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Research Interests

Biomedical informatics, machine learning, data science, fairness and interpretability, genetic and evolutionary computation, dynamical systems, wind energy, artificial intelligence and artificial life

Education

2012 - 2016	Ph.D., Mechanical Engineering, University of Massachusetts Amherst Committee: Kourosh Danai, Lee Spector, Matthew Lackner Fellow, NSF IGERT Offshore Wind Energy Program
2009 - 2010	M.Eng., Mechanical Engineering, Cornell University
2005 - 2009	B.S., Mechanical Engineering, Cornell University

Postdoctoral Training

2016 - 2020	Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Pennsylvania Advisor: Jason H. Moore Institute for Biomedical Informatics Fellow, Warren Center for Network and Data Sciences
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Academic Appointments and Hospital Affiliations

9/2021 -	Faculty, Boston Children's Hospital Computational Health Informatics Program (CHIP) Department of Pediatrics
9/2021 -	Faculty of Pediatrics, Harvard Medical School
7/2020 - 8/2021	Research Associate, University of Pennsylvania Institute for Biomedical Informatics

Research and Industry Positions

2019 - 2020	Consultant, National Institute on Aging, National Institutes of Health Division of Geriatrics and Clinical Gerontology Multi-omics data integration for longevity-related outcomes
6/2015 - 9/2015	Visiting Researcher, Laboratory of Agent Modeling, University of Lisbon Hosts: Sara Silva, Leonardo Vanneschi Multiclass classification of complex systems using genetic programming
2010 - 2012	Research Scientist, National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) Wind turbine field testing, numerical modeling, and data analysis
2008 - 2010	Team Lead, Mechanical Power Systems, Cornell 100+ MPG Team Advisor: Albert George Automotive X-Prize
2007 - 2008	Independent Research, Cornell Computational Synthesis Laboratory Advisor: Hod Lipson Robotics, path planning and computer vision

Awards

2020	Best Paper Award, Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference
2019	Best Paper Nomination, Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference
2019	Winner, Best Informatics Abstract, DBEI and CCEB Research Day
2018	Best Paper Nomination, Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference
2017	Best Paper Nomination, European Conference on Genetic Programming
2015	Best Paper Nomination, Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference
2011	First Place, Cornell 100+ MPG Team, Green Grand Prix Competition

Research Funding

Numbers indicate direct costs

2021 -	NIH R00 LM012926-03 (PI: La Cava) National Library of Medicine Multi-objective representation learning methods for interpretable predictions of patient outcomes using electronic health records \$747,000
2021 -	PCORI 19393 (CO-I; PI: Herman) Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute Development of methods to improve identification of patients with rare or complex diseases \$158,000
2019 - 2021	NIH K99 LM012926 (PI: La Cava) National Library of Medicine Multi-objective representation learning methods for interpretable predictions of patient outcomes using electronic health records \$179,000
2016	Postdoctoral Fellowship Warren Center for Network and Data Sciences, UPenn \$27,500
2014	XSEDE Startup Allocation Award (PI: La Cava) Extreme Science and Engineering Discovery Environment Automatic Identification of Dynamic Models for Complex Systems 50,000 hours of compute
2012	NSF IGERT Fellowship Offshore Wind Energy Engineering, Environmental Science, and Policy \$286,000

Publications

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Articles in Review

- [1] **William La Cava**, Chris Bauer, Sarah A. Pendergrass, Ming Ta Michael Lee, and Jason H. Moore. “Navigating intersectional biases in predictive health models” (Feb. 8, 2021).
- [2] **William La Cava**, Tom Helmuth, and Jason H. Moore. “The Expected Running Time of Lexicase Selection” (Feb. 4, 2021).
- [3] Thomas Bartz-Beielstein, Carola Doerr, Daan van den Berg, Jakob Bossek, Sowmya Chandrasekaran, Tome Eftimov, Andreas Fischbach, Pascal Kerschke, **William La Cava**, Manuel Lopez-Ibanez, Katherine M. Malan, Jason H. Moore, Boris Naujoks, Patryk Orzechowski, Vanessa Volz, Markus Wagner, and Thomas Weise. “Benchmarking in Optimization: Best Practice and Open Issues” (Dec. 16, 2020). In Review. arXiv: [2007.03488](#).

