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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

- 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
- ^{2019b} 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

- P. A. Alamdari, T. Q. Klassen, **E. Creager**, and S. McIlraith, "Remembering to Be Fair: On Non-Markovian Fairness in Sequential Decision Making", *NeurIPS 2023 Workshop on Algorithmic Fairness Through the Lens of Time*
- B. Eyre, **E. Creager**, D. Madras, V. Papyan, and R. Zemel, "Out of the Ordinary: Spectrally Adapting Regression for Covariate Shift", *ICML 2023 Workshop on Spurious Correlations, Invariance, and Stability*
- 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

^{*} denotes equal contribution

202IC	E. Creager and R. Zemel, "Online Algorithmic Recourse by Collective Action", ICML 2021 Workshop on Algorithmic Recourse
2020d	R. Adragna, E. Creager , 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*, E. Creager *, S.K.S. Ghasemipour*, R. Zemel, "Gradient-Based Optimizatio of Neural Network Architecture", <i>ICLR 2018 Workshop</i>
	<u>Teaching</u>
	Course instructor
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
	Academic service
2024	Program Committee, Canadian Artificial Intelligence Conference
2024	Program Committee, Workshop on Recommendation Ecosystems: Modeling, Optimization
	and Incentive Design (AAAI)
2023	Program Committee, Workshop on Robustness of Few-shot and Zero-shot Learning in
	Foundation Models (NeurIPS)
2023	Program Committee, Workshop on Regulating Machine Learning (NeurIPS)
2023	Program Committee, Workshop on Distribution Shifts: New Frontiers with Foundation Models (NeurIPS)
2023	Program Committee, Workshop on Causal Representation Learning (NeurIPS)

2023	Program Committee, Conference on Health, Inference, and Learning
2022	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
	and Privacy (NeurIPS)
2022	Program Committee, Workshop on Continuous-time Methods for ML (ICML)
2022	Program Committee, Workshop on Principles of Distribution Shifts (ICML)
2022-2023	Program Committee, Workshop on Spurious Correlations, Invariance, and Stability (ICML)
2021	Program Committee, Workshop on Distribution Shifts: Connecting Methods and Applications
	(NeurIPS)
2021	Program Committee, Workshop on Algorithmic Fairness Through the Lens of Causality
	and Robustness (NeurIPS)
2021-2023	Ethics Reviewer, NeurIPS
2020-2023	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)

Skills

programming: Python (TensorFlow, PyTorch, JAX, NumPy, Pandas) computing: Amazon Web Services, Google Cloud, Unix, bash, git, LATEX