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EXPERIENCE

ML Research Scientist

[Deep Genomics](#)

2021–22

- Self-supervised learning (autoregressive and masked-language modelling) for biological sequence representations.
- Multi-modal methods facilitating biological sequence-to-sequence models to generalize to novel cell types.
- Anomaly detection pipeline for our drug screening platform.

Scientific Mentor

[Creative Destruction Lab Montréal](#)

2021–Now

- Performed technical assessments of startups and provided feedback for a business and investor focused audience.
- Technical direction for startups in the NLP, CV, and ML for Bio spaces.

Applied Research Scientist

[Mila Technology Transfer](#), [Mila Québec AI Institute](#)

2020–21

- Research on medical applications, ethics of language models, and modular deep learning.
- Deep-learning driven equity momentum trading ([CDPQ](#)) and robust representation learning for digital forgery detection ([Jumio](#)).

Fellow

[PhD to VC, Fifty Years](#)

2021

- I sourced, diligenced, and deep-tech pre-seed/seed stage companies, performed due diligence on them, & helped source technical talent.

Research Intern

[Google](#), [Smart Ad Relevance System Predicted Click Through Rate Team](#)

2020

- Uncertainty estimation research for predicted click through rates.
- Produced research pipeline for future search ad pCTR research.

Research Intern

[Imagia Cybernetics](#)

2019

- Developed deep learning method for cancer localization without segmentations, and multimodal classification combining images with clinical notes.

Research Methods Specialist

[Kimmel TIGRlab](#), [Centre for Addiction and Mental Health](#)

2014–17

- Biomarkers for vulnerable [schizophrenia](#) and [Alzheimer's](#) patients.
- Designed, built, and managed (team of 5) a [data management platform](#) 22-node compute cluster, and [QA tools](#) used by team of 20.

PROJECTS

What's In the Box?

[Undesirable content identifier for the Common Crawl.](#)

TorchXRayVision

[Open source library for chest XRay datasets and models.](#)

RESEARCH & COMMUNITY

Bio & Health: Genomics, biomarkers for precision medicine.

Deep Learning: Representation learning for robust and explainable models, multimodal learning, attention mechanisms.

Teaching: Stats and ML courses taught at CAMH, [McGill BrainHack](#), & [MAIN](#).

Paper Reviews: [ICLR](#), [NeurIPS Pre-registration in ML Workshop](#), [Biological Psychiatry](#), [MIDL](#), & [PLOS ONE](#)

EDUCATION

MSc. Computer Science, Machine Learning Specialization

2018–20

[Mila](#), Université de Montréal, Montréal, QC

- Research on whether saliency methods can be relied on to [diagnose generalization failures](#) of deep learning models.
- Coursework on Reinforcement Learning, Deep Learning, NLP, & CS Fundamentals.

MSc. Biology, Neuroscience Specialization, With Distinction

2011–13

[Schneider Lab](#), York University, Toronto, ON

- Research using Magnetic Resonance Imaging of the [human visual input](#) and [feedback](#) systems.

BSc. Psychology, Hons.

2005–09

Queen's University, Toronto, ON

TECHNOLOGIES

Python

Proficient

Pytorch, tensorflow, numpy, scipy, pandas, sklearn.

Linux Administration

Intermediate

Linux Foundation certified system administrator.

R, C, Java, SQL, MATLAB

Familiar