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Education

2014–2020 **PhD, Computer Science**, *Virginia Tech*, Virginia, United States.
2010–2013 **MS, Software Engineering**, *Peking University*, China.
2005–2009 **BE, Software Engineering; BA, Japanese Language**, *Huazhong Univ. of Sci. & Tech.*, China.

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Teaching

Split-level CSE 4633/6633 Artificial Intelligence
Split-level CSE 4693/6693 Intro to Machine Learning
Graduate CSE 8673 Machine Learning
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Service

Reviewer International Conference on Machine Learning (*ICML*), 2021, 2022. International Conference on Learning Representations (*ICLR*), 2022, 2023. Neural Information Processing System (*NeurIPS*), 2020, 2021, 2022. AAAI conference on Artificial Intelligence (*AAAI*), 2021, 2022, 2023. International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (*IJCAI*), 2022, 2023. ACM SIG on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (*KDD*), 2020, 2022, 2023. ACM SIG on Information Retrieval (*SIGIR*), 2020, 2022, 2023. IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering (*TKDE*), 2020. ACM Transactions on Knowledge Discovery from Data (*TKDD*), 2021
Editorial Board Frontiers in Big Data - Data Science, Frontiers in Big Data - Data Mining and Management, Frontier Topic Editor, 2022-present
Co-Chair IEEE BigData 2024, Bigdata Cup Challenges
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