#### **EDUCATION**

#### University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Ph.D., Computer Science

August 2020 - Present

Advisor: Professor Mohit Bansal

Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

M.Eng., Computer Science

August 2018 - December 2020

 $Advisor:\ Professor\ Claire\ Cardie$ 

Shanghai JiaoTong University, Shanghai, China

Major: B.S., Computer Science

September 2014 - June 2018

Minor: B.E., Finance

### RESEARCH INTEREST

Text-to-Image Generation, Multimodal Large Language Model, Vision-and-Language

Navigation

#### **PUBLICATION**

### VLN-Video: Utilizing Driving Videos for Outdoor Vision-and-Language Navigation

AAAI, 2024

Jialu Li, Aishwarya Padmakumar, Gaurav Sukhatme, and Mohit Bansal

### PanoGen: Text-Conditioned Panoramic Environment Generation for Visionand-Language Navigation

NeurIPS, 2023

Jialu Li, and Mohit Bansal

### Scaling Data Generation in Vision-and-Language Navigation

ICCV, 2023, (Oral Presentation)

Wang Zun\*, **Jialu Li**\*, Yicong Hong\*, Yi Wang, Qi Wu, Mohit Bansal, Stephen Gould, Hao Tan, Yu Qiao

\* Equal contribution

## Improving Vision-and-Language Navigation by Generating Future-View Image Semantics

CVPR, 2023

Jialu Li, and Mohit Bansal

### EnvEdit: Environment Editing for Vision-and-Language Navigation

CVPR, 2022

Jialu Li, Hao Tan, and Mohit Bansal

# CLEAR: Improving Vision-Language Navigation with Cross-Lingual, Environment Agnostic Representations

Findings of NAACL, 2022

Jialu Li, Hao Tan, and Mohit Bansal

## NDH-Full: Learning and Evaluating Navigational Agents on Full-Length Dialogue

EMNLP, 2021

Hyounghun Kim, Jialu Li, and Mohit Bansal

### Improving Cross-Modal Alignment in Vision Language Navigation via Syntactic Information

NAACL, 2021 (short papers)

Jialu Li, Hao Tan, and Mohit Bansal

### Exploring the Role of Argument Structure in Online Debate Persuasion

EMNLP, 2020 (short papers)

Jialu Li, Esin Durmus, and Claire Cardie

#### **PREPRINT**

### SELMA: Learning and Merging Skill-Specific Text-to-Image Experts with Auto-Generated Data

Preprint

Jialu Li\*, Jaemin Cho\*, Yi-Lin Sung, Jaehong Yoon, Mohit Bansal

\* Equal contribution

### Multimodal Large Language Model for Visual Navigation

Preprint

Yao-Hung Hubert Tsai, Vansh Dhar, Hugues Thomas, **Jialu Li**, Bowen Zhang, Jian Zhang

### ACADEMIC RESEARCH

### University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill

August 2020 - Present

Advisor: Professor Mohit Bansal

- Proposed to generated potentially unlimited panoramic environment for Visionand-Language Navigation learning with text-conditioned single image outpainting.
- Scaled Data for Vision-and-Language Navigation, and achieved near human navigation success rate in discrete environment.
- Enhanced the navigation agent with the ability to generate future view semantics, and utilized the generation ability to aid instruction guided navigation.
- Learned better multi-lingual instruction representation and environment agnostic visual representation with contrastive learning for Vision-and-Language Navigation.
- Proposed an environment-level data augmentation method for Vision-and-Language Navigation to improve agents' generalization to unseen environments.
- Proposed a new task setup that encourages instruction following in Vision-and-Dialogue navigation.
- Utilized syntax information from dependency tree to enhance alignment between the instruction and the visual scenes in Vision-and-Language Navigation tasks.

### Cornell University

February 2019 - May 2020

 $Advisor:\ Professor\ Claire\ T.\ Cardie$ 

 Explored the relationship between argument structure and persuasion in online debates

### INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Apple

May 2023 - September 2023

Machine Learning Research Intern

Mentor: Zhe Gan, Zirui Wang, Bowen Zhang

Amazon

May 2022 - November 2022

Applied Scientist Intern

Mentor: Gaurav Sukhatme, Aishwarya Padmakumar

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Natural Language Processing (CS 4740 / CS 5740) Cornell University

Graduate Teaching Assistant August 2019 - December 2019

Instructor: Professor Claire T. Cardie

**SERVICE** Reviewer for ARR, ACL, EMNLP, NAACL, EACL.

Reviewer for ACM MM, AAAI, CVPR, ICCV.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Academic Excellence Scholarship (Third-Class) for 2016-2017 academic year Academic Excellence Scholarship (Third-Class) for 2015-2016 academic year Academic Excellence Scholarship (Second-Class) for 2014-2015 academic year

REFERENCES

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SKILLS Programming Languages: Python, C++

Machine Learning Frameworks: Pytorch, Ajax