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CURRENT	Postdoctoral Researcher, Stanford University Advisors: James Zou, Tatsu Hashimoto	2023 - Present
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Large Language Models, Data Valuation, AI for Healthcare, Amortized Optimization, Information Theory, Game Theory	
EDUCATION	University of Washington , Seattle, WA USA Ph.D. in Computer Science (Machine Learning) M.S. in Computer Science Advisor: Su-In Lee	2019 - 2023 2017 - 2019
	Columbia University , New York, NY USA B.A. in Computer Science, Math-Statistics Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa	2013 - 2017
PREPRINTS	Gadgil, S.*, Covert, I.* , Lee, S. <i>Estimating Conditional Mutual Information for Dynamic Feature Selection</i> . Preprint, 2023.	
PUBLICATIONS	Lin, C.*, Covert, I.* , Lee, S. <i>On the Robustness of Removal-Based Feature Attributions</i> . Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2023.	
	Weinberger, E., Covert, I. , Lee, S. <i>Feature Selection in the Contrastive Analysis Setting</i> . Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2023.	
	Pratt, S., Covert, I. , Liu, R., Farhadi, A. <i>What Does a Platypus Look Like? Generating Customized Prompts for Zero-Shot Image Classification</i> . International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV), 2023.	
	Covert, I. , Qiu, W., Lu, M., Kim, N., White, N., Lee, S. <i>Learning to Maximize Mutual Information for Dynamic Feature Selection</i> . International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2023.	
	Covert, I.* , Kim, C.*, Lee, S. <i>Learning to Estimate Shapley Values with Vision Transformers</i> . International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2023. (Spotlight Presentation)	
	Chen, H.*, Covert, I.* , Lundberg, S., Lee, S. <i>Algorithms to Estimate Shapley Value Feature Attributions</i> . Nature Machine Intelligence, 2023.	
	Covert, I. , Gala, R., Wang, T., Svoboda, K., Sümbül, U., Lee, S. <i>Predictive and Robust Gene Selection for Spatial Transcriptomics</i> . Nature Communications, 2023.	
	Jethani, N.*, Sudarshan, M.*, Covert, I.* , Lee, S., Ranganath, R. <i>FastSHAP: Real-Time Shapley Value Estimation</i> . International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2022.	
	Covert, I. , Lundberg, S., Lee, S. <i>Explaining by Removing: A Unified Framework for Model Explanation</i> . Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR), 2021.	

Evtimov, I., **Covert, I.**, Kusupati, A., Kohno, T. *Disrupting Model Training with Adversarial Shortcuts*. Adversarial ML Workshop, ICML 2021.

Covert, I., Lee, S.. *Improving KernelSHAP: Practical Shapley Value Estimation via Linear Regression*. Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS), 2021.

Tank, A.*, **Covert, I.***, Foti, N., Shojaie, A., Fox, E. *Neural Granger Causality*. Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (TPAMI), 2021.

Covert, I., Lundberg, S., Lee, S. *Understanding Global Feature Contributions With Additive Importance Measures*. Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2020.

Covert, I., Lundberg, S., Lee, S.. *Feature Removal Is A Unifying Principle For Model Explanation Methods*. Machine Learning Retrospectives, Surveys & Meta-Analyses (ML-RSA) Workshop, NeurIPS 2020.

Covert, I., Lundberg, S., Lee, S. *Shapley Feature Utility*. Machine Learning in Computational Biology (MLCB), 2019.

Covert, I., Sümbül, U., Lee, S. *Principal Genes Selection*. Machine Learning in Computational Biology (MLCB), 2019.

Covert, I., Krishnan, B., Njam, I., Zhan, J., Shore, M., Hixson, J., Po, M.J. *Temporal Graph Convolutional Networks for Automatic Seizure Detection*. Machine Learning for Healthcare (MLHC), 2019. (**Spotlight Presentation**)

Zhan, J., Yee, H., **Covert, I.**, Wu, J., Ling, A., Shore, M., Teasley, E., Davies, R., Kung, T., Tansuwan, J., Hixson, J. and Po, M.J. *EEG Seizure Detection via Deep Neural Networks: Application and Interpretation*. Machine Learning for Health Workshop (ML4H), NeurIPS 2018.

