# DJ Strouse

#### **Work Experience**

# Research Scientist Google DeepMind Mar 2019 – present

• Multi-agent reinforcement learning, multi-task reinforcement learning, deep learning for auction design

Research Intern Google DeepMind Jun 2017 – Oct 2017

• Variational information bottleneck, multi-task reinforcement learning

Machine Learning Intern Spotify Jun 2016 – May 2017

• Probabilistic models of musical taste, Bayesian hypothesis testing

Data Science Intern Zynga Jun 2015 – Aug 2015

• Supervised learning on imbalanced datasets

#### **Education**

## PhD, Physics Princeton University 2012 – 2018

- Research: information-theoretic regularization in supervised, unsupervised, and reinforcement learning
- · Advisors: David J Schwab, William Bialek
- Awards: Hertz Fellowship, Department of Energy Computational Sciences Graduate Fellowship

## MPhil, Information Engineering University of Cambridge

2011 - 2012

- Research: neural network models for dendritic integration of synaptic inputs
- Advisor: Máté Lengyel
- Awards: Churchill Scholarship

### BA, Physics and BS, Math

### University of Southern California 2006 – 2011

- Research: quantum algorithms, quantum information theory, computational neuroscience
- Advisors: Bartlett Mel, Paolo Zanardi, Andrew Childs
- Awards: USC Presidential Scholarship, Order of the Laurel and the Palm

#### Select Publications<sup>1</sup>

- DJ Strouse & David Schwab. The information bottleneck and geometric clustering. Neural Computation (NECO), 2019.
- Natasha Jaques, Edward Hughes, Angeliki Lazaridou, Caglar Gulcehre, Pedro Ortega, DJ Strouse, Joel Z. Leibo, & Nando de Freitas. Intrinsic Social Motivation via Causal Influence in Multi-Agent RL. International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2019.
- Anirudh Goyal, Riashat Islam, DJ Strouse, Zafarali Ahmed, Maxime Chevalier-Boisvert, Doina Precup, Matthew Botvinick, Hugo Larochelle, Sergey Levine, & Yoshua Bengio. InfoBot: Transfer and Exploration via the Information Bottleneck. International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2019.
- **DJ Strouse**, Max Kleiman-Weiner, Josh Tenenbaum, Matt Botvinick, & David Schwab. Learning to share and hide intentions using information regularization. *Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS)*, 2018.
- DJ Strouse & David Schwab. The deterministic information bottleneck. Neural Computation (NECO), 2017.

#### **Skills and Service**

- Programming: Python, TensorFlow, R
- Technical skills: reinforcement learning, information theory, deep learning, machine learning
- Reviewer: NeurIPS

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>See www.djstrouse.com for latest project and publication information.