- [4] **William La Cava**, Paul C. Lee, Imran Ajmal, Xiruo Ding, Jordana .B. Cohen, Priyanka Solanki, Jason .H. Moore, and Daniel S. Herman. “Application of concise machine learning to construct accurate and interpretable EHR computable phenotypes” (Dec. 12, 2020). medRxiv: <https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.12.12.20248005v1>.
- [5] Trang T. Le, **William La Cava**, Joseph D. Romano, John T. Gregg, Daniel J. Goldberg, Praneel Chakraborty, Natasha L. Ray, Daniel Himmelstein, Weixuan Fu, and Jason H. Moore. “PMLB v1.0: an open source dataset collection for benchmarking machine learning methods” (Nov. 30, 2020). arXiv: [2012.00058v1](https://arxiv.org/abs/2012.00058v1).

Peer-reviewed Publications

- [1] Kourosh Danai and **William La Cava**. “Controller design by symbolic regression”. *Mechanical Systems and Signal Processing* 151 (2021), p. 107348. DOI: [10.1016/j.ymssp.2020.107348](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ymssp.2020.107348).
- [2] **William La Cava**, Patryk Orzechowski, Bogdan Burlacu, Fabrício Olivetti de França, Marco Virgolin, Ying Jin, Michael Kommenda, and Jason H. Moore. “Contemporary Symbolic Regression Methods and their Relative Performance”. *Proceedings of the Neural Information Processing Systems Track on Datasets and Benchmarks*. June 2021. arXiv: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2107.14351>.
- [3] **William La Cava** and Jason H. Moore. “Genetic programming approaches to learning fair classifiers”. *Proceedings of the 2020 Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference*. GECCO ’20. 2020. DOI: [10.1145/3377930.3390157](https://doi.org/10.1145/3377930.3390157). arXiv: [2004.13282](https://arxiv.org/abs/2004.13282). **Best Paper Award**.
- [4] **William La Cava** and Jason H. Moore. “Learning feature spaces for regression with genetic programming”. *Genetic Programming and Evolvable Machines* (Mar. 2020). DOI: [10.1007/s10710-020-09383-4](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10710-020-09383-4).
- [5] **William La Cava**, Heather Williams, Weixuan Fu, Steve Vitale, Durga Srivatsan, and Jason H. Moore. “Evaluating recommender systems for AI-driven biomedical informatics”. *Bioinformatics* (btaa698 Aug. 7, 2020). DOI: [10.1093/bioinformatics/btaa698](https://doi.org/10.1093/bioinformatics/btaa698). arXiv: [1905.09205](https://arxiv.org/abs/1905.09205).
- [6] **William La Cava**, Christopher R. Bauer, Jason H. Moore, and Sarah A. Pendergrass. “Interpretation of machine learning predictions for patient outcomes in electronic health records”. Vol. abs/1903.12074. *AMIA 2019 Annual Symposium*. AMIA, 2019. arXiv: [1903.12074](https://arxiv.org/abs/1903.12074).
- [7] **William La Cava**, Thomas Helmuth, Lee Spector, and Jason H. Moore. “A probabilistic and multi-objective analysis of lexicase selection and epsilon-lexicase selection”. *Evolutionary Computation* 27 (3 Sept. 2019), pp. 377–402. DOI: [10.1162/evco_a_00224](https://doi.org/10.1162/evco_a_00224).
- [8] **William La Cava** and Jason H. Moore. “Learning concise representations for regression by evolving networks of trees”. *International Conference on Learning Representations*. ICLR. May 2019. arXiv: [1807.00981](https://arxiv.org/abs/1807.00981).
- [9] **William La Cava** and Jason H. Moore. “Semantic variation operators for multidimensional genetic programming”. *Proceedings of the 2019 Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference*. GECCO ’19. Prague, Czech Republic: ACM, Apr. 2019. DOI: [10.1145/3321707.3321776](https://doi.org/10.1145/3321707.3321776). arXiv: [1904.08577](https://arxiv.org/abs/1904.08577). **Best Paper Nominee**.
- [10] **William La Cava** and Jason H. Moore. “An Analysis of epsilon-lexicase Selection for Large-scale Many-objective Optimization”. *Proceedings of the Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference Companion*. GECCO ’18. Kyoto, Japan: ACM, 2018, pp. 185–186. DOI: [10.1145/3205651.3205656](https://doi.org/10.1145/3205651.3205656).
- [11] **William La Cava** and Jason H. Moore. “Behavioral search drivers and the role of elitism in soft robotics”. *Artificial Life*. MIT Press, 2018, pp. 206–213. DOI: [10.1162/isal_a_00044](https://doi.org/10.1162/isal_a_00044).
- [12] **William La Cava**, Sara Silva, Kourosh Danai, Lee Spector, Leonardo Vanneschi, and Jason H. Moore. “Multidimensional genetic programming for multiclass classification”. *Swarm and Evolutionary Computation* (Apr. 2018). DOI: [10.1016/j.swevo.2018.03.015](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.swevo.2018.03.015).

