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Research Interests

Education

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

Publications

- ♦ 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).
- Courtland, 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).
- Ocurtland, M., Mostafazadeh Davani, A., Reyes, M., Yeh, L., Leung, J., Kennedy, B., Dehghani, M., Zevin, J. "Subtle differences in language experience moderate performance on language-based cognitive tests.", Proceedings of the 41st Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society, Austin, Texas. Cognitive Science Society. (2019).
- Atari, M., Mostafazadeh Davani, A., Dehghani, M. "Body maps of moral concerns", Psychological Science (2019).
- 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. (accepted). "Moral Foundations Twitter Corpus: A collection of 35k tweets annotated for moral sentiment", Social Psychological and Personality Science (2019).
- Mostafazadeh Davani, A., Nazari Shirehjini, A. A., Daraei, S. "Towards interacting with smarter systems", Journal of Ambient Intelligence and Humanized Computing (2018).
- Mostafazadeh Davani, A., Nazari Shirehjini, A. A. and Daraei, S. "A Meta user interface for understandable and predictable interaction in AAL.", Human Aspects of IT for the Aged Population. Design for Everyday Life. Springer International Publishing, (2015).
- Mostafazadeh Davani, A., Nazari Shirehjini, A. A., Daraei, S., Khojasteh, N., and Shirmohammadi, S. "A Meta user interface for interaction with mixed reality environments.", Haptic, Audio and Visual Environments and Games (HAVE), 2015 IEEE International Symposium on, IEEE, (2015).

Pre-prints

- ♦ Mostafazadeh Davani, A., Omrani, A., Kennedy, B., Atari, M., Ren, X., Dehghani, M. "Fair hate speech detection through evaluation of social group counterfactuals", (2021, under review)
- Jin, X., Barbieri, F., Mostafazadeh Davani, A., Kennedy, B., Neves, L., Ren, X. "Efficiently mitigating classification bias via transfer learning", (2021, under review)

- Atari, M., Mostafazadeh Davani, A., Kogon, D., Kennedy, B., Saxena, N. A., Anderson, I., Dehghani, M. "Morally Homogeneous Networks and Radicalism", (2020, under review).
- 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", (2020, under review).
- 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", (2020, under review)
- 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", (2020, under review).
- Kennedy, B., Atari, M., Mostafazadeh Davani, A., Hoover, J., Omrani, A., Graham, J., Dehghani, M. "Moral concerns are differentially observable in language", (2020, under review).
- 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", (2020, under review).
- Hoover, J., Atari, M.*, Mostafazadeh Davani, A.*, Kennedy, B.*, Portillo-Wightman, G., Yeh, L., Kogon, D., Dehghani, M. "Bound in hatred: The role of group-based morality in acts of hate", (2019, under review).

Presentations

- Mostafazadeh Davani, A., Atari, M., Kennedy, B., Havaldar, Sh., Dehghani, M. "Hatred is in the Eye of the Annotator: Hate Speech Classifiers Learn Human-Like Social Stereotypes", Cognitive Science Conference, (2020, July).
- Kennedy, B.*, Jin, X.*, Mostafazadeh Davani, A., Dehghani, M., Ren, X. "Contextualizing Hate Speech Classifiers with Post-hoc Explanation", Oral presentation at the Annual Meeting of Association for Computational Linguistics, Seattle, USA (2020, July).
- Atari, M., Mostafazadeh Davani, A., and Dehghani, M. "Body Maps of Moral Concerns", Oral presentation at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference, New Orleans, USA (2020, February).
- Mostafazadeh Davani, A., Yeh, L., Atari, M., Kennedy, B., Portillo-Wightman, G., Gonzalez, E., ... Dehghani, M. . "Reporting the Unreported: Event Extraction for Analyzing the Local Representation of Hate Crimes", Oral presentation at the Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing, Hong Kong, China (2019, November).
- Chambers, M. K., Mostafazadeh Davani, A., Goodwin, R., Dodson, S., Yeh, L., Dehghani, M., Graham, J., Diekmann, K. A. "The power of silence: Using sentiment text analysis to examine twitter responses to sexual harassment accounts", International Association for Conflict Management (IACM), Dublin, Ireland (2019).
- Mostafazadeh Davani, A., Vial, A., Chestnut, E., Leung, J. Y., Cimpian, A., Dehghani, M., "An Analysis of Gender Bias in Children's TV Shows", Oral presentation at the Third Workshop on Natural Language Processing and Computational Social Science, Minneapolis, USA (June, 2019)
- Kennedy, B., Hoover, J., Mostafazadeh Davani, A., Garten, J., Dehghani, M.. "Measuring Moral Rhetoric in Text: Attempts to Capture Context", Oral presentation at the Annual Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference, Portland, USA (2019, November).
- Dehghani, M., Kennedy, B., Mostafazadeh Davani, A., Yeh, L., and Atari, M. "Inferring Moral Concerns from Facebook Status Updates", Oral presentation at the Association for Research in Personality, Grand Rapids, USA (2019, June).
- Hoover, J., Atari, M., Mostafazadeh Davani, A., Kennedy, B., Dehghani, M. "Moral Values and Acts of Hate", Oral presentation at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference, Portland, USA (2019, February).
- Lin, Y., Mostafazadeh Davani, A., Oyserman. D., & Dehghani. M. "Situating Honor in Moral Contexts", Data Blitz presented in the Psychology of Language pre-conference, Society of Personality and Social Psychology Convention, Atlanta, USA (2018).

♦ The Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) Workshop on Affective

 \diamond Workshop on Natural Language Processing and Computation Socia Sciene (NLP+CSS)

 $\diamond\,$ ACM Transactions on Asian and Low-Resource Language Information Processing

Teaching Experience	 Analysis of Algorithm at University of Southern California Human Computer Interaction at Sharif University of Technology Principles of Programming at Sharif University of Technology 	Fall 2018 - Spring 2019 Fall 2015 - Spring 2017 Fall 2012 - Fall 2013
Honors and Awards	 ⋄ Graduate Research Assistantship, National Science Foundation (NSF) (PI: Morteza Dehghani) 	2018-2020
	 Graduate Research Assistantship, National Institute of Health (NIH) (PI: Jason Zevin) 	2018
	\diamond Hopper Scholarship Award, USC Department of Computer Science	2017
Academic Memberships	♦ Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)	2019-2020
	♦ Cognitive Science Society (CogSci)	2020
	\diamond Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)	2019-2020
Skills	♦ Programming: Python, Java, C++, C#, R	
	♦ Deep Learning: Tensorflow, PyTorch, Keras	
	\diamond Statistics: Hierarchical Modeling, Time Series Analysis	
Ad-Hoc Review	\diamond Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL)	

Content Analysis (AffCon)

 \diamond Behavior Research Methods

 \diamond Cognitive Science Society (CogSci)