# Joonhyuk Ko

Curriculum Vitae

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## Research Interests

Algorithmic Fairness, Differential Privacy, Optimization, and Uncertainty Quantification.

## **EDUCATION**

## University of Virginia

Charlottesville, VA

Aug 2022 - May 2026

B.S. in Computer Science, B.A. in Mathematics *GPA*: 3.997/4.000; (both) *Major GPA*: 4.000/4.000

#### **Relevant Courses:**

Machine Learning<sup>†</sup>, Convex Optimization<sup>†</sup>, Algorithms, Real Analysis, Abstract Algebra, Linear Algebra, Probability, Mathematical Statistics, Partial Differential Equations, Theory of Computation, Software Engineering, Computer Systems and Organization, Reinforcement Learning<sup>\*</sup>, Natural Language Processing<sup>\*</sup>, Intermediate Microeconomics<sup>\*</sup>

# RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

# Carnegie Mellon University, School of Computer Science

Pittsburgh, PA

Research Intern

May 2025 - Present

Advisor: Dr. Steven Wu

- Research topics: Uncertainty Quantification, Learning Theory
- Summer visiting student researcher with Prof. Steven Wu's group.

# University of Virginia, Department of Computer Science

Research Assistant

Charlottesville, VA

Jan 2024 - Present

Advisor: Dr. Ferdinando Fioretto

- Research topics: Differential Privacy, Algorithmic Fairness
- Undergraduate Research Assistant at RAISE (Responsible AI for Science and Engineering) group.
- Led to the following publication(s): C1, P1

## University of Virginia, School of Engineering and Applied Science

Research Assistant

Charlottesville, VA

May 2024 - Aug 2024

Advisor: Dr. Ferdinando Fioretto

- Selected as a Dean's Undergraduate Engineering Research Fellow.
- Awarded \$4,800 from the engineering department to pursue full-time research for summer 2024.
- Attended weekly professional development workshops.
- Presented a poster at the 2024 Fall Undergraduate Research Expo at UVA.

## Publications

#### Conference Proceedings

C1. **Joonhyuk Ko**, Juba Ziani, Saswat Das, Matt Williams, Ferdinando Fioretto. "Fairness Issues and Mitigations in (Differentially Private) Socio-Demographic Data Processes."

AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), 2025. Oral Presentation (< 5%).

#### **Preprints**

P1. **Joonhyuk Ko**, Juba Ziani, Ferdinando Fioretto. "Optimal Allocation of Privacy Budget on Hierarchical Data Release."

ArXiv Preprint, 2025.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup>Graduate-level Courses <sup>\*</sup>Fall 2025 Courses

# Awards and Honors

Louis T. Rader Undergraduate Research Award, Top Honors The highest undergraduate CS research award at the University of Virginia (\$750 award). [link]	2025
The Raven Society Member The oldest and most prestigious honorary society at the University of Virginia.	2025
AAAI 2025 Student Travel Award Received NSF-sponsored travel funding to support conference participation (\$1,800 award).	2025
CRA Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher Award, Honorable Mention Recognizes North American undergraduates with outstanding computing research potential. [link]	2025
Dean's Undergraduate Engineering Research Fellowship Received a stipend to pursue full-time research for summer 2024 (\$4,800 award).	2024

# INVITED TALKS

**Talk:** Fairness Issues and Mitigations in (Differentially Private) Socio-Demographic Data Processes.

TOC4Fairness Seminar, Simons Foundation. [link]

Mar 2025

Panelist: Preparing for Undergraduate Research (CS 2501). Department of Computer Science, University of Virginia.

Feb 2025

# ACADEMIC SERVICES

## Reviewer

AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), 2026.

## Teaching Experience

## Teaching Assistant

APMA 6410 (Graduate-level): Engineering Mathematics I (Fall 2023)

APMA 2130: Ordinary Differential Equations (Spring 2023)

## References

## Dr. Ferdinando Fioretto

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#### Dr. Juba Ziani

Assistant Professor, H. Milton Stewart School of Industrial and Systems Engineering

Georgia Institute of Technology

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## Dr. Steven Wu

Associate Professor, School of Computer Science

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