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Education

⋄ Ph.D. Computer Science University of Southern California, Los Angeles, United States

Offiversity of Southern Camorina, Los Angeles, Officed States

♦ M.Sc. Software Engineering
Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran

♦ B.Sc. Software Engineering Fall 2009 – Summer 2014 Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran

Fall 2017 - Spring 2022

Fall 2014 - Fall 2017

Research Interests

- ♦ Fairness in Machine Learning♦ Natural Language Processing
- ♦ Computational Social Science

Work & Research Experience

- ♦ Research Assistant at University of Southern California Fall 2017 Present Computational Social Science Lab
- ♦ Research Intern at Google Summer and Fall 2021 Ethical AI team
- \diamond Co-organizer of the Workshop on Online Abuse and Harm ACL 2021 and NAACL 2022
- ♦ Research Assistant at Sharif University of Technology Fall 2014 Fall 2016

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- Mostafazadeh Davani, A., Díaz, M., Prabhakaran, V. "Dealing with disagreements: Looking beyond the majority vote in subjective annotations", Transactions of the Association for Computational Linguistics (2021).
- Prabhakaran, V.*, Mostafazadeh Davani, A.*, Díaz, M. "On releasing annotator-level labels and information in datasets", The 15th Linguistic Annotation & 3rd Designing Meaning Representations Joint Workshop (2021).
- Mostafazadeh Davani, A., Omrani, A., Kennedy, B., Atari, M., Ren, X., Dehghani, M. "Improving counterfactual generation for fair hate speech detection", Proceedings of the 5th Workshop on Online Abuse and Harms (2021).
- Atari, M., Mostafazadeh Davani, A., Kogon, D., Kennedy, B., Saxena, N. A., Anderson, I., Dehghani, M. "Morally homogeneous networks and radicalism", Social Psychological and Personality Science (2021).
- Kennedy, B., Atari, M., Mostafazadeh Davani, A., Yeh, L., Omrani, A., Kim, Y., ..., Hoover, J. "The gab hate corpus: A collection of 27k posts annotated for hate speech", Language Resources And Evaluation (2021).
- Hoover, J., Atari, M.*, Mostafazadeh Davani, A.*, Kennedy, B.*, Portillo-Wightman, G., Yeh, L., Dehghani, M. "Investigating the role of group-based morality in extreme behavioral expressions of prejudice", Nature Communications (2021).
- ♦ Kennedy, B., Atari, M., **Mostafazadeh Davani, A.**, Hoover, J., Omrani, A., Graham, J., Dehghani, M. "Moral concerns are differentially observable in language", Cognition (2021).
- Jin, X., Barbieri, F., Kennedy, B., Mostafazadeh Davani, A., Neves, L., Ren, X. "On transferability of bias mitigation effects in language model fine-tuning", Proceedings of the Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (2021).
- Mostafazadeh Davani, A., Atari, M., Kennedy, B., Havaldar, S., Dehghani, M. "Hatred is in the eye of the annotator: Hate speech classifiers learn human-like social stereotypes", Conference of the Cognitive Science Society (2020).

- Atari, M., Mostafazadeh Davani, A., Dehghani, M. "Body maps of moral concerns", Psychological Science (2020).
- Hoover, J., Portillo-Wightman, G., Yeh, L., Havaldar, S., Mostafazadeh Davani, A., Lin, Y., Kennedy, B., Atari, M., Kamel, Z., Mendlen, M., Moreno, G., Chin, J., Leong, C., Leung, J. Y., Mirinjian, A., Dehghani, M. "Moral Foundations Twitter Corpus: A collection of 35k tweets annotated for moral sentiment", Social Psychological and Personality Science (2020).
- ♦ Kennedy, B.*, Jin, X.*, **Mostafazadeh Davani, A.**, Dehghani, M., Ren, X. "Contextualizing hate speech classifiers with post-hoc explanation", In Proceedings of the 58th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (2020).
- Mostafazadeh Davani, A., Yeh, L., Atari, M., Kennedy, B., Wightman, G. P., Gonzalez, E., Delong, N., Bhatia, R., Mirinjian, A., Ren, X., Dehghani, M. "Reporting the unreported: Event extraction for analyzing the local representation of hate crimes", In the Proceedings of Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (2019).
- Ocurtland, M., Mostafazadeh Davani, A., Reyes, M., Yeh, L., Leung, J., Kennedy, B., Dehghani, M., Zevin, J. "Modeling performance differences on cognitive tests using LSTMs and skip-thought vectors trained on reported media consumption", Proceedings of the Third Workshop on Natural Language Processing and Computational Social Science (2019).

Pre-prints

- Mostafazadeh Davani, A., Atari, M., Kennedy. B., Dehghani, M. "Hate speech classifiers learn human-like social stereotypes", (under review at Psychological Science journal).
- Vial, A. C.*, Mostafazadeh Davani, A.*, Havaldar, S., Chestnut, E. K., Dehghani, M., Cimpian, A. "Syntactic and semantic gender biases in the language on children's television: Evidence from a corpus of 95 shows from 1960 to 2018", (in preparation).
- Atari, M., Hoover, J., Kennedy, B., Mostafazadeh Davani, A., Omrani, A., Karimi-Malekabadi, F., Portillo-Wightman, G., Birjandi, S., Dehghani, M. "Pathogens are linked to human moral systems across time and space", (under review at Nature Communications journal).
- ♦ Atari, M., Mehl, M. R., Graham, J., Doris, J. M., **Mostafazadeh Davani, A.**, Omrani, A., Kennedy, B., ..., Dehghani, M. "The paucity of morality in everyday talk", (in preparation).
- Goodwin, R. D., Dodson, S. J., Chambers, M., Mostafazadeh Davani, A., Dehghani, M., Graham, J., Diekmann, K. A. "Twitter observers' moral language reveals how sexual harassment denials condemn #MeToo victims", (in preparation).

Ad-Hoc Review

- ♦ Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)
- ♦ The North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL)
- ♦ Workshop on Affective Content Analysis (AffCon at AAAI)
- ♦ Workshop on Natural Language Processing and Computation Social Science (NLP+CSS)
- ♦ The International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM)
- \diamond Behavior Research Methods
- ♦ Cognitive Science Society (CogSci)
- ♦ ACM Transactions on Asian and Low-Resource Language Information Processing

Honors and Awards

- ♦ Graduate Research Assistantship, National Science Foundation (NSF) 2018-2020
- ⋄ Graduate Research Assistantship, National Institute of Health (NIH)
 2018

2017

♦ Hopper Scholarship Award, USC Department of Computer Science

Skills

- ♦ Programming: Python, Java, C++, C#, R
- ♦ Deep Learning: Tensorflow, PyTorch, Keras
- ♦ Statistics: Hierarchical Modeling, Time Series Analysis