

# Zheyuan Liu

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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## EDUCATION

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- 09/2019–05/2023    **B.S Computer Science**  
                         **B.S Applied Mathematics** (double-major)  
                         Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, USA  
                         **Cumulative GPA:** 3.87
- 09/2023– Current    **PhD Computer Science**  
                         University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, USA  
                         **Cumulative GPA:** 3.92  
                         **Advisor:** Prof. [Meng Jiang](#)

## RESEARCH INTEREST

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**Trustworthy Generative AI:** (Multimodal) Large Language Models (LLMs and MLLMs) Safety, LLMs fairness, Machine Unlearning, Data Privacy

**Knowledge-based Model Editing (KME):** Knowledge Update, Knowledge Conflict, Model Editing

**Data-Centric Problem and Learning:** Data Augmentation, Data Generation

## PUBLICATIONS

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1. **LIU, ZHEYUAN**, DOU, G., YUAN, X., ZHANG, C., TAN, Z., AND JIANG, M. Modality-aware neuron pruning for unlearning in multimodal large language models. In *ACL Main* (2025)
2. **LIU, ZHEYUAN**, MAHARJAN, S., WU, F., PARIKH, R., BAYAR, B., SENGAMEDU, S. H., AND JIANG, M. Disentangling biased knowledge from reasoning in large language models via machine unlearning. In *ACL Main* (2025)

3. **LIU, ZHEYUAN**, DOU, G., JIA, M., TAN, Z., ZENG, Q., YUAN, Y., AND JIANG, M. Protecting privacy in multimodal large language models with mllmu-bench. In *NAACL Main (Oral)* (2025)
4. **LIU, ZHEYUAN**, DOU, G., TAN, Z., TIAN, Y., AND JIANG, M. Towards safer large language models through machine unlearning. In *ACL Findings* (2024)
5. **LIU, ZHEYUAN**, HE, X., TIAN, Y., AND CHAWLA, N. Can we soft prompt llms for graph learning tasks? In *The Web Conference (WWW) Short Paper* (2024)
6. **LIU, ZHEYUAN**, DOU, G., TIAN, Y., ZHANG, C., CHIEN, E., AND ZHU, Z. Breaking the trilemma of privacy, utility, efficiency via controllable machine unlearning. In *The Web Conference (WWW)* (2024)
7. **LIU, ZHEYUAN**, ZHANG, C., TIAN, Y., ZHANG, E., HUANG, C., YE, Y., AND ZHANG, C. G-FAME: Fair graph representation learning via diverse mixture of experts. In *The Web Conference (WWW)* (2023)
8. **LIU, ZHEYUAN**, DOU, G., TAN, Z., TIAN, Y., AND JIANG, M. Machine unlearning in generative ai: A survey. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2407.20516 (In Submission of CSUR)* (2024)
9. DOU, G., **LIU, ZHEYUAN**, LYU, Q., DING, K., AND WONG, E. Avoiding copyright infringement via machine unlearning. In *NAACL Findings* (2025)
10. TAN, Z., **LIU, ZHEYUAN**, AND JIANG, M. Personalized pieces: Efficient personalized large language models through collaborative efforts. In *EMNLP Main* (2024)
11. LIANG, Z., LIU, G., **LIU, ZHEYUAN**, CHENG, J., HAO, T., LIU, K., REN, H., SONG, Z., LIU, J., YE, F., AND SHI, Y. Graph learning for parameter prediction of quantum approximate optimization algorithm. In *Design Automation Conference (DAC)* (2024)
12. TAN, Z., ZENG, Q., TIAN, Y., **LIU, ZHEYUAN**, YIN, B., AND JIANG, M. Democratizing large language models via personalized parameter-efficient fine-tuning. In *EMNLP Main* (2024)
13. ZHANG, C., TIAN, Y., JU, M., **LIU, ZHEYUAN**, YE, Y., CHAWLA, N., AND ZHANG, C. Chasing all-round graph representation robustness: Model, training, and optimization. In *ICLR* (2023)
14. WU, J., ZHANG, C., **LIU, ZHEYUAN**, ZHANG, E., WILSON, S., AND ZHANG, C. GraphBERT: Bridging graph and text for malicious behavior detection on social media. In *ICDM* (2022)
15. YUAN, X., ZHANG, C., LIU, Z., SHI, D., VOSOUGHI, S., AND LEE, W. Superficial self-improved reasoners benefit from model merging. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2503.02103* (2025)
16. NI, B., **LIU, ZHEYUAN**, WANG, L., LEI, Y., ZHAO, Y., CHENG, X., ZENG, Q., DONG, L., XIA, Y., KENTHAPADI, K., ET AL. Towards trustworthy retrieval augmented generation for large language models: A survey. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2502.06872* (2025)
17. YANG, T., DAI, L., **LIU, ZHEYUAN**, WANG, X., JIANG, M., TIAN, Y., AND ZHANG, X. Cliperase: Efficient unlearning of visual-textual associations in clip. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2410.23330* (2024)
18. TIAN, Y., ZHANG, C., KOU, Z., **LIU, ZHEYUAN**, ZHANG, X., AND CHAWLA, N. Ugmae: A unified framework for graph masked autoencoders. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2402.08023* (2024)

