Tom Hartvigsen

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INTERESTS: Deep Learning, Recurrent Neural Networks, Time Series, Interpretability, Reinforcement Learning.

EDUCATION

Worcester Polytechnic Institute, *Worcester, MA*
Ph.D., Data Science 2021
Advisors: Prof. Elke Rundensteiner, Prof. Xiangnan Kong
Earned MS in 2018

SUNY Geneseo, *Geneseo, NY*
B.A., Applied Mathematics 2016
BioMathematics minor
Advisors: Prof. Chris Leary, Prof. Kirk Anne

EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Fellow, *Worcester Polytechnic Institute* Aug 2016 - 2021
Combining RNNs and Reinforcement Learning to solve challenging sequence classification tasks.
Supervisors: Prof. Elke Rundensteiner, Prof. Xiangnan Kong

Research Intern (Machine Learning - NLP), *UMass Medical School* Sep 2018 - Aug 2019
Worked on auto-summarization of clinical trial eligibility criteria for recommendation in new trials.
Supervisor: Dr. Jomol Matthew

NSF REU Intern, *University of Arizona, Department of Environmental Science* Summer 2015
Built an instance-segmentation model for remotely-captured images of creosote bushes to model the effects of drought over time in arid environments.
Supervisor: Prof. Shirley Papuga

Teaching Assistant, *SUNY Geneseo* 2015 - 2016
Teaching assistant for Modeling Biological Systems twice and BioStatistics once. I also developed and led one 2-hour lecture/in-class exercise in R.
Supervisors: Prof. Chris Leary, Prof. Gregg Hartvigsen

Research Assistant, *SUNY Geneseo* 2013 - 2016
Modeled infection spread on graphs, built a graph dataset from IMDB, mined song lyrics for text features useful for discriminating genres and artists.
Supervisors: Prof. Chris Leary, Dr. Kirk Anne

PUBLICATIONS

IN-SUBMISSION

1. *Deep Biased Positive Unlabeled Learning for Sequential Data.*
Walter Gerych, Thomas Hartvigsen, Luke Buquicchio, Kavin Chandrasekaran, Abdulaziz Alajaji, Hamid Mansoor, Elke Rundensteiner, and Emmanuel Agu.

2. *Human-Guided Attention for Explainable Text Classification.*
Cansu Sen, Thomas Hartvigsen, Jidapa Thadajarassiri, Dongyu Zhang, Xiangnan Kong, Elke Rundensteiner.

3. *Semi-Supervised Knowledge Amalgamation for Sequence Classification.*
Jidapa Thadajarassiri, Thomas Hartvigsen, Xiangnan Kong, Elke Rundensteiner.

4. *Learning Similarity-Preserving Word Meta-Embedding.*
Jidapa Thadajarassiri, Cansu Sen, Thomas Hartvigsen, Xiangnan Kong, Elke Rundensteiner.

Peer-Reviewed

13. *Recurrent Halting Chain for Early Multi-label Classification.*
Thomas Hartvigsen, Cansu Sen, Xiangnan Kong, Elke Rundensteiner.
KDD 2020.

12. *Human Attention Maps for Text Classification: Do Humans and Neural Networks Focus on the Same Words?*
Cansu Sen, Thomas Hartvigsen, Biao Yin, Xiangnan Kong, Elke Rundensteiner.
ACL 2020.

11. *Learning to Selectively Update State Neurons in Recurrent Networks.*
Thomas Hartvigsen, Cansu Sen, Xiangnan Kong, Elke Rundensteiner.
CIKM 2020.

10. *Clinical Performance Evaluation of a Machine Learning System for Predicting Hospital-Acquired Clostridium Difficile Infection.*
Erin Teeple, Thomas Hartvigsen, Cansu Sen, Kajal Claypool, Elke Rundensteiner.
HEALTHINF 2020. Best poster award.

9. *Adaptive-Halting Policy Network for Early Classification.*
Thomas Hartvigsen, Cansu Sen, Xiangnan Kong, Elke Rundensteiner.
KDD 2019.

8. *Patient-Level Classification of Clinical Note Sequences Guided by Attributed Hierarchical Attention.*
Cansu Sen, Thomas Hartvigsen, Xiangnan Kong, Elke Rundensteiner.
IEEE BigData 2019.

7. *Learning Temporal Relevance in Longitudinal Medical Notes.*
Cansu Sen, Thomas Hartvigsen, Xiangnan Kong, Elke Rundensteiner.
IEEE BigData 2019.

6. *Comparing General and Locally-Learned Word Embeddings for Clinical Text Mining.*
Jidapa Thadajarassiri, Cansu Sen, Thomas Hartvigsen, Xiangnan Kong, Elke Rundensteiner.
IEEE BHI 2019.

5. *Early Diagnosis Prediction with Recurrent Neural Networks.*
Daniel Johnston†, Liubou Klindziuk†, Lolita Nazarov†, Thomas Hartvigsen, Elke Rundensteiner.
IEEE URTC 2019. Best paper runner up.

