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Education

University of Michigan, College of Engineering
Doctor of Philosophy, Computer Science & Engineering

Expected August 2024 – Present
 Ann Arbor, MI

National Tsing Hua University, Department of Chinese Literature
Taiwan Intensive Summer Language Program Student (Non-degree)

Expected June 2024 – August 2024
 Hsinchu, TW

Columbia University, Columbia College
Bachelor of Arts, Computer Science & Linguistics; GPA: 4.1/4.0

September 2020 – May 2024
 New York, NY

Publications

Working Papers & Preprints

Debasmita Bhattacharya*, **Eleanor Lin***, Run Chen, and Julia Hirschberg. 2024. Switching Tongues, Sharing Hearts: Identifying the Relationship between Empathy and Code-switching in Speech. (*Submitted to INTERSPEECH 2024; *DB and EL are equal contributors to this work and are designated as co-first authors.*)

Run Chen, Haozhe Chen, Anushka Kulkarni, **Eleanor Lin**, Linda Pang, Divya Tadimet, Jun Shin, and Julia Hirschberg. 2024. Detecting Empathy in Speech. (*Submitted to INTERSPEECH 2024*)

Thesis

Eleanor Lin. 2024. Developing Performant Models for Translating Spoken Taiwanese Into Spoken English Using Free and Publicly Available Resources. Undergraduate thesis. [[Thesis](#)]

Refereed Publications

Run Chen, **Eleanor Lin**, Shayan Hooshmand, Mariam Mustafa, Rose Sloan, Ritika Nandi, Alicia Yang, Andrea Lopez, Ansh Kothary, Isaac Suh, Catherine Lyu, Eric Chen, Sophia Horng, and Julia Hirschberg. 2024. RASwDA: Re-Aligned Switchboard Dialog Act Corpus for Dialog Act Prediction in Conversations. *International Workshop on Spoken Dialogue Systems Technology*. Sapporo, Japan. Accepted as poster presentation. [[Paper](#)]

Eleanor Lin, James Hale, and Jonathan Gratch. 2023. Toward a Better Understanding of the Emotional Dynamics of Negotiation with Large Language Models. In *The Twenty-fourth International Symposium on Theory, Algorithmic Foundations, and Protocol Design for Mobile Networks and Mobile Computing (MobiHoc '23)*, October 23–26, 2023, Washington, DC, USA. ACM, New York, NY, USA, 545–550. Accepted as oral presentation. [[Paper](#)]

News Articles

Eleanor Lin and Jessica Li. 2021. Students find community through Columbia Confessions. *Columbia Daily Spectator*. [[Article](#)]

Presentations

Emory Undergraduate Linguistics Conference, Online, April 2024. **Eleanor Lin**. “Toward a Sociolinguistic Profile of Taiwanese Americans.” Oral presentation. [[Working Paper](#)] [[Slides](#)]

Columbia University Undergraduate Research Symposium, New York, NY, October 2022. **Eleanor Lin**, Ziyang Yang, and Vicente Ordóñez. “Text-Based Prediction of Visual Complexity: How Does What We See Influence What We Say?” Poster presentation. [[Paper](#)] [[Slides](#)] [[Poster](#)] [[Code](#)]

Grants, Awards, and Academic Honors

Departmental Honors in Linguistics, Columbia University Linguistics Program 2024
One of two graduating linguistics majors selected for honors, on the basis of the quality of the senior thesis.

Computer Science Scholarship Award, Columbia University Department of Computer Science 2024
One of two B.A. candidates selected annually on the basis of “outstanding academic achievement in computer science.”

Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Scholarship , American Councils for International Education	2024
<i>Awarded \$7000 toward the cost of attendance for Taiwan Intensive Summer Language Program.</i>	
Columbia College Dean's List , Columbia University	Expected 2020 – 2024
Work Exemption Program Grant , Columbia University	2024
<i>Recipient of \$1,820 Columbia Grant to support pursuit of research in the Columbia Speech Lab.</i>	
Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher Award - Honorable Mention , Computing Research Association	2023
Junior Phi Beta Kappa , Columbia University	2023
<i>The highest scholastic distinction in the Columbia College Class of 2024 (awarded to top 2% of students).</i>	
Upsilon Pi Epsilon International Honor Society Member , Columbia University	2023
<i>In recognition of GPA in the top 15% for computer and information science juniors and seniors at Columbia.</i>	
REU Travel Grant , National Science Foundation	2023
NSF Research Experiences for Undergraduates Intern , University of Southern California	2023
Distributed Research Experiences for Undergraduates Intern , Computing Research Association	2022
Computer Science Research Mentorship Program Scholar , Google	2021

