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## Current position

2023 - Assistant Professor, University of Waterloo

# Previous experience

2020 - 2021	Graduate Fellow, Schwartz Reisman Inst. for Technology and Society, Toronto, Ontario
2019 - 2020	Student Researcher, Google Brain, Toronto, Ontario
2019	Research Intern, Google Brain, Toronto, Ontario
2015 - 2017	Research Scientist, Analog Devices, Inc., Cambridge, Massachusetts
2014	Research Intern, Analog Devices, Inc.
2013	Research Intern, Analog Devices, Inc.

# Education

2023	Ph.D. in Computer Science, University of Toronto
2015	M.A. in Music Technology, McGill University
2013	Sc.B. in Electrical Engineering (Honors) and A.B. in Music, Brown University

## **Publications**

#### Conferences

- P. A. Alamdari, T. Q. Klassen, **E. Creager**, and S. McIlraith, "Remembering to Be Fair: On Non-Markovian Fairness in Sequential Decision Making", *ICML* 2024
- B. Eyre, **E. Creager**, D. Madras, V. Papyan, and R. Zemel, "Out of the Ordinary: Spectrally Adapting Regression for Covariate Shift", *ICML* 2024
- A. Mani, I. P. Chandratreya, **E. Creager**, C. Vondrick, and R. Zemel, "SurfsUp: Learning Fluid Simulation for Novel Surfaces", *ICCV* 2023
- S. Pitis, **E. Creager**, A. Mandlekar, and A. Garg, "MoCoDA: Model-based Counterfactual Data Augmentation", *NeurIPS* 2022
- F. Trauble, **E. Creager**, N. Kilbertus, F. Locatello, A. Dittadi, A. Goyal, B. Schölkopf, and S. Bauer, "On Disentangled Representations Learned from Correlated Data", *ICML* 2021 (Oral)
- **E. Creager**, J.-H. Jacobsen, and R. Zemel, "Environment Inference for Invariant Learning", *ICML 2021*
- S. Pitis, **E. Creager**, and A. Garg, "Counterfactual Data Augmentation for Locally Factored Dynamics", NeurIPS 2020 (also "outstanding paper" at ICML 2020 Object-oriented Learning Workshop)
- M. Mladenov, **E. Creager**, O. Ben-Porat, K. Swersky, R. Zemel, and C. Boutilier, "Optimizing Long-term Social Welfare in Recommender Systems: A Constrained Matching Approach", *ICML* 2020
- **E. Creager**, D. Madras, T. Pitassi, and R. Zemel, "Causal Modeling for Fairness in Dynamical Systems", *ICML* 2020
- D. Madras, **E. Creager**, T. Pitassi, and R. Zemel, "Fairness Through Causal Awareness: Learning Latent-Variable Models for Biased Data", *ACM FAT*\* 2019
- **E. Creager**, D. Madras, J.-H. Jacobsen, M.A. Weis, K. Swersky, T. Pitassi, and R. Zemel, "Flexibly Fair Representation Learning by Disentanglement", *ICML* 2019
- C.-H. Chang, **E. Creager**, A. Goldenberg, and D. Duvenaud, "Explaining Image Classifiers by Counterfactual Generation", *ICLR 2019*
- D. Madras\*, **E. Creager**\*, T. Pitassi, and R. Zemel, "Learning Adversarially Fair and Transferable Representations", *ICML 2018*
- E. Creager, N.D. Stein, R. Badeau, and P. Depalle, "Nonnegative Tensor Factorization with Frequency Modulation Cues for Blind Audio Source Separation", ISMIR 2016,

#### Workshops

- B. Eyre, R. Zemel and **E. Creager**, "Towards Environment-Invariant Representation Learning for Robust Task Transfer", ICML 2022 Workshop on Spurious Correlations, Invariance, and Stability
- D. Dickson and **E. Creager**, "Measuring User Recourse in a Dynamic Recommender System", ICML 2021 Workshop on Algorithmic Recourse
- E. Creager and R. Zemel, "Online Algorithmic Recourse by Collective Action", ICML 2021 Workshop on Algorithmic Recourse

