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Interests	Machine Learning, Deep Generative Models, Computational Social Science, NLP	
Education	<b>Columbia University</b> Ph.D. Computer Science Advisor: <a href="#">David Blei</a>	2016 -
	<b>Columbia University</b> M.S. Computer Science	2016 - 2018
	<b>Harvard University</b> B.A. Computer Science and Statistics, <i>magna cum laude</i>	2012 - 2016
Awards and Fellowships	National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellow (\$34,000/year)	2016 - 2019
	Columbia University Dean's Fellow (full graduate funding)	2016 -
	Elected to Phi Beta Kappa Society	2016
	Awarded high honors for undergraduate thesis	2016
	Bok Center Certificate of Distinction in Teaching	2015
	John Harvard Scholar (grade point average in top 5% of class)	2013 - 2015
Work Experience	Software Engineer Intern, <b>Google Brain</b>	2018 - 2019
	Research Intern, <b>Facebook Artificial Intelligence Research</b>	2017
	Data Science Intern (Places Team), <b>Facebook</b>	2015
	Software Engineer Intern (Data Science Infrastructure), <b>Facebook</b>	2014
Selected Papers	D. Tran, <b>K. Vafa</b> , K. Agrawal, L. Dinh, B. Poole. <a href="#">Discrete Flows: Invertible Generative Models of Discrete Data</a> , <i>NeurIPS</i> , to appear.	2019
	D. Eckles, A. Peysakhovich, and <b>K. Vafa</b> . Deep neural networks for interpretable instrumental variable-based estimation of heterogeneous causal effects. <i>Conference on Digital Experimentation</i> , MIT.	2017
	<b>K. Vafa</b> . <a href="#">Training Deep Gaussian Processes with Sampling</a> , <i>Advances in Approximate Bayesian Inference Workshop</i> , NeurIPS.	2016
	<b>K. Vafa</b> , C. Haigh, A. Leung, N. Yonack. <a href="#">Price Discrimination in The Princeton Review's Online SAT Tutoring Service</a> , <i>Journal of Technology Science</i> .	2015

Selected Talks	<b>Text-Based Ideal Points</b> , <a href="#">Text as Data Conference</a> , Stanford University. Joint work with Suresh Naidu and David Blei.	2019
	<b>Text-Based Ideal Points</b> , <i>Caselaw Access Project Research Summit</i> , Harvard Law School. Joint work with Suresh Naidu and David Blei.	2019
Teaching Experience	<b>Department of Computer Science, Columbia University</b> Teaching Assistant, Foundations of Graphical Models (graduate level) Professor: <a href="#">David Blei</a>	2018
	<b>Department of Computer Science, Harvard University</b> Teaching Fellow, CS 281: Advanced Machine Learning (graduate level) Professor: <a href="#">Finale Doshi-Velez</a>	2015
	Teaching Fellow, CS 181: Introduction to Machine Learning Professor: <a href="#">Ryan Adams</a>	2015
Conference Reviewing	International Conference on Machine Learning	2017 - 2019
	Neural Information Processing Systems	2017 - 2019
	Advances in Approximate Bayesian Inference	2017 - 2018
	International Conference on Learning Representations	2017 - 2018
Press	<a href="#">Harvard Law Today blog post</a> : Text-Based Ideal Points <a href="#">ProPublica article</a> : Princeton Review Price Discrimination <a href="#">Today Show segment</a> : Princeton Review Price Discrimination	
Languages and Skills	Python (+ PyTorch and TensorFlow), R (+ Stan), SQL, Java, PHP, Go English (native), French (advanced), Farsi (proficient) Long distance running (ran 2016 Boston Marathon)	