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Academics

Cornell University

Aug 2018 — May 2023 (expected)

Ph.D. Student, Information Science

Committee: Solon Barocas, Karen Levy (Co-Advised), Jon Kleinberg

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Pace University

Aug 2012 — May 2016

B.S. Computer Science, Magna Cum Laude

 $Mathematics\ Minor$

Select Experience

Princeton University Computational Social Science Institute, Participant

June 2021

Complete cutting-edge training in computational social science, complete participant-led research project.

Mentors: Matthew Salganik

Cornell Tech, Public Interest Tech Fellow

June—Sept 2021

Collaborate with Blue Ridge Labs at the RobinHood Foundation to provide tech research insights to early-stage social impact ventures.

Spotify, Research Scientist Intern

June—Sept 2019

Provide diversity evaluation findings for cross-domain recommender systems.

Mentors: Henriette Cramer, Zahra Nazari

Microsoft, Fellow

May 2016—Dec 2017

Develop statistical dashboards for Manhattan Borough President's Office using 311 service request data. *Mentors*: John Paul Farmer, Matt Stempeck

Federal Reserve Board of Governors, Data Science Intern

June—Aug 2015

Develop and implement real-time operational dashboard for time series data releases.

Microsoft Research, Data Science Summer School Student

June—Aug 2014

Analyze network flow of NYC's bike share program and develop load balancing algorithm.

Mentors: Jake Hofman, Sharad Goel, Justin Rao

Publications

T. Gebru, J. Morgenstern, B. Vecchione, J.W. Vaughan, H. Wallach, H. Daumé III, K. Crawford.

"Datasheets for Datasets". ArXiv, 2018. (Under Review)

Z. Nazari, C. Charbuillet, J. Pages, M. Laurent, D. Charrier, B. Vecchione, B. Carterette.

"Recommending Podcasts for Cold-Start Users Based on Music Listening and Taste." 2019. SIGIR 2020.

B. Vecchione, S. Barocas, K. Levy.

"Algorithmic Auditing and Social Justice: Lessons from the History of Audit Studies". EAAMO 2021.

Select Honors, Awards, & Scholarships

Facebook Fellowship

August 2020

Selective fellowship to support full tuition, stipend, and travel for 2 years.

Ford Foundation Fellowship: Honorable Mention

March 2020

Selective fellowship based on academic performance and impact.

Google Women Techmakers Scholar

June 2019

Selective scholarship based on academic performance, leadership, and impact.

Cornell University Dean's Excellence Fellowship

August 2018 — May 2019

Selective fellowship awarded to outstanding research degree students in support of diversity.

Computing Research Association: URMD Grad Cohort

March 2019

Sponsorship to attend workshop dedicated towards increasing diversity in computing research.

Forbes Under 30 Summit Fellow

October 2018

Sponsorship to attend the Under 30 Summit awarded to exceptional candidates creating social change.

City of New York Certificate of Recognition

July 2018

Recognized for research and development in support of the Manhattan Borough President's Office.

Pace University 30 Under 30 Scholar

February 2018

Recognized as one of the most influential young alumni of Pace University for research contributions.

National Science Foundation ACM Tapia Scholar

February 2016

Sponsorship to support the ACM Richard Tapia Diversity in Computing Conference.

Anita Borg Institute GHC Scholar

October 2015

Sponsorship to support the Grace Hopper Celebration. (~20% acceptance rate)

Multiple Sclerosis Society Scholar

2012, 2014

Scholarship to support families affected by multiple sclerosis.

Select Invited Talks

Self Balancing Bikes: Locally Re-Routing Users to Improve the Flow of Bike Share Programs

• ACM Richard Tapia Celebration. Won Best Paper Award

February 2015

• Microsoft Research New York

August 2014

• Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD) at Bloomberg

August 2014

Datasheets for Datasets

- Mechanism Design for Social Good, Bias Fairness & Discrimination Working Group March 2019
- Cornell University, AI Policy & Practice

September 2018

Research & Development for Civic Engagement

 \bullet Stanford Digital Impact World Tour

October 2017

• Bloomberg Data for Good Exchange

September 2017 February 2016

New York University, Women in Computer Science
Metropolitan Museum of Art Media Lab

June 2016

Bias, Diversity, & Inclusion in Data Science & AI

• Cornell University, Women in Tech & Entrepreneurship

August 2016

• oSTEM National Conference

November 2015

• Facebook New York

November 2015

• Sony Wonder Lab

September 2015

Professional & Service Activities

AI, Policy, and Practice, Member

Aug 2018 — Present

Interdisciplinary research initiative with the goal of combining technical, sociological, philosophical, and legal expertise to more fully understand and develop the future path and impact of AI.

Mechanism Design for Social Good, Member

Aug 2018 — Present

Multi-institutional, interdisciplinary research group which uses insights from algorithms, optimization, and mechanism design to improve access to opportunity.

Cornell Graduate Women in Science, Web Developer

Aug 2019 — May 2020

Organization with the goal of improving scientific culture of the sciences for women and gender minorities through a combination of outreach, teaching, and advocacy.

Microsoft Research FATE Discussion Group, Discussant

January — November 2017

Fairness, Accountability, Transparency, and Ethics reading and discussion group studying the complex social implications of AI, machine learning, data science, experimentation, and increasing automation.

NASA Datanaut, Cohort Member

June — December 2016

International community with the goal of increasing proficiency of data science skills through access to and use of NASA's open data.

Skills

Languages: R, Python, Git, SQL, HTML/CSS/JavaScript

Databases & Servers: PostgreSQL, MySQL, BigQuery, Nginx, uWSGI, Redis

Platforms & DevOps: GCP, AWS, Microsoft Azure, Digital Ocean

Teaching & Mentorship Experience

Cornell University, Teaching Assistant

Department of Computer and Information Science, Introduction to Web Design Fall 2019 Graded labs, supervised sections, handled online discussions, tracked attendance, and helped manage an undergraduate TA team of $\sim \! 40$ students.

Pace University

Women in Technology Club, Co-Founder

August 2014 — May 2016

Coached resume and scholarship application workshops for women and underrepresented persons in computing. Recruited, scheduled, and hosted guest lecturers.

Guest Lecturer or Workshop Instructor

• Introduction to Data Science. Cornell University.	Spring 2019
• Building Civic Data Dashboards. Manhattan Borough President's Office.	April 2017
• Personal Digital Privacy. Arab American Association.	March 2017
• Keynote. Intrepid Sea, Air, and Space Museum: GOALS for Girls.	April 2016