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Education

University of Michigan, College of Engineering*Doctor of Philosophy, Computer Science & Engineering* (GPA: 4.0/4.0)

Ann Arbor, MI

August 2024 – Present

Honors: National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow, Institutional Nominee for the Google PhD Fellowship Program**National Tsing Hua University, College of Humanities and Social Sciences***Taiwan Intensive Summer Language Program Student* (GPA: 4.0/4.0)

Hsinchu, TW

June 2024 – August 2024

Transcript issued and credit awarded through Bryn Mawr College.

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

New York, NY

September 2020 – May 2024

Honors: *Summa cum Laude*, Junior Phi Beta Kappa, Dean's List, Departmental Honors in Linguistics, Computer Science Scholarship Award, Upsilon Pi Epsilon.Thesis: Developing Performant Models for Translating Spoken Taiwanese Into Spoken English Using Free and Publicly Available Resources. [[Thesis](#)]

Publications

Refereed Publications

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

Run Chen, Haozhe Chen, Anushka Kulkarni, **Eleanor Lin**, Linda Pang, Divya Tadimeti, Jun Shin, and Julia Hirschberg. 2024. Detecting Empathy in Speech. *INTERSPEECH*. Kos, Greece. [[Paper](#)]

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. *8th National Workshop for REU Research in Networking and Systems at the Twenty-fourth International Symposium on Theory, Algorithmic Foundations, and Protocol Design for Mobile Networks and Mobile Computing*. Washington, DC. Accepted as oral presentation. [[Paper](#)]

News Articles

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

Presentations

NLP @ Michigan Day, Ann Arbor, MI, March 2025. **Eleanor Lin**. "Investigating Code-Switching as a Cognitive Tool in Large Language Model Reasoning." Poster presentation. [[Poster](#)]

Annual Conference of the International Association for Conflict Management (IACM), Singapore, June 2024. James Hale, **Eleanor Lin**, Ian Wu, Zora Rong, Kushal Chawla, Gale Lucas, and Jonathan Gratch. "Instilling discipline in LLM-based negotiating agents." Symposium talk. [[Abstract](#)]

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

Graduate Research Fellowship (\$159,000) , National Science Foundation	2025
Institutional Nominee for the Google PhD Fellowship Program , University of Michigan <i>One of up to 4 candidates from the University of Michigan selected through a competitive application process.</i>	2025
Columbia College Dean’s List , Columbia University	2020 – 2024
Departmental Honors in Linguistics , Columbia University Linguistics Program <i>One of two graduating linguistics majors selected for honors, on the basis of the quality of the senior thesis.</i>	2024
Computer Science Scholarship Award (\$256) , Columbia University Department of Computer Science <i>One of two graduating B.A. candidates selected annually on the basis of “outstanding academic achievement in computer science.”</i>	2024
Work Exemption Program Grant (\$1,820) , Columbia University <i>Financial aid to support pursuit of research in the Columbia Speech Lab.</i>	2024
Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Fellowship (\$7,000) , American Councils for International Education <i>Awarded to study Mandarin Chinese through the Taiwan Intensive Summer Language Program. Conducted post-program outreach: organized information session in partnership with Columbia University Undergraduate Global Engagement, presented study abroad opportunities to 27 students in 2 undergraduate Chinese language classes at the University of Michigan, authored blog post for American Councils’ website.</i>	2024
Study Abroad Need-Based Scholarship (\$1,000) , American Councils for International Education	2024
Study Abroad Diversity and Inclusion Scholarship (\$1,000) , American Councils for International Education	2024
Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher Award - Honorable Mention , Computing Research Association	2023
Junior Phi Beta Kappa , Columbia University <i>The highest scholastic distinction in the Columbia College Class of 2024 (awarded to top 2% of students).</i>	2023
Upsilon Pi Epsilon International Honor Society Member , Columbia University <i>In recognition of GPA in the top 15% for computer and information science juniors and seniors at Columbia.</i>	2023
REU Travel Grant (\$1,200) , National Science Foundation <i>Awarded to attend and orally present first-authored paper at MobiHoc ’23 conference</i>	2023
NSF Research Experiences for Undergraduates Inter (\$7,650) , University of Southern California	2023
Distributed Research Experiences for Undergraduates Intern (\$7,000) , Computing Research Association <i>Awarded to conduct research at the Rice University Vision, Language and Learning Lab with Professor Vicente Ordóñez-Román.</i>	2022
Critical Language Scholarship Alternate , U.S. Department of State <i>Eligible for fully funded program to study Mandarin Chinese abroad, in case of finalists declining their awards.</i>	2022
Computer Science Research Mentorship Program Scholar , Google	2021

