with a main focus on developing robust, safe, and trustworthy ML algorithms for addressing critical real-world challenges within safety-sensitive domains. My current work focuses on developing efficient algorithms and theoretical frameworks to enhance the reliability and **safety of deep learning algorithms**. My research is specifically concentrated on:

- Adapting Uncertainty Quantification methods, like Conformal Prediction, to facilitate effective and secure human-ML collaboration within healthcare applications.
- Trustworthy Out-of-Distribution (OOD) Detection for ensuring the reliability of ML models when applied to real-world tasks beyond their original training scope.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Computer Science 2022 – Present
Washington State University
Pullman, WA, USA
Advisor: Prof. Jana Doppla

BS., Statistics 🎓 (First Class Honors) 2014 – 2018
University of Nigeria
Nsukka, Nigeria
Thesis title: Sensitivity of Randomization test and F-test in Some Experimental Designs
Class rank: Best Graduating Student

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Research Assistant Aug 2022 – Present
EECS Department – Washington State University
Pullman, WA, USA

Teaching Assistant Aug 2022 – Present
EECS Department – Washington State University
Pullman, WA, USA
– CptS 223: Advanced Data Structures C/C++ (Fall-2022)
– CptS 315: Introduction to Data Mining (Spring-2023)
– CptS 223: Advanced Data Structures C/C++ (Fall-2023)
– CptS 315: Introduction to Data Mining (Spring-2024)

Teaching Assistant 2019 – 2020
Statistics Department – Kano State Polytechnic
Kano, Nigeria

AWARDS AND HONORS

🏆 **Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant in EECS Award, VCEA** 2024
Voiland College of Engineering, Washington State University

🏆 **EducationUSA Opportunity Fund Program Scholar** 2022
USA Embassy, Abuja, Nigeria

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| <p>🏆 Best Graduating Student <i>Statistics Department – University of Nigeria</i></p> | 2018 |
| <p>🏆 Winner: Nigerian Statistical Association (NSA) competition <i>Representative of the University of Nigeria.</i></p> | 2018 |
| <p>🏆 Gold medalist: NSA competition individual category <i>Representative of the University of Nigeria.</i></p> | 2018 |

PUBLICATIONS

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW AND PREPRINTS

1. [AAAI'25] **Chibuike E. Ugwu**, Yan Yan, Diane Cook, Janardhan Rao Doppa. Adaptive Prediction Regions for Multi-target Regression. *AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*, (Under Review).
2. [DATE'25], Pratyush Dhingra, **Chibuike E. Ugwu**, Jana Doppa and Partha Pratim Pande. ERGo: Energy-Efficient Hybrid GNN Training on Heterogeneous Processing-In-Memory Architecture. *Proceedings of ACM/IEEE Design, Automation and Test in Europe Conference (DATE)*, (Under Review).
3. **Chibuike E. Ugwu**, Yan Yan, Diane Cook, Janardhan Rao Doppa. Importance-Weighted Calibrated Region Prediction of Multi-target Cognitive Health Measures from Smartwatch Sensor Data. *ACM Transactions on Computing for Healthcare* (Under Review).

JOURNAL PAPERS

1. Oladugba, A. V., **Chibuike E. Ugwu**, & Onwuamaeze, U. C. (2023). Sensitivity and robustness of randomization test and F-test in some experimental designs. *Quality and Reliability Engineering International*, 39(7), 2967-2974.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

1. Oladugba, A. V., **Chibuike E. Ugwu**, & Onwuamaeze, U. C. (2018). A Comparison of randomization test and F-test in some experimental designs. *Nigerian Statistical Association 42nd Annual National Statistical Association conference, 2018.*