- [13] Patryk Orzechowski, **William La Cava**, and Jason H. Moore. “Where are we now? A large benchmark study of recent symbolic regression methods”. *Proceedings of the 2018 Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference*. GECCO ’18. Apr. 2018. DOI: [10.1145/3205455.3205539](https://doi.org/10.1145/3205455.3205539). arXiv: [1804.09331](https://arxiv.org/abs/1804.09331). **Best Paper Nominee**.
- [14] Ryan J. Urbanowicz, Melissa Meeker, **William La Cava**, Randal S. Olson, and Jason H. Moore. “Relief-based feature selection: Introduction and review”. *Journal of Biomedical Informatics* 85 (2018), pp. 189–203. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jbi.2018.07.014>. arXiv: [1711.08421](https://arxiv.org/abs/1711.08421).
- [15] **William La Cava** and Jason H. Moore. “A general feature engineering wrapper for machine learning using ϵ -lexicase survival”. *Genetic Programming*. Lecture Notes in Computer Science. Springer, Apr. 2017, pp. 80–95. DOI: [10.1007/978-3-319-55696-3_6](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-55696-3_6). **Best Paper Nominee**.
- [16] **William La Cava** and Jason H. Moore. “Ensemble representation learning: an analysis of fitness and survival for wrapper-based genetic programming methods”. *GECCO ’17: Proceedings of the 2017 Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference*. ACM, July 2017. arXiv: [1703.06934](https://arxiv.org/abs/1703.06934).
- [17] **William La Cava**, Kushal Sahare, and Kourosh Danai. “Restructuring Controllers to Accommodate Plant Nonlinearities”. *Journal of Dynamic Systems, Measurement, and Control* 139.8 (May 2017), pp. 081004–081004–10. DOI: [10.1115/1.4035870](https://doi.org/10.1115/1.4035870).
- [18] **William La Cava**, Sara Silva, Leonardo Vanneschi, Lee Spector, and Jason Moore. “Genetic Programming Representations for Multi-dimensional Feature Learning in Biomedical Classification”. *Applications of Evolutionary Computation*. Vol. 10199. Lecture Notes in Computer Science. Cham: Springer International Publishing, 2017, pp. 158–173. DOI: [10.1007/978-3-319-55849-3_11](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-55849-3_11).
- [19] Randal S. Olson, **William La Cava**, Patryk Orzechowski, Ryan J. Urbanowicz, and Jason H. Moore. “PMLB: A Large Benchmark Suite for Machine Learning Evaluation and Comparison”. *BioData Mining* (Sept. 2017). arXiv: [1703.00512](https://arxiv.org/abs/1703.00512).
- [20] Randal S. Olson*, **William La Cava***, Zairah Mustahsan, Akshay Varik, and Jason H. Moore. “Data-driven Advice for Applying Machine Learning to Bioinformatics Problems”. *Pacific Symposium on Biocomputing (PSB)*. *Contributed Equally. Sept. 2017. arXiv: [1708.05070](https://arxiv.org/abs/1708.05070).
- [21] **William La Cava**, Kourosh Danai, and Lee Spector. “Inference of compact nonlinear dynamic models by epigenetic local search”. *Engineering Applications of Artificial Intelligence* 55 (2016), pp. 292–306. DOI: [10.1016/j.engappai.2016.07.004](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.engappai.2016.07.004).
- [22] **William La Cava**, Lee Spector, and Kourosh Danai. “Epsilon-Lexicase Selection for Regression”. *Proceedings of the 2016 on Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference*. ACM. 2016, pp. 741–748. DOI: [10.1145/2908812.2908898](https://doi.org/10.1145/2908812.2908898). arXiv: [1905.13266](https://arxiv.org/abs/1905.13266).
- [23] Semyung Park, Matthew A Lackner, John Cross-Whiter, A Rodriguez Tsouroukdissian, and **William La Cava**. “An Investigation of Passive and Semi-Active Tuned Mass Dampers for a Tension Leg Platform Floating Offshore Wind Turbine in ULS Conditions”. *ASME 2016 35th International Conference on Ocean, Offshore and Arctic Engineering*. American Society of Mechanical Engineers. 2016, V003T02A061–V003T02A061.
- [24] Arturo Rodriguez Tsouroukdissian, Mathew Lackner, John Cross-Whiter, Se Myung Park, Pariya Pourazarm, **William La Cava**, and Sungho Lee. “Smart Novel Semi-Active Tuned Mass Damper for Fixed-Bottom and Floating Offshore Wind (Paper)”. *Offshore Technology Conference*. Houston, TX: U.S. DOE Office of Science and Technical Information, May 2016. [PDF](#).
- [25] Y Guo, J Keller, W La Cava, J Austin, AR Nejad, C Halse, L Bastard, and J Helsen. “Recommendations on Model Fidelity for Wind Turbine Gearbox Simulations”. *Conference for Wind Power Drives (CWD) 2015*. Aachen, Germany, Mar. 2015.
- [26] **William La Cava** and Kourosh Danai. “Gradient-based adaptation of continuous dynamic model structures”. *International Journal of Systems Science* 47 (1 Aug. 2015), pp. 249–263. DOI: [10.1080/00207721.2015.1069905](https://doi.org/10.1080/00207721.2015.1069905).