Research Experience

Blablablab, University of Michigan <i>Graduate Student Research Assistant (Advisor: Professor David Jurgens)</i>	Ann Arbor, MI August 2024 – Present
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Assemble corpora of written and spoken code-switched language from Wikipedia and publicly available podcasts, to enable study of sociolinguistic factors in code-switching, using data processing pipeline integrating SQL database, Whisper ASR model, and language identification. Design experiments to evaluate large language models’ ability to perform code-switched reasoning, implemented using OpenAI API and vLLM.

Speech Lab, Columbia University*Research Assistant (Advisor: Professor Julia Hirschberg)*

New York, NY

January 2022 – May 2024

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*REU Intern (Advisor: Professor Jonathan Gratch)*

Los Angeles, CA

May 2023 – August 2023

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 *MobiHoc '23*.

Vision, Language, and Learning Lab, Rice University*Visiting Student Researcher (Advisor: Professor Vicente Ordóñez-Román)*

Houston, TX

May 2022 – July 2022

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.

Columbia Daily Spectator*Data Journalist*

New York, NY

October 2021 – May 2022

Reported stories incorporating data analysis and visualization using Python, Adobe Illustrator, HTML, and CSS. Recruited and trained reporters in data journalism. Communicated data analysis methods to non-technical editors. [\[Articles & graphics\]](#) [\[More articles & graphics\]](#)

Natural Language Text Processing Lab, Columbia University*Data Annotator (Supervisor: Fei-Tzin Lee)*

New York, NY

October 2021 – December 2021

Generated Abstract Meaning Representation semantic annotations for literary domain text generation.

Corter Lab, Columbia University*Research Assistant (Advisor: Katherine Moore)*

New York, NY

March 2021 – June 2021

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.

Invited Talks and Panels

"Advancing Technologies for a Multilingual World at the Michigan Artificial Intelligence Lab." Talk for Building Bridges in CSE PhD Studies Program. Florida International University, Miami, FL, 18 November 2024.

"RASwDA: Re-Aligned Switchboard Dialog Act Corpus for Dialog Act Prediction in Conversations." Talk for Professor Julia Hirschberg's course COMS 6998: Advanced Topics in Spoken Language Processing. Columbia University, New York, NY, 5 March 2024. [\[Paper\]](#) [\[Slides\]](#)

Teaching Experience**Columbia COMS3771: Machine Learning***Course Assistant*

New York, NY

*January 2024 - May 2024***Columbia LING4903: Syntax***Teaching Assistant*

New York, NY

*September 2023 – December 2023***Columbia COMS3251: Computational Linear Algebra***Course Assistant*

New York, NY

*September 2022 – December 2022***Columbia COMS1404: Emerging Scholars Program Seminar**

New York, NY

Workshop Assistant

September 2021 – May 2022

Columbia SCNC1000: Frontiers of Science*Frontiers of Science Ambassador*

Virtual

September 2020 - December 2020

Advising and Mentoring

Yusheng Zhou, Bachelor of Science, College of Engineering*Blablablab Research Mentoring*

University of Michigan

September 2025 – Present

Kevin Chou, Bachelor of Science, Computer Engineering, College of Engineering*Taiwanese American Student Association Big/Little Mentorship Program*

University of Michigan

October 2024 – April 2025

Holistic Mentorship Program

Justine Choi, Bachelor of Arts, Linguistics and Anthropology, Columbia College*Café con Ling (Linguistics Mentorship Program)*

Columbia University

February 2025 – March 2025

Holistic Mentorship Program

Max Bauer, Bachelor of Arts, Classics and Linguistics, Columbia College*Odyssey Mentoring Program*

Columbia University

October 2024 – December 2024

Holistic Mentorship Program

Alexandra Jelihovschi, Bachelor of Arts, Computer Science, Columbia College*Application Development Initiative Computer Science Mentorship Program*

Columbia University

October 2023 – December 2023

Holistic Mentorship Program

Yookyeong Oh, Bachelor of Arts, School of General Studies*Women in Computer Science Mentorship Program (Holistic Mentorship)*

Columbia University

February 2023 – April 2023

Next Master of Science in Management at Stanford University Graduate School of Business

Inna Yuan, Bachelor of Arts, Computer Science–Math and Linguistics*Application Development Initiative Computer Science Mentorship Program*

Columbia University

October 2022 – December 2022

Holistic Mentorship Program

Leadership and Service

Mentoring

Café con Ling*Mentor*

Virtual

December 2024 – Present

Mentor current undergraduates in the Columbia University Linguistics Program through peer mentoring program which provides by-appointment office hours.

