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Natural language processing, machine learning, artificial intelligence, data mining, medical informatics.

Education

Ph.D. Computer Science, University of Colorado, Boulder, 2010.

M.S. Computer Science, State University of New York, Buffalo, 2004.

B.S. Computer Science, Loyola University, Chicago, 1999.

Professional Experience

Associate Professor, Loyola University Chicago, 2021 - present.

Associate Professor, Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine, 2021 - present.

Honorary Fellow, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine, 2020 - present.

Assistant Professor, Loyola University Chicago, 2016 - 2021.

Assistant Professor, Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine, 2016 - 2021.

Instructor (entry-level faculty appointment), Harvard Medical School, 2014 - 2015.

Associate Scientific Research Staff, Boston Children's Hospital, 2014 - 2015.

Research Fellow, Harvard Medical School, 2011 - 2014.

Research Fellow, Boston Children's Hospital, 2011 - 2014.

Postdoctoral Research Associate, University of Colorado, Boulder, 2010 - 2011.

Research Assistant, University of Colorado, Boulder, 2005 - 2010.

Research Scientist, Pronto Inc., Boulder, CO, 2005.

Teaching Assistant, State University of New York, Buffalo, 2003 - 2005.

Senior Software Engineer, Motorola, Inc., Arlington Heights, IL, 2000 - 2003.

Development Analyst, Commonwealth Edison, Chicago, IL, 1999 - 2000.

Network Administrator, Graver, Bokhof, Goodwin & Sullivan, Chicago, IL, 1997 - 1998.

Peer-reviewed Publications

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Sujay Kulshrestha, Dmitriy Dligach, Xin Su, Richard Gonzalez, Cara Joyce, Matthew M Churpek, Majid Afshar. Classification of Chest Injury Severity Using Clinical Documents. *AMIA Informatics Summit*. 2021.

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Timothy Miller, Dmitriy Dligach, Fei Wang, Yuqi Si. Learning Patient Representations from Electronic Health Records across Diverse Data Types. Panel. *American Medical Informatics Association Symposium*. Chicago, IL. November 2020.

Xin Su, Timothy Miller, Majid Afshar, Dmitriy Dligach. Learning Hierarchical Transformer-based Representations of Clinical Notes. *American Medical Informatics Association Symposium*. Chicago, IL. November 2020.

Sujay Kulshrestha, Brihat Sharma, Richard Gonzalez, Cara Joyce, Dmitriy Dligach, Matthew M. Churpek, Majid Afshar. Use of Machine Learning to Predict Severity of Chest Injury from Clinical Texts. *AMIA 2020 Clinical Informatics Conference*. Seattle, WA. May 2020.

Xin Su, Anoop Mayampurath, Matthew Churpek, Sameep Shah, Bhakti Patel, Dmitriy Dligach, and Majid Afshar. External Validation of an Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome Prediction Model Using Clinical Text. *American Thoracic Society (ATS) International Conference 2020*. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, May 2020.

Daniel To, Brihat Sharma, Cara Joyce, Dmitriy Dligach, Elizabeth Salisbury-Afshar, Niranjana Karnik, Majid Afshar. Subtypes of Alcohol Misuse in Hospitalized Patients. *AMIA 2020 Informatics Summit*. Houston, TX, March 2019.

Xin Su, Timothy Miller, Farig Sadeque, Majid Afshar, Dmitriy Dligach. Using Transformer-based Approaches for Measuring Semantic Similarity. *N2C2 2019 Shared Task Workshop at AMIA 2019*. Washington DC. November, 2019.

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Invited Talks

Automatic Phenotyping in the Age of Deep Learning. DePaul University Research Colloquium. September 2021.

Pretraining phenotyping classifiers. University of Wisconsin Madison. Churpek/Afshar lab. December 2020.

Pretraining NLP classifiers. University of Chicago, Matt Churpek lab. February 2018.

Clinical Natural Language Processing with cTAKES. Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine. Chicago, IL. August, 2018.

Neural Models for Temporal Relation Extraction. Northwestern University, Department of Computer Science. Chicago, IL. May 2017.

Semantic Processing of Clinical Texts. Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine. Chicago, IL. March 2016.

Semantic Analysis of Clinical Texts. Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. Chicago, IL. June 2015.

Semantic Analysis of Clinical Narratives. NorthShore University Health System Research Institute. Evanston, IL. June 2014.

Active Learning for Phenotyping Tasks. i2b2 3rd Annual Academic User Group Conference and NLP Workshop. Boston, MA. June 2013.

