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Education

 \diamond Ph.D. Computer Science

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University of Southern California, Los Angeles, United States

♦ M.Sc. Software Engineering Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran Fall 2014 - Fall 2017

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◆ B.Sc. Software Engineering

Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran

Fall 2009 – Summer 2014

Research Interests

♦ Ethics in Machine Learning

♦ Natural Language Processing

♦ Computational Social Science

Publications

- 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 (accepted, 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, accepted)
- 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, accepted).
- 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).
- 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).
- 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).
- 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).
- Courtland, 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).
- ♦ 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., Atari, M., Kennedy. B., Dehghani, M. "Hate speech classifiers learn human-like social stereotypes", (under preparation).
- ♦ 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", (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", (under 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 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", (under preparation).

Presentations

- Mostafazadeh Davani, A., Omrani, A., Kennedy, B., Atari, M., Ren, X., Dehghani, M.
 "Improving counterfactual generation for fair hate speech detection", Oral presentation at the
 5th Workshop on Online Abuse and Harms (2021, August).
- ♦ Mostafazadeh Davani, A., Díaz, M., Prabhakaran, V. "Multi-Annotator Modeling to Encode Diverse Perspectives in Hate Speech Annotations", Oral presentation at the 5th Workshop on Online Abuse and Harms (2021, August).
- ♦ Dehghani, M., Atari, M., **Mostafazadeh Davani, A.**, Kennedy, B. "Extremists of a feather hate together: Morally homogeneous networks and use of hateful rhetoric", Oral presentation at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology Conference (2021, February).
- ♦ 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", Oral presentation at the 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).

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\Diamond	Student Researcher at Google	
	Ethical AI team	

Fall 2021

 \diamond Research Intern at Google Ethical AI team

Summer 2021

- Research Assistant at University of Southern California Computational Social Science Lab
- Fall 2017 Spring 2021
- ♦ Teaching Assistant at University of Southern California Analysis of Algorithm
- Fall 2018 Spring 2019
- Research Assistant at Sharif University of Technology Ambient Intelligence Lab
- Fall 2014 Fall 2016
- ♦ Teaching Assistant at Sharif University of Technology Human Computer Interaction
- Fall 2015 Spring 2017
- Teaching Assistant at Sharif University of Technology Principles of Programming

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

♦ 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

♦ Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)

2019-2020

Skills

♦ Programming: Python, Java, C++, C#, R

- ♦ Deep Learning: Tensorflow, PyTorch, Keras
- ♦ Statistics: Hierarchical Modeling, Time Series Analysis

Ad-Hoc Review

- ♦ Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)
- \diamond Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL)
- ♦ The Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) Workshop on Affective Content Analysis (AffCon)
- ♦ 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