# Evan Sage

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### Education

• **Ph.D. in Computer Sciences**, University of Wisconsin-Madison August 2021 - Present Advisor: Prof. Lisa Thompson

Research Focus: Safe and robust artificial intelligence, adversarial machine learning.

• B.S. in Computer Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) September 2017 - June 2021

Minor: Mathematics

Graduated with honors (GPA: 4.0/4.0)

Thesis: Enhancing Neural Network Robustness Against Adversarial Attacks

#### Research Interests

Safe and robust artificial intelligence; adversarial machine learning; secure multi-agent systems; ethics and fairness in AI; machine learning security protocols.

#### **Publications**

- 1. **E. Sage**, L. Thompson, "Adversarial Resilience in Deep Learning Models," *Proceedings of the 2023 Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2023.
- 2. **E. Sage**, "Ethical Considerations in Multi-Agent AI Systems," *Journal of AI Ethics*, vol. 15, no. 2, pp. 123-134, 2022.
- 3. E. Sage, L. Thompson, "Secure Protocols for Multi-Agent Communication," International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2022.
- 4. E. Sage, M. Patel, "Defensive Strategies Against Adversarial Examples," *IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems*, vol. 32, no. 10, pp. 4567-4578, 2021.

# Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, University of Wisconsin-Madison

• CS 540: Introduction to Artificial Intelligence Fall 2023 Responsibilities: Led discussion sections, held office hours, graded assignments and exams.

#### • CS 577: Introduction to Algorithms

Spring 2023

Responsibilities: Assisted in preparing lecture materials, held recitation sessions, provided student support.

#### **Guest Lecturer**

• "Adversarial Machine Learning" in **CS 760: Machine Learning** November 2023 Covered topics on adversarial attacks and defenses in machine learning models.

## Research Experience

Graduate Researcher, University of Wisconsin-Madison

August 2021 - Present

- Developing robust neural networks capable of withstanding adversarial attacks.
- Investigating secure communication protocols in multi-agent AI systems.

Undergraduate Research Assistant, MIT CSAIL

September 2019 - June 2021

- Conducted research on enhancing the robustness of machine learning models.
- Assisted in projects related to AI ethics and fairness under Prof. Maria Rodriguez.

#### Awards and Honors

• Best Student Paper Award, AI Ethics Conference For the paper "Ethical Considerations in Multi-Agent AI Systems." 2023

• UW-Madison Graduate Research Fellowship

2022

Awarded for outstanding research potential in the field of computer sciences.

• MIT Dean's List
Recognized for academic excellence each semester.

2017 - 2021

### **Professional Activities**

#### Reviewer

• Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) Conference

2023

• Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR)

2022 - Present

#### Member

- Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)
- IEEE Computer Society

#### Technical Skills

- Programming Languages: Python, Java, C++, MATLAB, R
- Machine Learning Frameworks: TensorFlow, PyTorch, Scikit-learn
- Tools and Platforms: Git, Docker, Linux, AWS

## **Selected Presentations**

• "Adversarial Resilience in Deep Learning Models," NeurIPS Conference December 2023

• "Secure Protocols for Multi-Agent Communication," ICML Conference July 2022

• "Enhancing Neural Network Robustness," MIT Undergraduate Research Symposium May 2021

# References

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#### • Prof. Maria Rodriguez

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