Discovering Body Site and Severity Modifiers in Rheumatoid Arthritis Data. i2b2 2nd Annual Academic User Group Conference and NLP Workshop. Boston, MA. June 2012.

Discovering Severity and Body Site Modifiers: A Relation Extraction Task. Strategic Health IT Advanced Research Project Annual Meeting. Rochester, MN. June, 2012.

Shared Tasks

BioNLP Shared Task. Organizer. 2023.

National NLP Clinical Challenges (n2c2) Shared Task. Organizer. 2022.

Datasets and Resources

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Minor Contributions

William J. Rapaport. Philosophy of Computer Science: An Introductory Course. In *Teaching Philosophy* 28(4): 319-341. 2005.

Courses Taught

COMP 379/479: Machine Learning. Loyola University Chicago. Fall 2016-2023.

COMP 329/429: Natural Language Processing. Loyola University Chicago. Spring 2018-2023.

COMP 170: Introduction to Object-Oriented Programming. Loyola University Chicago. 2016-2017.

CSCI 3202: Introduction to Artificial Intelligence. University of Colorado, Boulder, Invited lecture, Fall 2008.

LING 7800: Advanced Computational Linguistics: Lexical Semantics. University of Colorado, Boulder, Invited lecture, Spring 2007.

LING 5200: Computational Corpus Linguistics. University of Colorado, Boulder, Invited lecture, Spring 2006

CSE/PHI 510: Philosophy of Computer Science. State University of New York, Buffalo, Teaching Assistant, Fall 2004.

CSE 116 : Introduction To Computer Science for Majors II. State University of New York, Buffalo, Teaching Assistant, Fall 2003, Spring 2004.

Courses Prepared to Teach

Natural Language Processing

Machine Learning

Deep Learning

Artificial Intelligence

Information Retrieval

Data Mining

Service

BioNLP Workshop at ACL 2024. Program committee and paper reviewer. 2024.

ClinicalNLP Workshop at NAACL 2024. Program Committee and paper reviewer. 2024.

ClinicalNLP Workshop at ACL 2023. Paper Reviewer. 2023.

BioNLP Workshop at ACL 2023. Paper Reviewer. 2023.

Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) conference. Paper Reviewer. 2023.

Journal of Biomedical Informatics. Paper reviewer. 2023.

2023 BioNLP Shared Task and Workshop. Paper reviewer. 2023.

2022 n2c2 Shared Task and Workshop. Paper reviewer. 2022.

Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP). Paper Reviewer. 2022.

Clinical NLP (cNLP) Workshop at NAACL. Paper Reviewer. 2022.

Biomedical NLP (BioNLP) Workshop. Paper Reviewer. 2022.

Journal of Biomedical Informatics. Paper Reviewer. October 2020.

Journal of American Medical Informatics Association. Paper Reviewer. September 2020.

Clinical NLP Workshop at EMNLP. Program Committee. 2020.

Clinical NLP Workshop at EMNLP. Paper Reviewer. 2020.

Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) conference. Paper Reviewer. 2020.

Journal of American Medical Informatics Association. Paper Reviewer. April 2019.

Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) conference. Program Committee. 2019.

Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) conference. Paper Reviewer. 2019.

North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL) conference. Program Committee. 2019.

North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL) conference. Paper Reviewer. 2019.

Clinical NLP Workshop at COLING. Program Committee. 2019.

Clinical NLP Workshop at COLING. Paper Reviewer. 2019.

North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL) conference. Program Committee. December 2018.

North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL) conference. Paper Reviewer. December 2018.

International Conference on Computational Linguistics (COLING). Paper Reviewer. April 2018.
Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) conference. Program Committee. March 2018.
Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) conference. Paper Reviewer. February 2018.
American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) Symposium. Paper Reviewer. March 2017.
Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) conference. Paper Reviewer. February 2017.
Clinical NLP Workshop at COLING 2016. Program Committee. December 2016.
Clinical NLP Workshop at COLING 2016. Paper Reviewer. December 2016.
American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) Symposium. Paper Reviewer. April 2016.
Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) conference. Paper Reviewer. March 2016.
American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) Symposium. Paper Reviewer. April 2015.
Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) conference. Program Committee. February 2015.
Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) conference. Paper Reviewer. February 2015.
SemEval 2015. Paper Reviewer. February 2015.
International Conference on Computational Semantics (IWCS). Program Committee. January 2015.
International Conference on Computational Semantics (IWCS). Paper Reviewer. January 2015.
RANLP NLP for Medicine and Biology Workshop. Paper Reviewer. September 2013.
American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) Symposium. Paper Reviewer. May 2013.
International Conference on Computational Semantics (IWCS). Program Committee. March 2013.
International Conference on Computational Semantics (IWCS). Paper Reviewer. March 2013.
i2b2/VA/Cincinnati 2011 Shared Task and Workshop. Paper Reviewer. September 2011.
Computational Linguistics. Paper Reviewer. May 2011.
SemEval 2010. Program Committee. April 2010.
SemEval 2010. Paper Reviewer. April 2010.
SemEval 2010 Tasks 14: Word Sense Induction & Disambiguation Task. Organizing Committee. April 2010.