Research Experience

Speech Lab, Columbia University	January 2022 – May 2024
<i>Research Assistant (Advisor: Professor Julia Hirschberg)</i> New York, NY	
Investigated pragmatic factors in code-switching by developing dialog act annotation scheme for code-switched speech. Discovered positive association between empathy and code-switching by detecting empathetic utterances in code-switched Mandarin-English speech, using RoBERTa fine-tuned for empathy detection. Fine-tuned Wav2Vec2 for end-to-end dialog act classification on Switchboard Dialog Act Corpus, using PyTorch and Hugging Face Transformers. Processed video, audio, and text with Python, Praat, and FFmpeg, for multilingual empathetic speech corpus.	
Affective Computing Lab, University of Southern California	May 2023 – August 2023
<i>REU Intern (Advisor: Professor Jonathan Gratch)</i> Los Angeles, CA	
Developed negotiating agent for online studies of human negotiation behaviors. Engineered large language model prompts for agent NLU/NLG with OpenAI API. Built user interface using HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Flask. Assembled Qualtrics survey for crowdworkers to evaluate agent. Lead author of paper published in proceedings of <i>MobiHoc '23</i> .	
Vision, Language, and Learning Lab, Rice University	May 2022 – July 2022
<i>Visiting Student Researcher (Advisor: Professor Vicente Ordóñez-Román)</i> Houston, TX	
Quantified visual and linguistic complexity in MSCOCO image captioning dataset by creating and applying novel visual complexity metric. Fine-tuned BERT to predict visual complexity from image captions and probed and mitigated its content-related biases. Presented poster at Columbia University's 2022 Undergraduate Research Symposium.	
Natural Language Text Processing Lab, Columbia University	October 2021 – December 2021
<i>Data Annotator (Supervisor: Fei-Tzin Lee)</i> New York, NY	
Generated Abstract Meaning Representation semantic annotations for literary domain text generation.	
Corter Lab, Columbia University	March 2021 – June 2021
<i>Research Assistant (Advisor: Katherine Moore)</i> New York, NY	
Identified communication strategies in collaborative learning dialogues by annotating speech acts and analyzing n -gram frequencies with R. Onboarded research assistants to annotate measures of learning success.	

Teaching Experience

Columbia COMS3771: Machine Learning	January 2024 - May 2024
<i>Course Assistant</i> New York, NY	
Columbia LING4903: Syntax	September 2023 – December 2023
<i>Teaching Assistant</i> New York, NY	
Columbia COMS3251: Computational Linear Algebra	September 2022 – December 2022
<i>Course Assistant</i> New York, NY	

Columbia COMS1404: Emerging Scholars Program Seminar*Workshop Assistant*

September 2021 – May 2022

*New York, NY***Work Experience****Columbia Daily Spectator***Data Journalist*

October 2021 – May 2022

New York, NY

Reported stories incorporating data analysis and visualization using Python, Adobe Illustrator, HTML, and CSS.

Service**Columbia University Women in Computer Science***Academic Committee Co-Lead*

August 2023 - May 2024

New York, NY

Organized academic-related programming to support gender-diverse Columbia University computer science students, including workshops on course selection and lunches with female computer science professors. Hosted weekly coffee chats to provide students with advising on computer science internships, research, and courses.

Columbia University Application Development Initiative*Mentor for Computer Science Mentorship Program*

October 2022 – December 2023

New York, NY

Supported 2 undergraduate computer science majors with one-on-one academic and preprofessional advising.

Columbia University Women in Computer Science*Community Committee Chair*

August 2022 - May 2023

New York, NY

Organized activities focused on building a gender-diverse community of Columbia University computer science students, including an information session introducing the technical interview process, as well as social activities such as arts and crafts nights.

Skills

Technical: Python (PyTorch, Keras, Hugging Face Transformers, scikit-learn), C, Java, Git, LaTeX, Praat, FFmpeg

Languages: Advanced Mandarin Chinese, advanced German, advanced Latin

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