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EDUCATION

University of Southern California Los Angeles, CA
PhD in Computer Science, Natural Language Processing *Sep 2022 - Present*
Advisor: Xiang Ren

Princeton University Princeton, NJ
M.S.E. in Computer Science *Sep 2020 - May 2022*
Honors: Siebel Scholars, Class of 2022
Advisor: Danqi Chen

Wellesley College Wellesley, MA
B.A in Computer Science / Cognitive and Linguistic Sciences *Sep 2016 - May 2020*
Honors: Sigma Xi Scientific Research Honor Society; Durant Scholars *magna cum laude*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Southern California Los Angeles, CA
*Natural Language Processing with **Xiang Ren*** *Sep 2022 - Present*
- **Project**: Longtailed knowledge generation

Princeton University Princeton, NJ
*Natural Language Processing with **Danqi Chen*** *Sep 2020 - May 2022*
- **M.S.E. Thesis**: Re-evaluating Conversational Question Answering

Wellesley College Wellesley, MA
*Human Crowdsensing with **Christine Bassem*** *Sep 2018 - May 2020*
- **Thesis**: Spatio-Temporal Analysis and Simulation of Human Trajectories in Urban Environments [pdf]

PUBLICATIONS

Ditch the Gold Standard: Re-evaluating Conversational Question Answering [pdf] [code]
<u>Huihan Li</u>*, Tianyu Gao*, Manan Goenka, Danqi Chen
ACL 2022
Outstanding Paper Award

WORK EXPERIENCE

Apple, AI/ML Seattle, WA
AI/ML Intern, Answers and Web Ranking Team, AI/ML Information Intelligence *May 2022 – Aug 2022*
- Collected annotation data for training **multilingual question answering systems**
- Implemented **multilingual LUKE** model in **Flax**
- Wrote trainer pipeline and trained multilingual extractive question answering model with **TensorFlow** and **JAX**

Google Pittsburgh, PA
Software Engineering Intern *May 2019 – Aug 2019*
- Designed, implemented and tested an **end-to-end dialog feature** for price queries on Google Assistant devices
- Created **natural language understanding grammar** that recognizes user intent to ask for price and extract key information from query

Seedlink Technology Shanghai, China
Linguistic Research Intern *Jun 2017 – Aug 2017*
- Researched on **extracting linguistic features** from written text that correlated with human personality
- Improved the **segmentation** accuracy of in-house Chinese dictionary model by 11% by creating more accurate user dictionary

Skills

- **Languages**: Python, Java, C, C++, Assembly, Racket, Standard ML, HTML, CSS
- **Frameworks**: PyTorch, Jax, Flax, TensorFlow, CUDA, Pandas, NumPy
- **DevOps**: Amazon Web Services, Microsoft Azure, Git

Selected Coursework

- Natural Language Processing | Mathematical Theory of Deep Learning | Computational Psycholinguistics | Computational Control Theory

Leadership and Services

Student Representative on Board of Admission — Wellesley, MA
Wellesley College — *Sep 2019 – April 2020*

- Serve on First-year student selection committee with 11 other students
- Provide comments for applicants to assist Admission Office readers on making admission decisions

President of *Wellesley Club Water Polo* — Wellesley, MA
Wellesley College — *Sep 2017 – May 2019*

- Hosted practices and designed practice agenda with captain and coach for a team of 30 players
- Promoted water polo to the broader Wellesley-area community, increasing ethnic diversity of the sport

Selected Projects

Chat Web App — Virtual
Google CodeU Program — *Feb 2018 – May 2018*

- Collaborated with a team of peers to ideate, design, and build a Chat Web application using Java, JavaScript, HTML and CSS over the course of 12 weeks

"The Phonetics and Phonology of Urdu" — Wellesley, MA
Research Project — *Feb 2017 – May 2017*

- Conducted an extensive study on the phonetics and phonology of Urdu
- Documented the phonemes of Urdu recorded from a native speaker of Urdu and described the phonological processes that occurred in the speech

Talks

"Breaking the Brotopia: Demystifying Tech Internships" — Wellesley, MA
Tanner Conference — *Oct 2019*

- Shared experiences with regarding working in heavily male-dominated environment at large technology companies

"The Art of Inventing Languages, a Guided How-To Panel Discussion" — Wellesley, MA
Ruhlman Conference — *May 2019*

- Introduced how to build a language from the ground up and presented the phonetic sounds, the phonological structures, the word compositions, the syntax, and the culture of the designed language