4. *Detecting MRSA Infections by Fusing Structured and Unstructured Electronic Health Record Data.*
Thomas Hartvigsen, Cansu Sen, Elke Rundensteiner.
CCIS, Volume 1024, 2018.

3. *Handling Missing Values in Multivariate Time Series Classification.*
Julia Friend†, Alec Hauck†, Sruthi Kurada†, Cansu Sen, Thomas Hartvigsen, Elke Rundensteiner.
IEEE URTC 2018.

2. *Early Prediction of MRSA Infections using Electronic Health Records.*
Thomas Hartvigsen, Cansu Sen, Sarah Brownell†, Erin Teeple, Xiangnan Kong, Elke Rundensteiner.
HEALTHINF 2018.

1. *CREST - Risk Prediction for Clostridium Difficile Infection Using Multimodal Data Mining.*
Cansu Sen, Thomas Hartvigsen, Kajal Claypool, Elke Rundensteiner.
ECML 2017.

†Undergraduate collaborator.

Honors and Awards

CIKM Student Travel Grant, ACM 2020
KDD Student Travel Grant, NSF and ACM 2020

Best Poster, HEALTHINF 2020
Graduate Student Travel Grant, WPI 2020
IMA Travel Grant, University of Minnesota 2019
KDD Student Travel Grant, NSF and ACM 2019
Graduate Student Travel Grant, WPI 2019
Best Poster, Graduate Research Innovation and Exchange, WPI 2019
People's Choice Poster Award, Graduate Research Innovation and Exchange, WPI 2018
Graduate Student Travel Grant, WPI 2018
People's Choice Poster Award, Graduate Research Innovation and Exchange, WPI 2017
Graduate Student Travel Grant, WPI 2017
GAANN Ph.D. Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education 2016-2021

Presentations and Invited Talks

Florida State University Panama, FL
Adaptive-Halting Policy Networks for Early Classification June 2020

MITRE, Data Science Group Bedford, MA
Adaptive-Halting Policy Networks for Early Classification March 2020

University of Minnesota, Institute for Mathematics and its Applications Minneapolis, MN
Adaptive-Halting Policy Networks for Early Classification September 2019

Worcester Polytechnic Institute, NSF REU Tutorial Worcester, MA
Introduction to PyTorch and Deep Learning July 2019

Northeastern University, New England Machine Learning Day Boston, MA
Adaptive-Halting Policy Networks for Early Classification May 2019

Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Arts and Sciences Week Worcester, MA
Recurrent Models for Clinical Time Series May 2019

Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Graduate Research Innovation & Exchange Worcester, MA
Partial Recurrent State Updates for Irregular Multivariate Time Series March 2019

Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Data Science Department Colloquium Worcester, MA
Selective Activation in Recurrent Neural Networks March 2019

Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Graduate Research Innovation & Exchange Worcester, MA
Adaptively-Halting RNN for Tunable Earliness in Multivariate Time Series Classification March 2018

Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Graduate Research Innovation & Exchange Worcester, MA
CREST - Risk Prediction for Clostridium Difficile Infection Using Multimodal Data Mining March 2017

SUNY Geneseo, Modeling Biological Systems class Geneseo, NY
An Introduction to Percolation Modeling April 2016

Teaching

Students Mentored

- Aleksa Perucic, MS, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, MS Thesis 2019-2020
- Prathyush Parvatharaju, MS, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, MS Thesis 2019-2021
- Ramesh Doddaiah, PhD, Worcester Polytechnic Institute 2019-2021
- Liubuo Klindziuk, BS, Amherst College, NSF REU Summer 2019
- Daniel Johnston, BS, Columbia University, NSF REU Summer 2019
- Lolita Nazarov, BS, StonyBrook University, NSF REU Summer 2019
- Julia Friend, BS, Oberlin College, NSF REU Summer 2018
- Alex Hauck, BS, Valporaiso University, NSF REU Summer 2018
- Sruthi Kurada, Advanced Math & Science Academy Charter School, NSF REU Summer 2018

- Sarah Brownell, BS, Simmons University, NSF REU — Summer 2017
- Sean Tocci, BS, UMass Dartmouth, NSF REU — Summer 2017

Teaching Assistant, SUNY Geneseo, Modeling Biological Systems (2x) and BioStats (1x). 2015-2016

Modeling Biological Systems, SUNY Geneseo 2016

Guest lecturer: taught Percolation Models, including an in-class exercise in R.

Service

Program Committee:

- AAAI 2021

External Reviewer:

- ACM SIGKDD 2020
- ACM SIGKDD 2019

Organized the Deep Learning Reading Group at WPI 2019-present

Graduate Student Council of Arts & Sciences, WPI 2018-2020

Graduate Student Government Senate, WPI 2018

Data Science Graduate Student Council, WPI 2016-2019

Technical Skills

Programming: Python, R, LaTeX, SQL.
Frameworks: PyTorch, TensorFlow, Scikit-learn, NumPy.