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## MY BACKGROUND

I am passionate about Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence, and its applications in machine vision and graphs. Currently, I'm working on my PhD dissertation about the theory and development of shallow neural network architectures and incremental learning algorithms.

## SKILLS

- Data Science
- Machine Learning
- Neural Networks
- Adversarial Examples
- Computer Vision

## CONTACT ME!

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## OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Write blog articles on Machine Learning, Neural Networks, and Artificial Intelligence
- Conduct experiments on state-of-the-art Machine Learning techniques for learning purposes
- Volunteer at a Christian Church as a Kids Church Teacher every Sunday
- Leading a group of young men professionals to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ
- When I'm away, I seek adventure activities such as hiking and mountain climbing

## EDUCATION

**Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science**, De La Salle University, Dissertation Writing  
**Master in Information Technology**, University of the Immaculate Conception, 2014  
**Bachelor of Science in Information Technology**, University of Southeastern Philippines, 2012

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

**PhD Scholarship Grant Recipient**, Commission on Higher Education, 2017-Present  
**Best Student Paper Award**, IAENG International Conference on Data Mining and Applications, 2015  
**Undergraduate Scholarship Grant**, Oplan Kaalam Scholarship Program, 2008-2012

## AFFILIATIONS

**ACM International Conference on Communication and Information Processing**, Technical Committee  
**International Association of Engineers**, Member  
**Computing Society of the Philippines**, Member  
**Philippine Society of Information Technology Educators**, Member

## CAREER HISTORY

**DLSU Center for Complexity and Emerging Technologies**, 2017-Present  
Ph.D. researcher on collaboration research networks; Developed an Adversarial Example technique on images; Trains research interns on data science topics  
**University of the Immaculate Conception**, 2014-Present (On leave)  
Asst. Professor in College of Computer Studies; Academic Coordinator (2016-2017); Conducts lectures and prepares course materials on Computer Science and Information Technology courses (Information Management, Machine Learning, Data Science) in undergraduate and graduate level  
**AMA Computer College - Davao**, 2012-2014  
Instructor of Information Technology courses (Web Programming, Database Management Systems, Software Engineering) in undergraduate level

## TALKS, PRESENTATIONS AND PARTICIPATIONS

**IEEE TENCON 2018**, Paper Presenter, Jeju Island, South Korea, 2018  
**NTU Winter School on Complexity Science**, Participant, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, 2018  
**Data Analytics Congress: A Convergence of Data Analysts**, Invited Talk, Ateneo de Davao University, 2016  
**International MultiConference of Engineers and Computer Scientists**, Paper Presenter, Hong Kong, 2015  
**Mindanao Conference for Information Technology Educators**, Invited Talk, Ateneo de Davao University, 2014

## SELECTED PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

**Gara, G.P.P.**, Azcarraga, A.P. 2020. Generating Adversarial Examples Using Uniform Pixels and Neighbor Aggregation, In *Proceedings of the 20th Philippine Computing Science Congress* (Baguio City, Philippines, March 19-21, 2020).  
Santiago, E.B., **Gara, G.P.P.** 2018. A Model Based Prediction of Desirable Applicants through Employee's Perception of Retention and Performance, In *Proceedings of 10th IEEE International Conference on Humanoid, Nanotechnology, Information Technology, Communication and Control, Environment, and Management* (Baguio City, Philippines, November 30-December 31, 2018).  
**Gara, G.P.P.**, Pacot, M.P.B., Uy, R.L.T. 2018. RISC-Based Simulation of Longest Common Subsequence Algorithm in MIPS64 Simulators, In *Proceedings of TENCON 2018 - 2018 IEEE Region 10 Conference* (Jeju Island, South Korea, October 28-31, 2018).  
Tejada, J.A., **Gara, G.P.P.** 2017. LeafCheckIT: A Banana Leaf Analyzer for Identifying Macronutrient Deficiency, In *Proceedings of 3rd ACM International Conference on Communication and Information Processing* (Tokyo, Japan, October 26-27, 2017).  
**Gara, G.P.P.**, Padoa, F.R.F. 2015. Mining Association Rules on Students' Profiles and Personality Types, In *Proceedings of the International MultiConference of Engineers and Computer Scientists 2015* (Kowloon, Hong Kong, March 18-15, 2015). **Best Student Paper**