<sup>\*</sup> denotes equal contribution

2020d	R. Adragna, <b>E. Creager</b> , D. Madras, and R. Zemel, "Fairness and Robustness in Invariant Learning: A Case Study in Toxicity Classification", NeurIPS 2020 Workshop on Algorithmic
	Fairness Through the Lens of Causality (Oral)
2018b	W. Grathwohl*, <b>E. Creager</b> *, S.K.S. Ghasemipour*, R. Zemel, "Gradient-Based Optimization of Neural Network Architecture", <i>ICLR 2018 Workshop</i>
	Teaching
	Course instructor
2024	Algorithm Design and Analysis, University of Waterloo
2022	Introduction to Artificial Intelligence, University of Toronto
	Conference tutorials
2022	Algorithmic Fairness: at the Intersections, NeurIPS
	Teaching assistant
2022	Introduction to Machine Learning, University of Toronto
2021	Introduction to Machine Learning, University of Toronto
2021	Probabilistic Learning and Reasoning, University of Toronto
2019	AI and Ethics: Mathematical Foundations and Algorithms, University of Toronto
2019	Fairness and Privacy in Machine Learning, African Institute for Mathematical Sciences
	(Rwanda)
2018	Machine Learning and Data Mining, University of Toronto
2018	Probabilistic Learning and Reasoning, University of Toronto
2017	Introduction to Artificial Intelligence, University of Toronto
2014	Digital Audio Signal Processing, McGill University
2013	Communications Systems, Brown University
2012	Communications Systems, Brown University
	<u>Invited talks</u>
2024	To Build AI That Works For Everyone, Adapt Models and Coordinate Data, Waterloo.AI
	Seminar Series, Waterloo, Canada
2023	Out of the Ordinary: Spectrally Adapted Regression for Covariate Shift, McGill Equity and
	Equality Using AI and Learning algorithms (EQUAL) lab meeting, Montreal, Canada
2023	Methods for Counterfactual Data Augmentation in Reinforcement Learning, Forging a Path:
	Causal Inference for Improved Policy Workshop, Toronto, Canada
2023	Can "Adversaries" Play a Positive Role in Ethical AI?, Vector Machine Learning Security
	and Privacy Workshop, Toronto, Canada
2023	Counterfactual Reasoning in Reinforcement Learning and Algorithmic Fairness, DEFirst reading group at Mila (Quebec AI Institute), Montreal, Canada
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- Society and Ethics Concerns in Machine Learning, Pursue STEM Outreach Program for High Schoolers, Toronto, Canada
- Bias in AI: Mitigation Strategies, Vector Institute Bias in AI Program for Industry Sponsors, Toronto, Canada
- Fair Representation Learning with Disentanglement, Vector Institute Endless Summer School, Toronto, Canada
- Bias in AI: Mitigation Strategies, Vector Institute Bias in AI Program for Industry Sponsors,
  Toronto, Canada
- An Algorithmic Fairness Perspective on Robust Representation Learning (Keynote), Domain Adaptation and Representation Transfer Workshop at MICCAI
- 2019 Causal Modeling for Fairness in Dynamical Systems, Microsoft Research Guest Lecture Series, Montreal, Canada
- Learning Adversarial and Transferable Representations, CIFAR Deep Learning and Reinforcement Learning Summer School, Toronto, Canada

### Academic service

and Robustness (NeurIPS)

Program Committee, Workshop on Generative AI and Creativity (NeurIPS) 2024 Program Committee, Machine Learning For Health Symposium (ML4H) 2024 Program Committee, AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) 2024 Program Committee (Area Chair), NeurIPS 2024 Program Committee, Workshop on the Next Generation of AI Safety (ICML) 2024 Program Committee, Canadian Artificial Intelligence Conference 2024 Program Committee, Workshop on Recommendation Ecosystems: Modeling, Optimization 2024 and Incentive Design (AAAI) Program Committee, Workshop on Robustness of Few-shot and Zero-shot Learning in 2023 Foundation Models (NeurIPS) Program Committee, Workshop on Regulating Machine Learning (NeurIPS) 2023-2024 Program Committee, Workshop on Distribution Shifts: New Frontiers with Foundation 2023 Models (NeurIPS) Program Committee, Workshop on Causal Representation Learning (NeurIPS) 2023 Program Committee, Conference on Health, Inference, and Learning (CHIL) 2023-2024 Program Committee, Workshop on Distribution Shifts (NeurIPS) 2022 Program Committee, Workshop on Robustness in Sequence Modeling (NeurIPS) 2022 Program Committee, Workshop on A Causal View on Dynamical Systems (NeurIPS) 2022 Program Committee, Workshop on Algorithmic Fairness Through the Lens of Causality 2022 and Privacy (NeurIPS) Program Committee, Workshop on Continuous-time Methods for ML (ICML) 2022 Program Committee, Workshop on Principles of Distribution Shifts (ICML) 2022 Program Committee, Workshop on Spurious Correlations, Invariance, and Stability (ICML) 2022-2023 Program Committee, Workshop on Distribution Shifts: Connecting Methods and Applications 2021 (NeurIPS) Program Committee, Workshop on Algorithmic Fairness Through the Lens of Causality 2021

2021-2023 Ethics Reviewer, NeurIPS 2020-2024 Program Committee, ICML

2020 Co-organizer, Resistance AI Workshop (NeurIPS) 2020-2023 Program Committee, ACM FAccT Conference

2020 Program Committee, Workshop on Algorithmic Fairness Through the Lens of Causality

and Interpretability (NeurIPS)

2019-2023 Program Committee, NeurIPS

2019 Program Committee, Fair Machine Learning for Health Workshop (NeurIPS)