Mentoring

Scholarship Oversight Committee. Jiarui Yao. Boston Children's Hospital. Computational Health Informatics Program. 2022-2023.
Carbon fellowship mentor. Laura Maskeri. 2020.
K award mentor. Anoop Mayampurath. University of Chicago. 2020.
MS thesis advisor. Robert Kania. Predicting Drug Misuse Status Using Machine Learning on Electronic Health Records. 2020.

MS thesis reader. Paul Okoro. Optimizing Gene Expression Prediction and Omics Integration in Populations of African Ancestry.

MS thesis advisor. Brihat Sharma. Opioid misuse detection in hospitalized patients using convolutional neural networks. 2019.

MS thesis advisor. Andrew Phillips. Using Natural Language Processing and Machine Learning for the Identification of Alcohol Misuse in Trauma Patients. 2018.

Funding

R01. NIH. A Novel Clinical Decision Support Tool for Predicting Deterioration in Hospitalized Children (). Site PI. Loyola budget: \$87,417 over 5 years.

R01. NIH/NLM. Learning Universal Patient Representations from Clinical Text with Hierarchical Transformers (R01LM012973-04). Site PI. Loyola budget: \$325,318 over 4 years.

R01. NIH/NIDDK. Using Machine Learning for Early Recognition and Personalized Treatment of Acute Kidney Injury (1R01DK126933). Site PI. Loyola budget: \$82,640 over 5 years.

R01. NIH/NHLBI. Developing a clinical decision support tool for the identification, diagnosis, and treatment of critical illness in hospitalized patients (1R01HL157262). Site PI. Loyola budget: \$200,441 over 5 years.

R01. NIH/NIDA. Data Driven Strategies for Substance Misuse Identification in Hospitalized Patients (R01DA051464). Site PI. Loyola budget: \$491,973 over 5 years.

R01. NIH/NLM. Temporal relation discovery for clinical text (R01LM010090). Site PI. Loyola budget: \$202,301 over 4 years. 2019.

R01. NIH/NLM. Learning Universal Patient Representations from Clinical Text with Hierarchical Recurrent Neural Networks (R01LM012973). Site PI. Loyola budget: \$229,248 over 3 years. 2019.

NIDA clinical trial network. Great Lakes Node (UG1DA049467). Resource faculty.

Loyola University Chicago. Center for Health Outcomes and Informatics Research (CHOIR) grant. Identification of substance misuse in hospitalized patients: using readily available electronic health record data to build computable phenotypes for surveillance and screening. \$50,000 for 1 year. 2019.

Loyola University Chicago. Center for Health Outcomes and Informatics Research (CHOIR) grant. RA funding for two semesters.

'TTM 2.0: Advancing Translational Science in Metropolitan Chicago'. RA funding for two semesters.

Loyola University Chicago, Research Support Grant. Natural Language Processing for Phenotyping Tasks. PI: Dmitriy Dligach. May 2017. \$4,998.

NVIDIA Hardware Grant Program. Titan X GPU. July 2016. About \$1,200 value.

Boston Children's Hospital, The Program for Patient Safety and Quality. "Natural Language Processing for Quality Metrics". PI: Dmitriy Dligach. July 2015. \$19,388.

Honors

Sujack Family Award for Excellence in Faculty Research. Loyola University Chicago. 2021.

Presidential Fellowship, State University of New York, Buffalo.

Fr. Gerst Memorial Award ("presented to a single graduating senior who has displayed outstanding academic achievement in mathematics or computer science"), Loyola University, Chicago, 1999.

Graduated Magna Cum Laude, Loyola University, Chicago, 1999.

Loyola University scholarship, Loyola University, Chicago, 1996.

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