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## Employment History

2020–present **Assistant Professor**, Mississippi State University.

2014–2020 **Research Assistant**, Virginia Tech.

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## Education

2014–2020 **PhD, Computer Science**, Virginia Tech, Falls Church, Virginia.

2010–2013 **MS, Software Engineering**, Peking University, China.

2005–2009 **BE, Software Engineering**, Huazhong Univ. of Sci. & Tech., China.

2007–2009 **BA, Japanese Language**, Huazhong Univ. of Sci. & Tech., China.

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## Awards & Patent

Award Best Paper Award at ACM SIGSPATIAL 2020

Award Best Paper Award at GISTAM 2015

U.S. Patent High-throughput method to predict bulk properties of inorganic materials

Award Outstanding Contribution Award, 2016, Toyota Research Institute, North America (TRI-NA)

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## Editor/Review Service

Reviewer International Conference on Machine Learning (*ICML*), 2021, 2022

Reviewer International Conference on Learning Representations (*ICLR*), 2022

Reviewer Neural Information Processing System (*NeurIPS*), 2019, 2020, 2021

Reviewer AAAI conference on Artificial Intelligence (*AAAI*), 2020, 2021, 2022

Reviewer International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (*IJCAI*), 2022

Reviewer ACM SIG on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (*KDD*), 2020, 2022

Reviewer ACM SIG on Information Retrieval (*SIGIR*), 2020, 2022

Reviewer Knowledge-Based Systems, 2021

Reviewer Reviewer, IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering (*TKDE*), 2019, 2020

Reviewer Reviewer, ACM Transactions on Knowledge Discovery from Data (*TKDD*), 2021

Reviewer Reviewer, Neurocomputing by Elsevier, 2019, 2020, 2021

Reviewer Scientific Reports by Nature, 2021

Reviewer Reviewer, MDPI Sensors 2021

Review Editor, Frontiers in Big Data - Data Science  
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## Publications

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- [9] Taoran Ji, Nathan Self, Kaiqun Fu, Zhiqian Chen, Naren Ramakrishnan, and Chang-Tien Lu. Dynamic multi-context attention networks for citation forecasting of scientific publications. In *Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence*, volume 35, pages 7953–7960, 2021.
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- [13] Subhodip Biswas, Fanglan Chen, Zhiqian Chen, Chang-Tien Lu, and Naren Ramakrishnan. Incorporating domain knowledge into memetic algorithms for solving spatial optimization problems. In *Proceedings of the 28th International Conference on Advances in Geographic Information Systems*, pages 25–35, 2020.
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