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**EDUCATION** 

Tulane University, New Orleans, LA

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) — Computer Science Aug. 2020 - May. 2022

Illinois Institute of Technology - (Transferred Out), Chicago, IL

*Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)* — *Computer Science* Aug. 2018 – July. 2020

Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL

*Master of Science (MS)* — *Computer Science* Aug. 2015 – May. 2017

BMS Institute of Technology, Bangalore, India

Bachelors of Engineering (BE) — Mechanical Engineering Aug. 2009 - Apr. 2013

### WORK EXPERIENCE

#### Tulane University, New Orleans, LA

Research Assistant Aug. 2020 – Dec. 2020

Developed Simulation Models to measure and analyze filter bubble formation in political news recommender systems

### Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL), Richland, WA

PhD Research Intern *June.* 2020 – Aug. 2020

Developed Novel Representational Learning Method to improve Causal Inference Estimations

Worked on employing the above method to evaluate the effectiveness of Non Pharmaceutical Interventions for COVID-19.

### Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL

Teaching Assistant Aug. 2019 – Dec. 2019

o Teaching Assistant for CS579 (Online Social Network Analysis)

• Teaching Assistant for CS115 (Object Oriented Programming 1)

# Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL), Richland, WA

PhD Research Intern *June.* 2019 – Aug. 2019

- Developed Causal Discovery Models to help detect the presence of existing Causal Relationships in Social Simulations.
- o Helped Develop a Causal Ensemble Technique to improve causal model performance and methods to evaluate them.

## Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, IL

Research Assistant Aug. 2018 – May. 2020

- Worked as a Research Assistant at the Text Analysis for Public Interest Lab (TAPI)
- Analyzed and Studied the influence of Relationships in the Detection of Hostility in Online Social Networks.

### Accenture Digital, Chicago, IL

#### Artificial Intelligence Engineer

Aug. 2017 - May. 2018

- o Developed a DNA Sequence prediction application using Deep Learning Models
- Developed a Failure Detection Model for Oil Pipelines using extreme gradient boosted decision trees (XGBoost)
- Developed a Voice Interface for a Customer Service Platform using Chatbots

#### Datacubes Inc., Schaumburg, IL

Data Scientist Intern May. 2017 - July. 2017

- Developed multiple Large-Scale Web Scraping Engines to extract Licensure and Permit Data for Insurance Underwriting.
- Developed and created multiple classification models for various domains to aid Risk Assessment
- Employed large scale data processing and analysis pipelines using Apache Spark.

#### Accenture, Bangalore, India

### Software Engineering Analyst

*Dec.* 2013 – July. 2015

- o Created an NLP Engine that performed information extraction from cybersecurity threat advisories, using semi-supervised models for pattern extraction.
- o Developed a Multi-Term identifier that utilized C/NC value algorithm

### RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

### Characterizing Variation in Toxic Language by Social Context

o Radfar, B., Shivaram, K. and Culotta, A. 2020. Characterizing Variation in Toxic Language by Social Context. Proceedings of the International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media. 14, 1 (May 2020), 959-963.

#### Semi-Automated Information Extraction from Unstructured Threat Advisories

o Roshni R. Ramnani, Karthik Shivaram, Shubhashis Sengupta, and Annervaz K. M.. 2017. Semi-Automated Information Extraction from Unstructured Threat Advisories. In Proceedings of the 10th Innovations in Software Engineering Conference (ISEC '17). ACM, New York, NY, USA, 181-187.

# **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

**Languages**: Python, C++, Java, Javascript, Bash **Frameworks**: Tensorflow, Pytorch, Keras, Flask

Libraries: Numpy, Scipy, Pandas, NLTK, Scikit-Learn, H5py, cython, Spark

Databases: MySQL, Postgress, MongoDB

Cloud Technology: AWS EC2, AWS S3, Nervana Cloud, DigitalOcean

# **RESEARCH PROJECTS**

### Characterizing Variation in Toxic Language by Social Context

• Studied the influence of relationships in detecting online hostility (hate speech, toxic behaviour, sexism, racism) in online social networks. (For this study twitter was used as the social network platform).