Daniel Li, Ph.D.

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Education

Columbia University
Area in Computer Science:
Natural Language Processing
Human Computer Interaction
Ph.D   Sept. 2018 - Sept. 2022
M.Phil Sept. 2018 - Jan. 2021
Advisor: Prof. Lydia Chilton

University of California, Berkeley
Area in Electrical Engineering
         & Computer Science
M.Sc.   Aug. 2017 - May 2018
B.Sc.   Aug. 2014 - May 2017
Advisor: Prof. Satish Rao

United States Army
Infantry BOLC   April 2025
Airborne School   Oct. 2023
OCS Commission   April 2023

Skills

Military
Light Infantry Weapons : Troop
Leading Procedures
Financial Instruments
Derivatives : Equities : Crypto :
Venture Capital
Trading & Risk Analysis
Discretionary : Technical (Signals)
Frameworks & Libraries
PyTorch : Tensorflow : Hugging Face
Natural Language Processing
Summarization : Translation
Design & UI & UX
Figma : Omnigraffle : Prototyping

Awards & Misc.

Google Cloud Grant 2x
NVIDIA Grant
5 star Uber passenger rating
CS:GO SMFC (2017)
Able to see in the dark

Current Position(s)

Proprietary Trading Group[1]   March 2017 : **Present**
Co-Founder (total team of 2)   **Trading & Finance**
- **Mid 7 figure USD** accounts, **low 8 figure USD** notional position sizing.
- **Performance: 550% ROI** since inception (as of Q1'22)

Angel Investor   June 2023 : **Present**
Individual   **Early Stage & Seed Round**
- xdof.ai: Labor automation through general-purpose robots and intelligent control.
- B&N Mining: Gold, silver, and tungsten exploration in Southern California.

Dekrypt Capital   February 2018 : **Present**
Limited Partner (LP)   **Venture Capital**
- Blockchain and privacy-preserving focused firm, **9 figure USD** AUM

Industry & Work Experience

United States Army (Active Duty)   October **2022** : February **2026**
1st Lieutenant   MOS: 11A Infantry Officer

Google Research & Machine Intelligence   May **2021** : February **2022**
Researcher @ Cloud AI Translation   Natural Language Processing

Google Research & Machine Intelligence   May **2020** : February **2021**
Researcher @ Google Translate   Natural Language Processing

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center   Summer **2019**
Researcher @ Dana Pe'er Lab   Computer Vision & Imaging

NEC Research Institute   Summer, Fall **2017**
Research Intern   Natural Language Processing

Factual Inc. (Foursquare)   Summer **2016**
Software Engineering Intern   Natural Language Processing

Academic Experience

NLP & HCI @ Columbia University   August **2019** : September **2022**
PhD Researcher @ Computational Design Lab   Natural Language Processing
- **Doctoral Thesis**: *Enabling Structured Navigation of Longform Spoken Dialog with Automatic Summarization*

TA @ UC-Berkeley, Columbia University   September **2017** : May **2020**
Graduate Student Instructor   6 Semesters

Rao Group @ UC-Berkeley   September **2015** : May **2018**
Research Assistant   Machine Learning & Biology

Selected Publications

Daniel Li*, Thomas Chen*, Albert Tung, Lydia Chilton. *Improving Automatic Summarization for Browsing Longform Spoken Dialog.* CHI 2023

Daniel Li*, Thomas Chen*, Albert Tung, Lydia Chilton. *Hierarchical Summarization for Longform Spoken Dialog.* UIST 2021.

Daniel Li, Te I, Naveen Ari, Colin Cherry, Dirk Padfield. *Sentence Boundary Augmentation for Neural Machine Translation Robustness.* ICASSP 2021.

Daniel Li, Asim Kadav. *Adaptive Memory Networks.* ICLR 2018.