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Education

PhD Computer Science, Stanford University, GPA: 4.031   *2020-2025*
     Meta PhD Research Fellow: Computational Social Science   *Stanford, CA*
     National Science Foundation Graduate Fellow

MSc Statistical Science, University of Oxford, 2020, Distinction (Highest Honors)   *2019-2020*
     Daniel M. Sachs Class of 1960 Graduating Scholarship at Worcester College   *Oxford, UK*

MSc Advanced Computer Science, University of Oxford, 2019, Distinction (Highest Honors)   *2018-2019*
     Daniel M. Sachs Class of 1960 Graduating Scholarship at Worcester College   *Oxford, UK*

BSE Electrical Engineering, Princeton University, 2018, Highest Honors, GPA: 3.982   *2014-2018*
     *Concentration***:** Information Security and Privacy   *Princeton, NJ*
     Minors: Applications of Computing, Robotics and Intelligent Systems

Proficient Languages: Java, Python, C, Go, R, Git, TensorFlow, PyTorch, Huggingface
Experienced Languages: Mandarin Chinese (HSK 4), MATLAB, C#, C++

Professional Experience

Microsoft Software Engineering Intern   *Summer 2018*
Microsoft Business Applications Group Data Engine Team Software Intern,   *Seattle, WA*
- Implemented a new framework in C# for Microsoft Business Application Group's mobile offline synchronization tool allowing the tool to scale more efficiently to 2x the number of users while reducing synchronizing time by 75%.
- Tested newly designed framework by utilizing 7 unique load and stress tests on a 30 server scale group to ensure the robustness of the implementation.
- Created concurrent row versioning feature across multiple servers for use in the mobile offline synchronization tool allowing more efficient data retrieval.

Google Software Engineering Intern   *Summer 2017*
Google Gmail Security Team Software Intern   *Sunnyvale, CA*
- Designed and implemented a new security feature for Gmail Android to analyze outgoing email addresses and reduce user vulnerability.
- Implemented client security logic to decrease client requests' latency and bandwidth for processing recipient addresses to the Gmail backend server.
- Refactored and streamlined Gmail frontend and backend code to improve reliability and readability of code analyzing outgoing recipient addresses.

Select Publications, [See Google Scholar](#)

1. **[Specious Sites: Tracking the Spread and Sway of Spurious News Stories at Scale](#)**
   Hans Hanley, Deepak Kumar, Zakir Durumeric
   In 45th IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (Oakland 2024), May 2024.
2. **[TATA: Stance Detection via Topic-Agnostic and Topic-Aware Embeddings](#)**
   Hans Hanley and Zakir Durumeric
   In 2023 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP 2023), December 2023
3. **[Machine-Made Media: Monitoring the Mobilization of Machine-Generated Articles on Misinformation and Mainstream News Websites](#)**
   Hans Hanley and Zakir Durumeric
   In Submission to 18th AAAI International Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM), June 2024
4. **[Partial Mobilization: Tracking Multilingual Information Flows Amongst Russian Media Outlets and Telegram](#)**
   Hans Hanley and Zakir Durumeric
   In 18th AAAI International Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM), June 2024.
5. **[Happenstance: Utilizing Semantic Search to Track Russian State Media Narratives about the Russo-Ukrainian War On Reddit](#)**
   Hans Hanley, Deepak Kumar, Zakir Durumeric
   In 17th AAAI International Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM 2023), June 2023.