# **RIMA CAO**

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#### **EDUCATION**

#### University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Ann Arbor, MI

Master of Information Science, Big Data Analysis

September 2019 – now

#### **Tsinghua University**

Beijing, China

B.E. in Environmental Science and Engineering

Minor in Computer Science

September 2015 – June 2019

• Summer intern at Carnegie Mellon University, Human Computer Interaction Institute (Pittsburgh, PA)

#### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

#### University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

#### **Vocal Shortcut: Implementing Vocal Shortcuts in Photoshop**

Data Manipulation | Natural Language Processing

October 2019 - Now

Director: Eytan Adar, Associate Professor

- Analysis commands from Photoshop software using *Spark and MapReduce*
- Phonetic encoding and words clustering using *Machine Learning* Algorithms
- Identify the optimal words set for vocal shortcuts.

#### Tsinghua University

#### Identification of heavy metal concentrations in soil using remote sensing and machine learning

Machine learning | Large-scale geo-data processing | Literature review

November 2018 – June 2019

Director: Devi Hou, Associate Professor

- Used ArcGIS and Python for high resolution remote sensing data mapping and wrangling
- Used multiple *machine learning* methods for soil metal concentration prediction
- Literature review for current soil metal concentration mapping methodology

#### Tsinghua University & Carnegie Mellon University

# "MessageOnTap" ("Glue"): Connecting Conversations with Mobile Apps for Task Suggestions

Feature extraction | Data analysis | Front-end design and programming

September 2018 – January 2019

Director: Fanglin Chen, Ph.D Researcher

- Used python for extracting features in UI pages
- Implemented *machine learning algorithms* to differentiate screenshots by function
- **Designed** crowd-facing website to solicit personal conversation screenshots
- Used JavaScript/html to implement front-end developing for the crowd-facing website

# Carnegie Mellon University, Human Computer Interaction Institute

# "MoTurk": A personal data transaction platform under privacy protection mechanism

Hierarchical data model construction | System design | Prototyping

June 2018 – October 2018

Director: Fanglin Chen, Ph.D Researcher

- Conducted *literature review* over more than 100 academic papers to *identify the taxonomy* of personal data usage on mobile phone
- Proposed a three-level hierarchical taxonomy to map out the software architecture of a personal data market
- Iterative system design and prototyping for "MoTurk" mobile app and web frontend

#### Tsinghua University, School of Environment

# <u>Bacterial communities in forest soils of different elevations: diversity, structure, and potential impacts on greenhouse gas emission</u>

Data analysis | Data visualization

January 2018 – September 2018

Director: Xuehua Liu, Associate Professor

- Analyzed pyrosequencing bio-genetic data with R to do micro-organic clustering and calculate greenhouse gas emissions
- Data visualization with R to show functional difference and bacteria distribution in different altitude

#### Tsinghua University, School of Environment

#### Land Use Regression Modeling of PM2.5 Concentrations with Different Interpolation Methods

Large scale geo-data processing | Data visualization

February 2017- June 2017

Director: Zongguo Wen, Professor

- Conducted automatic city-scale geographic data processing with python and ArcGIS
- Data visualization dynamically with JavaScript to show the distribution of PM2.5 in Beijing, Hebei and Tianjin

#### **SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS**

| First Prize, 2017 National Mathematical Modeling Contest | 2017             |
|--|------------------|
| Third Prize, Microsoft AI Hackathon Competition          | 2017             |
| Third Prize, Beijing College Physics Competition         | 2016             |
| Silver Prize, Summer Practice of Tsinghua University     | 2017, 2016       |
| Outstanding Student Leader of Tsinghua University        | 2016             |
| Veolia Special Scholarship                               | 2017             |
| Scholarship for Comprehensive Excellence                 | 2018, 2017, 2016 |
| Scholarship for Academic Excellence                      | 2018, 2017, 2016 |
| Scholarship for Social Practice Excellence               | 2017, 2016       |
| Scholarship for Social Work Excellence                   | 2018, 2016       |
| The Tsinghua University Zheng Geru Scholarship           | 2018             |

#### **INTERN EXPERIENCE**

#### Asian Development Bank/ Regional Knowledge Sharing Initiative

Beijing, China March 2019 – August 2019

- Iterative design of official website for regional knowledge sharing
- Making Infographics

#### Netease / Front-end development

Beijing, China March 2018 – June 2018

- Participated in "Image Template" development using JavaScript and HTML
- Front-end development of an internal employment managing system

#### **PUBLICATION & PATENT**

- Liuwei Wang, Yining Cao, Yong Sik Ok, Filip Tack, Joerg Rinklebe, Deyi Hou. Remediation of mercury contaminated soil, water, and air: a review of emerging materials and innovative technologies. Environment International(2019, sent to production)
- Wanlong Sun, ZhouYuan Li, Yining Cao, Xuehua Liu. Bacterial communities in forest soils of different elevations: diversity, structure, and potential impacts on greenhouse gas emission. *Ecology* (2019, under review)
- Yining Cao, (2013). An Intelligent Baby Carrier with Environmental Monitoring, Anti-theft and Automatic Braking Function. ZL 2013 10331617.7.
- Yining Cao, (2011). A New Bottle Warming and Heating Device. ZL 2011 2 0297639.2.
- Yining Cao, (2011). A Roll Curtain with Windproof Fixing Function. ZL 2011 2 -207640.5.
- Yining Cao, (2010). A Solar Powered Automatic Rotating Hanger. ZL 2010 2 0142649.4.
- Yining Cao, (2009). An Infusion Holder with Warming Function. ZL 2009 2 0202459.4.
- Yining Cao, (2007). A New U Disk with Telescope Structure. ZL 2007 2 0105434.3.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

#### **Extracurricular Activities**

#### Leadership

Hosted the 2nd Model Climate Change Conference in Tsinghua

October 2017

• Held Green Talk Forum with TED in Tsinghua

- November 2017
- President of Rural International Student Exchange (RISE) Association

#### May 2017 – January 2018

#### **Academic Interests**

• Participated in Microsoft Al Hackathon Competition

December 2017

- o Won third prize with project, Garbage Collection Plan: develop an auto-classification trash-bin using Azure
- Organized a team with 23 students to build water filters to remove Arsenic from water supply in Liangjiabu,
  Shanxi Province
  - Work covered by China Youth News and China Science Net

#### Design & Art

• UI design for "MessageOnTap", an intelligent assistant app for efficient online communications

• Drew a popular science picture album: *What's Energy Net?* to introduce the principles of Energy Interconnection

August 2016

July 2018

# Athletic

• Three-year Tsinghua University Aerobics team champion

2016 & 2017 & 2018

# **Computer and Language Skills**

- Proficient in Python, Familiar with JavaScript and R;
- Proficient in Photoshop, After Effects, Sketch
- Mandarin (Native), English