Science Outreach and Communication

University of Michigan Artificial Intelligence Laboratory*AI Blog Editor*

Ann Arbor, MI

August 2025 – Present

Create, edit, and proofread the Michigan AI blog, and encourage blog contributions from graduate students in the Michigan AI Lab. [[Blog](#)]

Engaging Scientists in Policy and Advocacy*Secretary and Social Media Coordinator*

Ann Arbor, MI

July 2025 – Present

Keep accurate records to ensure continuity of ESPA's institutional memory, so that we can also continuously improve our initiatives. Ensure timely communication of relevant opportunities to members. Increase ESPA's public visibility, furthering our mission of fostering publicly engaged science and science communication. Foster useful collaborations and connections between ESPA and aligned organizations/individuals via social media.

University of Michigan Computer Science and Engineering Division*Building Bridges in CSE PhD Studies Volunteer*

Ann Arbor, MI

October 2024 – November 2024

Conducted outreach to underrepresented undergraduates by delivering talk introducing my research and the U-M CSE graduate program at Florida International University. Hosted one-on-one coffee chats with prospective computer science graduate school applicants.

Student Organizations

The Michigan Daily*Correspondent*

Ann Arbor, MI

May 2025 – July 2025

Authored two ~2000-word ledes and one ~1600-word secondary article for *The Statement*, the long-form magazine of *The Michigan Daily*. Conducted background research, interviewed sources, drafted articles, performed photography, and coordinated with editors. [[Articles](#)]

University of Michigan Graduate Society of Women Engineers*Outreach Volunteer*

Ann Arbor, MI

August 2024 – Present

Served on graduate school information panel sharing insights with undergraduates on applying to graduate school, finding undergraduate research opportunities, and developing mentoring relationships. Conducted K-12 outreach with Community Action Network by volunteering for museum visit serving children from under-resourced families in Washtenaw County.

University of Michigan Computer Science and Engineering Graduate Students*Member*

Ann Arbor, MI

August 2024 – Present

Advised computer science PhD applicant by providing detailed feedback on application materials, as well as general advice about the application process, through the Student Application Support Program. Hosted Tea Time social hour to build community among graduate students.

Michigan Taiwanese Student Association*Volunteer*

Ann Arbor, MI

August 2024 – Present

Build community among Taiwanese graduate students at the University of Michigan by assisting operations at monthly social events.

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

New York, NY

August 2023 – May 2024

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 Women in Computer Science*Community Committee Chair*

New York, NY

August 2022 - May 2023

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.

Additional Service to the University

University of Michigan Language Resource Center*Language Bank Program Volunteer*

Ann Arbor, MI

November 2024 – Present

Translate documents from English to Mandarin Chinese for University of Michigan departments/schools and external non-profit organizations.

University of Michigan College of Engineering*Common Reading Experience Book Selection Committee Volunteer*

Ann Arbor, MI

November 2024 – January 2025

Reviewed 2 books to facilitate the process of selecting a book for the University of Michigan College of Engineering's Common Reading Experience, which aims to foster community, non-technical skills, and curiosity among engineering students. Provided feedback via surveys and group discussion.

University of Michigan Computer Science and Engineering Division

Ann Arbor, MI

*EECS 110: Discover Computer Science Interview Volunteer**September 2024 – November 2024*

Volunteered to be interviewed by a current student in EECS 110: Discover Computer Science, a course designed to introduce underrepresented students to computer science. Provided student interviewer with perspectives on potential CS career paths, graduate school, research, and internships.

Skills

- **Technical:** Python (vLLM, PyTorch, Hugging Face Transformers, scikit-learn, pandas, SciPy, NLTK), C, Java, R (car, dplyr, ggplot2, lme4), Git, LaTeX, Jupyter, Praat, Adobe Illustrator, Qualtrics, Figma, FFmpeg, Google Cloud MLOps
- **Languages:** Mandarin Chinese (ACTFL Reading/Listening/Speaking Rating: Advanced), German (Advanced; Gold Award on Level 1 National German Exam), Latin (Advanced; Gold Medal on Level 3/4 National Latin Exam)
- **Leadership/Service:** cross-cultural communication, interviewing sources, pitching, news/creative writing, translation

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