19. WANG, Y., PENG, H. M., SHA, L., **LIU, ZHEYUAN**, AND HONG, P. State-level covid-19 trend forecasting using mobility and policy data. *medRxiv* (2021)

## INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

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05/2025 – Present **Amazon**, Palo Alto, CA

*Applied Scientist Intern (Rufus Team)*

- Worked on addressing over/under refusal issues in Multimodal Large Language Models (MLLMs)

05/2024 – 08/2024 **Amazon**, Seattle, WA

*Applied Scientist Intern (PXTCS Team)*

- Worked on addressing fairness/bias issues in Large Language Models via Machine Unlearning techniques.
- Proposed a new prototype that alleviates internal model bias while preserving its reasoning ability. The prototype was later approved by the **United States Patent**.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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09/2021 – 05/2023 **Brandeis University**, Waltham, MA

*Teaching Assistant*

- Acted as teaching assistant for **COSI 10a** (Python), **COSI 12b** (JAVA), **COSI 103a** (Fundamentals of Software Engineering) and **COSI 131a** (Operating System class).

09/2023 – 05/2024 **University of Notre Dame**, Notre Dame, IN

*Teaching Assistant*

- Acted as teaching assistant for **CSE-40923** (Case Studies in Computing-Based Entrepreneurship class) and **CSE-30353** (Signals Processing Fundamentals).

## HONORS, AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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03/2025 Graduate School Professional Development Award (750 dollars)

03/2024 Conference Presentation Grant (300 dollars)

03/2024 Zahm Professional Development Fund (1250 dollars)

05/2023 Molly W. and Charles K. Schiff Memorial Award (Top 3 %)

06/2022	Provost's Research Fellowship (5000 dollars)
12/2019	Dean's List (Every semester)
09/2017	<a href="#">Patent</a> of a new type of packing tool

## SERVICE

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### Journals

IEEE Transactions on Big Data Reviewer  
IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems (TNNLS) Reviewer  
IEEE Transactions on Emerging Topics in Computational Intelligence (TETCI) Reviewer  
IEEE Transactions on Audio, Speech and Language Processing Reviewer  
TKDE Reviewer (2023, 2024)

### Conferences

ARR Reviewer  
ICDM 2024 MLoG Workshop Reviewer  
ACL 2024 Workshop KnowledgeNLP Reviewers  
Program Committee of CIKM'2024 (Applied Research Track)  
Program Committee of CIKM'2025 (Full Paper Track)  
NeurIPS Dataset and Benchmark Track Reviewer (2024, 2025)  
NeurIPS Main Track Reviewer (2025)

## CURRENT MENTORED STUDENTS

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1. **John Kim**, *Undergraduate Student at Notre Dame* (Since Feb 2025)
2. **Katherine O'Roark**, *Undergraduate Student at Saint Mary's College* (Since Feb 2025)
3. **Han Yan**, *Undergraduate Student at The Chinese University at HongKong, Shenzhen* (Since March 2025)
4. **Wenhan Wu**, *Master Student at Wuhan University, Wuhan* (Since March 2025)