

# Isadora White

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## Education

### University of California, Berkeley

Expected graduation date: May 2024

Honors B.A. in Computer Science and Applied Math

**GPA: 3.95/4.0**

Graduate-Level Courses: Natural Language Processing, Deep Reinforcement Learning, Deep Learning, Machine Learning

Computer Science Courses: Probability Theory, Algorithms and Data Structures, Computer Architecture, Signal Processing, Structure of Computer Programs

Math Courses: Abstract Algebra, Complex Analysis, Real Analysis, Linear Algebra, Discrete Math, Numerical Analysis

Other Relevant Courses: Introduction to Linguistics, Computational Creativity

## Research

### LMRL Gym: Benchmarks for Multi-Turn Reinforcement Learning with Language Models

Nov. 2023

Marwa Abdulhai, **Isadora White**, Charlie Victor Snell, Charles Sun, Joey Hong, Yuexiang Zhai, Kelvin Xu, Sergey Levine

We propose 8 benchmark tasks to test RL with language models and a suite of 7 baselines to further research into using language models with RL. [paper](#), [website](#), [code](#)

### Movement Classification and Artifact Correction for Reliable Brain-Computer Interfaces

May 2023

Annie Taylor\*, **Isadora White**\*, Zheyuan Hu, Shiangyi Lin

We explore new deep learning architectures involving transformers and CNNs for classifying ECoG signals as robotic actions. We propose data imputation and a transformer encoder/decoder architecture to correct artifacts. [paper](#), [code](#)

### Reward and Exploration Strategies for Solving Wordle with Deep Reinforcement Learning

Dec. 2022

**Isadora White**\*, Bennett Cohen\*, Sean Tsung

We explore an application of Deep RL to Wordle. We propose and compare three different reward functions and several different exploration algorithms. We achieve 98% win ratio and an average of 4.3 moves in an elimination win condition. [paper](#), [code](#)

### Moderat!: Language Models for Fair and Explainable German Comment Moderation

Aug. 2022

**Isadora White**, Kilian Mueller, Joerg Becker

I independently worked on a project on detecting hate speech using language models. I increased accuracy on RP-Mod hate speech detection benchmark, explained predictions using mechanistic interpretability such as SHAP values, and mitigated biases against marginalized groups in the predictions. [presentation](#), [abstract](#), [code](#)

### BTA: Business Term Glossary Association with Active Learning

Aug. 2021

Bojan Furlan, **Isadora White**, AnHai Doan

We developed an active learning random forest classifier to match business glossary terms using their corresponding acronym. Internal Informatic Report and Presentation.

## Work Experience

### Research Assistant, Berkeley AI Research

Feb. 2023 - present

Explored applications of multi-turn reinforcement learning to text-games and interactive dialogue with Sergey Levine, Marwa Abdulhai, and Charlie Snell.

### Research Assistant, DAAD RISE Germany, University of Muenster

May 2022 - Sep. 2022

Investigated fine-tuning language models for hate speech detection, explainability techniques, and biases of the model and datasets.

### Undergraduate Research Apprentice, Cardiac Vision Lab

Feb. 2021 - May 2021

Detected motion artifacts in videos of hearts using PWC-Net architecture for motion detection. Visualized training curves, generated data for data augmentation, trained PWC-Net in tensorflow

### Software Development Intern, AWS AI: Lookout for Metrics

Aug. 2021 - Dec. 2021

Detected outliers in time series data using the unsupervised technique Random Cut Forest (RCF) Visualized the detected outliers, analyzed false positives, experimented with new applications Deployed AWS infrastructure to assist users in loading data

### Machine Learning Intern, Informatica

Jun. 2021 - Aug. 2021

Implemented querying strategy for selection of examples to label in active learning.  
Improved F1 score by over 5% on all datasets for business term glossary association.

## Leadership and Volunteering

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### **Association of Women in EE&CS at UC Berkeley**

#### ***Mentor***

Aug. 2022 - present

Provided guidance to underrepresented students in EE&CS on choosing courses, managing stress, and getting involved in ML/AI research

#### ***DE&I Committee Member and Officer***

Feb. 2023 - present

Organized events to support and inspire underrepresented minorities in EE&CS.  
Met with the Chair of EE&CS to advocate for DE&I initiatives such as SVSH prevention

#### ***Junior Mentor, Computer Science Mentors***

Aug. 2020 - Dec. 2020

Built confidence in problem-solving skills for six students in Computer Science  
Explained and communicated concepts such as recursion, linked lists, trees and SQL