Tank, A., **Covert, I.**, Foti, N., Shojaie, A., Fox, E. *An Interpretable and Sparse Neural Network Model for Nonlinear Granger Causality Discovery*. Time Series Workshop (TSW), NeurIPS 2017.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Stanford University, Stanford, CA USA

Postdoctoral Researcher (advised by James Zou, Tatsu Hashimoto)
Data valuation, language modeling.

2023 - Present

University of Washington, Seattle, WA USA

Graduate Research Assistant (advised by Su-In Lee)
Transparent machine learning.

2019 - 2023

University of Washington, Seattle, WA USA

Graduate Research Assistant (advised by Emily Fox)
Interpretable deep learning for time series.

2017 - 2019

Columbia University, New York, NY USA

Undergraduate Research Assistant (advised by Uygur Sümbül, Liam Paninski)
Neuronal structure analysis from 3D calcium imaging videos.

2016 - 2017

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Citadel Securities, Chicago, IL USA

Quantitative Research Intern

June 2022 - August 2022

Options alpha research.

Google Brain, Mountain View, CA USA

Student Researcher

June 2018 - April 2019

Topologically aware deep learning for EEG seizure detection.

Goldman Sachs, New York, NY USA

Investment Banking Strategist Summer Analyst

June 2016 - August 2016

Credit risk pricing for interest rate derivatives; equity capital markets.

Société Générale, New York, NY USA

Investment Banking Summer Analyst

June 2015 - August 2015

Interest rate derivatives pricing.

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Co-Instructor, CSEP 590 Explainable AI, University of Washington

Co-instructed with: Su-In Lee

Spring 2022

Designed course contents (syllabus, slides, homeworks) and taught lectures.

Teaching Assistant, EE 578 Convex Optimization, University of Washington

Course instructor: Maryam Fazel

Winter 2019

Taught review sessions, wrote exam questions, graded assignments.

HONORS AND
AWARDS

Top Reviewer Award, NeurIPS

2021, 2022, 2023

Top Reviewer Award, ICLR

2021, 2022

Top Reviewer Award, ICML

2020, 2021

Upton Fellowship, Princeton University

2017

Computer Science Excellence Fellowship, UIUC

2017

Computer Science Faculty First Year Fellowship, UMass Amherst

2017

Summa Cum Laude, Columbia University

2017

Phi Beta Kappa, Columbia University

2017

Computer Science Award for Academic Excellence, Columbia University

2017

Presidential Scholar Nominee

2013

President's Award for Academic Excellence

2013

SELECTED TALKS

CSE 529 Computational Genomics Guest Lecture, University of Washington

April 2023

CSE 599 Explainable AI Guest Lecture, University of Washington

April 2023

Zou Lab, Stanford University

April 2023

Hashimoto Lab, Stanford University

April 2023

Ranganath Lab, New York University

February 2023

Farhadi Lab, University of Washington

February 2023

Morgan Stanley

October 2022

Citadel Securities

June 2022

NASA Ames Research Center

March 2022

Digital Humanities Group, UT Austin

March 2022

	Arthur AI	December 2021
	University of Washington Colloquium	October 2021
	Data Science Alliance & San Diego Machine Learning	April 2021
	Zou Lab, Stanford University	April 2021
	BigInsight (Norwegian AI Research Center)	March 2021
	Kundaje Lab, Stanford University	March 2021
	Fiddler Labs	February 2021
REVIEWER SERVICE	NeurIPS	2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
	ICML	2020, 2021, 2022, 2023
	ICLR	2021, 2022, 2023
	AISTATS	2021, 2023, 2024
	MLHC	2020, 2021, 2022
	TMLR	2023
	Artificial Intelligence (Elsevier)	2022
	Machine Learning (Springer)	2022
	Patterns (Cell)	2021
SERVICE	Graduate Applications Reader, University of Washington	2020 - 2021
	Computer Science Ph.D. Mentorship Program, University of Washington	2018 - 2019
	Visit Days Coordination, University of Washington	2018
	Undergraduate Admissions Interviewing, Columbia University	2018 - 2020
	Computer Science Undergraduate Mentorship Program, Columbia University	2016 - 2017