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#### EDUCATION \_\_\_\_\_

Columbia University - Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

New York, NY

Ph.D. in Artificial Intelligence & Human Computer Interaction

Sep 2018 - Oct 2022

- Thesis: Enabling Structured Navigation of Longform Spoken Dialog with Automatic Summarization
- Advisor: Prof. Lydia Chilton @ Computational Design Lab

M.Phil. in Artificial Intelligence

Sep 2018 - Jan 2021

Relevant Coursework: Artificial Intelligence, Computer Vision, Graphical Models, Deep Learning

University of California, Berkeley - College of Engineering

Berkeley, CA

M.S. in Electrical Engineering & Computer Science

Aug 2017 - May 2018

- Thesis: Adaptive Memory Networks
- Advisor: Satish Rao @ Computer Science Theory Group

**B.S.** in Electrical Engineering & Computer Science

Aug 2014 - May 2017

Relevant Coursework: Algorithms & Uncertainty, Beyond Worse Case Analysis, Combinatorial Algorithms, Computational Geometry

#### CURRENT POSITIONS \_\_\_\_\_

Proprietary Trading Group<sup>1</sup>

**Various** 

Co-Founder & Trader (2)

Jan 2017 - Present

June 2023 - Present

- Mid 7 figure (USD) accounts, low 8 figure (USD) notional position sizing, utilizing personal assets.
- Performance: 550% ROI since inception. Various strategies; sectors: equities, commodities, digital assets.

**Angel Investor** 

**Various** 

Individual B&N Mining: Gold, silver, and tungsten exploration in Southern California; strategic land acquisitions.

xdof.ai: Developing the core robotics infrastructure for enabling the next generation of intelligent robot systems

**Dekrypt Capital** 

Various

Dec 2017 - Present Limited Partner

Venture capital, starting LP. 9 figure (USD) AUM; co-investors include a16z, Coinbase Ventures, Softbank, Tiger Global

#### MILITARY EXPERIENCE -

## United States Army, Active Component

Fort Benning, GA

Infantry Officer, 1st Lieutenant

Oct 2022 - Feb 2026

- Trained to lead Infantry Soldiers at the platoon level and coordinate combined armed forces during ground missions, specifically to attack and close within the last 100 yards to defeat enemy combatants in close-range combat.
- Selected as the aide-de-camp to coordinate operations and logistics between headquarters and training companies.

**Infantry Basic Officer Leader Course**, 22-week course training infantry lieutenants to lead infantry platoons

Officer Candidate School, 12-week course and one of four paths to become a commissioned Officer in the Army

Infantry Blue Cord, awarded to all infantry-qualified Soldiers

Fort Benning, GA

Apr 2025<sup>2</sup>

Airborne School, 3-week course teaching parachute jumping techniques and airborne operations

Fort Moore, GA

Parachutist Badge, qualification earned after completing 5 required parachute jumps at 1,200 feet

Oct 2023

Fort Benning, GA

Officer Commission, 2nd Lieutenant

Apr 2023

Basic Combat Training, 10-week course teaching fundamental combat skills

Fort Leonard Wood, MO

Enlisted, Specialist

Dec 2022

# WORK EXPERIENCE \_\_\_\_\_

#### Google Research & Machine Intelligence

Mountainview, CA

Researcher @ Cloud AI Translate

May 2021 - Feb 2022

Researcher @ Google Translate

May 2020 - Feb 2021

- Investigated confidence calibration in multilingual translation and neural machine translation robustness for speech recognition
- Improved automatic quality classification of translation systems and automatic speech translation by +1 to +1.4 BLEU points

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Not currently incorporated as any official entity

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Length of training extended by 13 months due to a combatives injury requiring 2 operations and a surgery.

#### Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

Research Intern

New York, NY May 2019 - Sep 2019

Computer vision techniques for analyzing and understanding cell geometries in tumor data for interpretability

**NEC Research Institute** 

Princeton, NJ

Research Intern

May 2017 - Sep 2017

• Deep learning research in adaptive memory networks with a focus on faster inference

Factual, 4Square

Los Angeles, CA

Software Engineering Intern

May 2016 - Sep 2016

Implemented deduplication techniques for fuzzy entity resolution of locations data in large scale databases

Carl's Jr.

Irvine, CA

Cashier

May 2015 - Sep 2015

Processed customer orders and payments while delivering friendly service in a high-volume fast-food environment

# ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE \_\_\_\_\_

Columbia University Teaching Assistant

New York, NY

Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019

- COMS 4170: User Interface Design, 2 semesters
- COMS 4762: Machine Learning for Functional Genomics, 1 semester

University of California, Berkeley

Berkeley, CA

Teaching Assistant

Fall 2017, Spring 2018

CS 160: User Interface Design and Development, 2 semesters

#### PUBLICATIONS ———

1.	Daniel Li*, Thomas Chen*, Albert Tung, Lydia Chilton. "Improving User Navigation and Browsing	2023
	of Longform Spoken Dialog." Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems	acceptance < 27%
2.	Daniel Li, Junpei Zhou, Music Li. "Investigating Translation Quality Estimation in Bilingual Models."	2022
	ArXiV	N/A
3.	Daniel Li*, Thomas Chen*, Albert Tung, Lydia Chilton. "Hierarchical Summarization for Longform	2022
	Spoken Dialog." ACM Symposium on User Interface Software and Technology	acceptance < 22%
4.	Jennifer Chen, Faisal Ladhak, <b>Daniel Li</b> and Noémie Elhadad. " <u>Incorporating Human Explanations</u>	2021
	for Robust Hate Speech Detection." ACL-IJCNLP 2021 Workshop: Understanding Implicit and	unspecified
	Underspecified Language	•
5.	Daniel Li, Te I, Naveen Arivazhagan, Colin Cherry, Dirk Padfield. " <u>Sentence Boundary Augmentation</u>	2021
	For Neural Machine Translation Robustness." International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and	acceptance < 49%
	Signal Processing	
6.	Daniel Li*, Jennifer Chen*, Qiang Ma, Andrew Liu, Justin Cheung, Yubin Xie, Herman Gudjonson,	2020
	Dana Pe'er, Itsik Pe'er. "Counterfactual Hypothesis Testing of Tumor Microenvironment Scenarios	N/A
	Through Semantic Image Synthesis." BioArXiV	
7.	Justin M. Cheung, Hanan Baker, <b>Daniel Li</b> , Daniel Stor, Daniel A. Heller. " <u>Abstract 1719: Drugloaded</u>	2019
	porphyrin nanoparticles as a platform for targeted and photodynamic combination therapy."	unspecified
	American Association for Cancer Research	
8.	Daniel Li, Asim Kadav. "Adaptive Memory Networks." International Conference on Learning	2017
	Representations	acceptance < 33%

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION \_\_\_\_\_\_

Technical Skills: Python, PyTorch, TensorFlow, Scikit-Learn, NumPy, Huggingface, Natural Language Processing, Computer Vision, Artificial

Intelligence, systems design, feature extraction

Financial Skills: Trading (equities, commodities, digital assets), Technical Analysis, Fundamental Analysis, Algorithmic Trading, Venture

Capital (valuation, go to market, etc.), Risk & Tax Compliance

Military: Light infantry weapons (M4, M240B, M249, M320, Patrolling, Night Operations, Troop Leading Procedures, Small Unit

Tactics, Operations Orders (OPORD), Land Navigation

Awards: Google Cloud Grant (2x), NVIDIA Grant

5.0 star Uber passenger rating (2022), Counter Strike: Global Offensive rank of SMFC - top 2.6% (2017) Miscellaneous: