

George Stoica

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EDUCATION

Georgia Institute of Technology

Doctor of Philosophy in Machine Learning
Advised by Professor Judy Hoffman | GPA: 4.0

Aug 2021 - May 2026 (Expected)

Carnegie Mellon University

Bachelor of Science in Statistics and Machine Learning

QPA: 3.68 (Final 2 Years: 3.93)

University Honors | School of Computer Science College Honors | Dean's List with High Honors | Dean's List

Aug 2015 - May 2019

CONFERENCE PAPERS

Re-TACRED: Addressing Shortcomings of the TACRED Dataset

George Stoica, Emmanouil Antonios Platanios, Barnabás Póczos

AAAI 2021

Contextual Parameter Generation for Knowledge Graph Link Prediction

George Stoica*, Otilia Stretcu*, Emmanouil Antonios Platanios*, Tom Mitchell, Barnabás Póczos

AAAI 2020

WORKSHOP PAPERS

Bi-Directional Self-Attention for Vision Transformers

George Stoica, Taylor Hearn, Bhavika Devnani, Judy Hoffman

NeurIPS VTTA 2022 (Submitted)

Re-TACRED: A New Relation Extraction Dataset

George Stoica, Emmanouil Antonios Platanios, Barnabás Póczos

NeurIPS KR2ML 2020

Knowledge Graph Enhanced Relation Extraction

George Stoica, Emmanouil Antonios Platanios, Barnabás Póczos

NeurIPS KR2ML 2020

Contextual Parameter Generation for Knowledge Graph Link Prediction

George Stoica*, Otilia Stretcu*, Emmanouil Antonios Platanios*, Tom Mitchell, Barnabás Póczos

NeurIPS GRL 2019

PREPRINTS

Improving Relation Extraction by Leveraging Knowledge Graph Link Prediction

George Stoica, Emmanouil Antonios Platanios, Barnabás Póczos

arXiv 2020

REVIEWS

Vision Transformers Theory and Applications (NeurIPS Workshop 2022)

2022

ACL-IJCNLP

2021

INVITED TALKS

Bio-NLP Lab Seminar, University of Massachusetts Amherst

2022

Improving Relation Extraction by Leveraging Knowledge Graph Link Prediction

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA	Aug 2021 - Present
Exploring methods for fusing axis-aligned and non-axis aligned models for better performances on downstream tasks.. Designed modules at the intersection of convolutional filters and self-attention to improve vision models across a variety of tasks. Explored compositional few-shot learning by composing between automatically extracted specific and generic features. Advised by Professor Judy Hoffman.	
Research Assistant, CMU Machine Learning Department, Pittsburgh, PA	Aug 2019 - Jan 2021
Built end-to-end video anomaly detection and natural language explanation models. Proposed a new relation extraction dataset for future benchmarking. Enhanced relation extraction model performance through cyclical ties to link prediction. Advised by Professor Barnabás Póczos.	
Honors Thesis, CMU School of Computer Science, Pittsburgh, PA	Mar 2018 - May 2019
Proposed a relation dependent approach to knowledge graph link prediction. Approach improved state-of-the-art by up to 5.1%, with training time gains of up to 28x. Advised by Professors Barnabás Póczos and Tom Mitchell, and collaborated with Dr. Anthony Platanios and PhD Candidate Otilia Stretcu.	

WORK EXPERIENCE

Machine Learning Researcher, Inokyo, San Francisco, CA	May 2019 - Aug 2019
Developed and demonstrated Inokyo's first end-to-end solution to item detection, tracking, and customer association for autonomous checkout in stores. Contributions under process of provisional patents.	
Data Science Intern, Palo Alto Networks (PAN), Santa Clara, CA	May 2018 - Aug 2018
Applied several classification and statistical methodologies to improve PAN's sales representative churn prediction model. Implemented sampling extensions to several frequently used classifiers in industry to increase model performance on PAN's heavily skewed class data distributions.	
Engineering Intern, Conviva, Foster City, CA	May 2017 - Jul 2017
Utilized statistical methodologies and Apache Spark to analyze Conviva's large scale video streaming datasets (10s of billions of views), and designed several production metrics to improve customer insights on products.	
Data Science Intern, Upwork, Mountain View, CA	May 2016 - Jul 2016
Designed a freelancer hire prediction model using Active Learning on Upwork's large freelancer marketplace datasets. Mitigated learning on very skewed data.	

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, CMU Introduction to Machine Learning (PhD), Pittsburgh, PA	Jan 2018 - May 2018
Prepared materials and assisted teaching the graduate course 10701: Introduction to Machine Learning (PhD). The course is a general introduction to machine learning methodologies. ~ 200 total students.	

ACTIVITIES

President & Co-Founder, CMU Data Science Club, Pittsburgh, PA	Nov 2016 - Nov 2017
Organized corporate talks, workshops and datathons for over 200 club members. Represented club and presided over all club meetings and university functions.	

SKILLS

Python | Tensorflow | Pytorch | Apache Spark | Scikit-Learn | Numpy | Pandas | R | Scala | C | Github

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Romanian (fluent) | French (beginner) | German (beginner)