# Jacob M. Chen

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### Education

Williams College, Williamstown, MA

Expected Dec. 2023

B.A. Computer Science Major & French Concentration; Cumulative GPA: 3.96

- Awards: Sam Goldberg Prize in Computer Science for best student talk in computer science.
- Dean's List for all semesters from Fall 2019. Inducted into the Sigma Xi society for excellence in research.
- Relevant Coursework: Causal Inference, Machine Learning, Introduction to Statistical Modeling, Theory of Computation, Algorithm Design & Analysis, Algorithmic Game Theory, Advanced French

- Study Abroad: Université Paul-Valéry, Montpellier, France

Fall 2023

National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University (NYCU), Hsinchu, Taiwan

Fall 2020

- Coursework: Linear Algebra (A+), Introduction to French (A+), Introduction to Japanese (A+)

National Tsing Hua University (NTHU), Hsinchu, Taiwan

Fall 2020

Coursework: Discrete Mathematics (A)

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Summer 2018

- Coursework: Principles of Physics: Mechanics (A), Introduction to Psychology (A)

International Bilingual School at Hsinchu Science-Park (IBSH), Hsinchu, Taiwan

June 2019

- Awards: Valedictorian, National Merit Scholarship Finalist, Harvard Book Prize

### **Publications**

## Causal Inference with Outcome-Dependent Missingness And Self-Censoring, UAI 2023

Aug. 2023

 Paper accepted at Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence (UAI) 2023, an internationally recognized conference in machine learning and causal inference. The publication on Proceedings of Machine Learning Research can be found here. Chosen for a poster spotlight presentation.

# Work Experience

### Computer Science Research Assistant, Williams College, Williamstown, MA

June – Aug. 2023

 Working on a natural language processing and causal inference project advised by Professor Katie Keith and Professor Rohit Bhattacharya.

#### Residential Teaching Fellow, Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, NH

June - Aug. 2022

Utilized Harkness pedagogy to instruct high school students in three courses – Introduction to Computer Science,
Mobile App Development, and Game Programming – at a prestigious summer school program. Additionally,
served as a dorm faculty for high school students.

#### Teaching Assistant in Computer Science Department, Williams College

Feb. 2021 - May 2023

Data Structures & Advanced Programming (Spring '21), Algorithm Design & Analysis (Spring '22), Introduction to Computer Science (Fall '21, Fall '22, & Spring '23)

#### Lanesborough Elementary School Teaching Fellow, Lanesborough, MA

Since Jan. 2022

Assisted in 4th grade and kindergarten classrooms with math and science courses. Gave a presentation introducing
Taiwan and its culture to elementary school students.

#### Teacher for AP Computer Science, Nuts Institute, Hsinchu, Taiwan

July 2020 - Jan. 2021

 Taught fundamentals of Java to high school students with no previous programming experience in preparation for the AP Computer Science A exam.

### AP Economics Substitute Teaching Assistant, IBSH, Hsinchu, Taiwan

Nov. 2020

 Acted as an interim substitute teaching assistant when a teacher had to take a sudden leave and explained problem sets and solutions to exams to high school juniors and seniors.

#### Software Engineer, Seknova Biotechnology Co., Taiwan

June – Aug. 2019

 Designed and developed Windows graphical user interface tools in Java and developed an Android App for an external blood glucose monitoring device.

#### **Research Interests**

Causal Inference, Missing Data, Graphical Models, Natural Language Processing, Machine Learning, Computational Complexity, Artificial Intelligence, Computer Science Education

# Research & Projects

### Clinician's Notes as a Proxy for Missing Variables, Williams College

June 2023 - Aug. 2023

 Working with Professor Katie Keith and Professor Rohit Bhattacharya on applying natural language processing techniques to causal inference, specifically in the context of recovering from unmeasured or latent variables.

#### Thesis in Computer Science, Williams College

Sept. 2022 - May 2023

- Wrote an undergraduate thesis with Professor Rohit Bhattacharya as advisor in the Computer Science department at Williams College. Only students who have demonstrated strong academic performance and potential at research are approved to write theses. Worked on non-parametric causal inference methods, particularly that of covariate selection and causal effect estimation, under self-censoring treatments and outcomes. Uploaded work as a Github repository. Received Sam Goldberg Prize for the thesis defense.
- Nominated by Williams College for 2023 Computing Research Association (CRA) Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Researchers.

### Missing Data as a Causal Inference Problem, Williams College

Jan. 2022 - June 2022

- Worked closely with Professor Rohit Bhattacharya on graphical criteria for estimating causal effects under missing data and implementations for such criteria. Uploaded work as a Github repository. Explored the recoverability of missing not at random (MNAR) graphs and developed a criterion that takes advantage of conditional independencies in a missingness graph as well as fixing variables to recover causal effects under missing data.

#### Analyzing Association Rules in COVID-19 Symptoms, Taiwan

Aug. 2020

 Independently mined association rules between COVID-19 symptoms and patients' travel history using the Apriori Algorithm on data of COVID-19 positive travelers entering Taiwan.

## **Conference Presentations**

- Jacob M. Chen, Daniel Malinsky, and Rohit Bhattacharya. "Causal Inference with Outcome Dependent Missingness and Self-Censoring." Poster presentation at Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence (UAI), Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, August 2023.
- Jacob M. Chen, Daniel Malinsky, and Rohit Bhattacharya. "Causal Inference with Outcome Dependent Missingness and Self-Censoring." Poster presentation at American Causal Inference Conference (ACIC), Austin, Texas, May 2023.
- Jacob M. Chen and Rohit Bhattacharya. "On Covariate Adjustment in Missing Not at Random Models." Poster presentation at American Causal Inference Conference (ACIC), Berkeley, California, May 2022.

# **Community Service**

Crisis Text Line, Remote

Since Feb. 2021

Crisis Text Line provides free, 24/7 support for people in crisis via a medium people already use and trust: text.
Currently volunteering four hours per week as a Crisis Counselor.

# Leadership & Extracurricular Activities

- Junior Advisor to the Class of 2025, Williams College

Fall 2021 - Spring 2022

- Lived with, mentored, and supported first-year students as they transition to Williams. Led social activities and problem-solved with first-year students.
- Gospel Choir, Williams College

Since Fall 2019; President in 2022-23 Academic Year

- Taiwanese Student Association, Williams College

Since Spring 2021; Founder

International Orientation Leader for First-Year Students, Williams College

Fall 2022

# Skills & Language

- English Fluent, Mandarin Fluent, French Intermediate, Japanese Basic
- Python Machine Learning & Causal Inference
- Computer: Android Java App Development, Python, Java, C, R