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 Jiao Tong University, Shanghai, China

Major: B.S., Computer Science

September 2014 - June 2018

Minor: B.E., Finance

RESEARCH INTEREST **PUBLICATION**

Multimodal NLP, Vision-and-Language Navigation

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

REVIEW

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

Preprint, under submission at NeurIPS 2023

Jialu Li, and Mohit Bansal

Anonymous Submission on Data Augmentation for Outdoor Vision-Language-

Navigation

Under submission at AAAI 2024

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

ACADEMIC RESEARCH

University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill

August 2020 - Present

Advisor: Professor Mohit Bansal

- 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 - August 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)
Graduate Teaching Assistant
August

S 5740) Cornell University August 2019 - December 2019

Instructor: Professor Claire T. Cardie

SERVICE

Reviewer for ARR, ACL 2022, 2023 EMNLP 2022, NAACL 2022, EACL 2022, 2023

Reviewer for ACM MM 2022, AAAI 2023, CVPR 2023, ICCV 2023

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