### ANTHONY B. SICILIA

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### **EDUCATION**

## University of Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh, PA

GPA: 3.89/4.00

**April 2019** 

Ph.D Student in Intelligent Systems — School of Computing and Information

University of Pittsburgh

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics — Dietrich College of Arts and Sciences

Minor in Computer Science — School of Computing and Information

University of Miami: 14 Credits — College of Engineering

GPA: 4.00/4.00 Relevant Coursework: Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing, Computer Vision, Sports Data Science, Algorithm Design, Data Structures, Graph Theory, Probability/Statistics, Real Analysis, Linear/Abstract Algebra.

### RESEARCH

- (TACL, '22) | A. Sicilia, T. Maidment, P. Healy, M. Alikhani
  - "Modeling Non-Cooperative Dialogue: Theoretical and Empirical Insights" in Transactions of the Association for Computational Linguistics, forthcoming, 2022.
- · (UAI, '22) | A. Sicilia, K. Atwell, M. Alikhani, S.J. Hwang
  - "PAC Bayesian Adaptation Bounds for Multiclass Learners", in The Conference on Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence, Eindhoven, Netherlands, August, 2022.
- · (ACL, '22) | K. Atwell, A. Sicilia<sup>1</sup>, S.J. Hwang, M. Alikhani
  - "The Change that Matters in Discourse Parsing: Estimating the Impact of Domain Shift on Parser Error", in Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics, Dublin, Ireland, May, 2022.
- (IJCAI, '22) | X. Zhao, C. Liu, A. Sicilia, S.J. Hwang, Y. Fu
  - "Test-time Fourier Style Calibration for Domain Generalization", in The International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence and The European Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Vienna, Austria, July, 2022.
- · (Preprint) | A. Sicilia, X. Zhao, S.J. Hwang
  - "Domain Adversarial Neural Networks for Domain Generalization: When It Works and How to Improve", arXiv preprint 2102.03924, February, 2021.
- (MICCAI, '21) | A. Sicilia, X. Zhao, A. Sosnovskikh, S.J. Hwang
- "PAC Bayesian Performance Guarantees for (Stochastic) Deep Networks in Medical Imaging", in Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention, Strasbourg, FR. October, 2021.
- (ISBI, '21) | A. Sicilia, X. Zhao, D. Minhas, E. O'Connor, H. Aizenstein, W. Klunk, D. Tudorascu, S.J. Hwang "Multi-Domain Learning by Meta-Learning: Taking Optimal Steps in Multi-Domain Loss Landscapes by Inner-Loop Learning", in IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging, April, 2021.
- · (ISBI, '21) | X. Zhao, A. Sicilia, D. Minhas, E. O'Connor, H. Aizenstein, W. Klunk, D. Tudorascu, S.J. Hwang "Robust White Matter Hyperintensity Segmentation on Unseen Domain", in IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging, April, 2021.
- · (NDS, '20) | T. Maidment, A. Sicilia, P. Healy, M. Alikhani
  - "Deception Detection in a Human-Machine Visual Dialogue Task", in NYAS Natural Language, Dialog and Speech Symposium, November, 2020.
- (KDD, '19) | A. Sicilia, K. Pelechrinis, and K.Goldsberry
  - "DeepHoops: Evaluating Micro-Actions in Basketball Using Deep Feature Representations of Spatio-Temporal Data", in ACM SIGKDD, Anchorage, AK, USA, August, 2019.
- (KDD, '18) | M. Silvis, A. Sicilia, and A. Labrinidis
  - "PittGrub: A Frustration-Free System to Reduce Food Waste by Notifying Hungry College Students", in ACM SIGKDD, London, UK, August, 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>K. Atwell and A. Sicilia Contributed Equally

- · (MUD, '18) | A. Sicilia, A. Labrinidis, and K. Pelechrinis
  - "A Holistic Evaluation of Transit Supply and Demand using Network Analysis: The TDI Framework", in MUD3, ACM SIGKDD, London, UK, August, 2018.
- $\cdot (CASSIS, '18) \mid \mathbf{A. Sicilia},$

"On the Applications of Convex-hull Based Spatial Metrics in the NBA", poster presentation at Cascadia Symposium on Statistics in Sports, Vancouver, BC, Canada, August, 2018.

#### RECENT WORK EXPERIENCE

### University of Pittsburgh

August 2019 - May 2020. August 2020-Present

Graduate Student Researcher | School of Computing and Information

· Conducted research on machine learning theory (e.g., PAC bounds) with focus on practical applications. Topics included multiple domain problems, sample-complexity of deep networks, problems in natural language processing.

**Amazon** May 2020 - Aug 2020

Intern | Last Mile Machine Learning Science

- · Designed/developed a machine learning pipeline to normalize a noisy data signal. Solution had lower error than rule-based competitors and limited data requirements for training and inference to maximize model coverage.
- · Investigated model performance on out-of-distribution samples, designing solutions and fail-safes for problem cases.
- · Delivered a production-level code package with all model components for easy re-use.

# Toronto Blue Jays Baseball Research

May 2019 - August 2019

Intern | High Performance Department

- · Applied machine learning to answer interdisciplinary research questions for a state-of-the-art sports science team.
- · Designed and developed predictive models integrated into automated systems to inform player development plans.
- · Conducted exploratory analysis of datasets and hypothesis testing to help inform decision making.

### **STARTUPS**

Komodo

Feburary 2020 - May 2020

Team Member

- · Designed/implemented early stage prototypes for automated financial document parsing through computer vision.
- · Fund-raised in multiple start-up competitions, taking 3rd place in Princeton's Tiger Launch, 2020.

**PittGrub** 

December 2017 - May 2019

Co-founder | ADMT Labs

- · Designed notification system for PittGrub (food-waste prevention start-up). Employed reinforcement learning and a valuation model to manage user prioritization under constraint by framing notification as a Knapsack Problem.
- $\cdot \ \, \text{Collaborated in development of system prototype and a comprehensive simulation environment for experimentation}.$
- · Fund-raised in start-up competition, winning 3rd place in U. Pittsburgh's Kuzneski Innovation Cup, 2018.

### ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

### Pitt Smart Living Project

May 2018 - April 2019

Undergraduate Researcher | Data/Systems Team

- · Modeled transit systems in 50 U.S. cities as spatially embedded, multi-layer networks using GTFS and GIS data.
- · Developed general infrastructure to build model components including a partition of an areal bounding box, multiple transit network models from GTFS data, a spatial network embedding, and multiple types of Graph Laplacian.
- · Designed multi-modal transit model to enumerate transportation routes under constraint using bidirectional BFS.

# Recitation Instruction (Data Structures & Intro. Python)

August 2017 - April 2019

2021

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant | SCI, University of Pittsburgh

· Communicated course topics through weekly recitation lecture, supervised lab assignments, and office hours.

# PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Conference Reviewer:	Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)	2020
	International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS)	2022
Journal Reviewer:	Neurocomputing	2021

IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems for Video Technology