- [27] **William La Cava** and Kourosh Danai. “Model Structure Adaptation: A Gradient-based Approach”. *ASME 2015 Dynamic Systems and Control Conference*. Columbus, Ohio: ASME, Oct. 2015.
- [28] **William La Cava**, Kourosh Danai, Lee Spector, Paul Fleming, Alan Wright, and Matthew Lackner. “Automatic identification of wind turbine models using evolutionary multiobjective optimization”. *Renewable Energy* (Nov. 2015). DOI: [10.1016/j.renene.2015.09.068](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.renene.2015.09.068).
- [29] **William La Cava**, Kourosh Danai, Lee Spector, Paul Fleming, Alan D. Wright, and Matthew Lackner. “Automated Identification of Closed-Loop Wind Turbine Dynamics via Genetic Programming”. *ASME 2015 Dynamic Systems and Control Conference*. Columbus, Ohio: ASME, Oct. 2015.
- [30] **William La Cava**, Thomas Helmuth, Lee Spector, and Kourosh Danai. “Genetic Programming with Epigenetic Local Search”. *Proceedings of the Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference*. GECCO 2015. Madrid, Spain: ACM Press, 2015, pp. 1055–1062. DOI: [10.1145/2739480.2754763](https://doi.org/10.1145/2739480.2754763). **Best Paper Nominee**.
- [31] Yi Guo, Jonathan Keller, and **William La Cava**. “Planetary gear load sharing of wind turbine drivetrains subjected to non-torque loads”. *Wind Energy* 18 (Mar. 2014), pp. 757–768. DOI: [10.1002/we.1731](https://doi.org/10.1002/we.1731).
- [32] **William La Cava**, Lee Spector, Kourosh Danai, and Matthew Lackner. “Evolving differential equations with developmental linear genetic programming and epigenetic hill climbing”. *Companion proceedings of the 2014 conference on Genetic and Evolutionary Computation*. GECCO 2014. Vancouver, B.C.: ACM Press, 2014, pp. 141–142. DOI: [10.1145/2598394.2598491](https://doi.org/10.1145/2598394.2598491).
- [33] **William La Cava**, Yi Guo, Chris Marks, Yihan Xing, and Torgeir Moan. “Three-dimensional bearing load share behaviour in the planetary stage of a wind turbine gearbox”. *IET Renewable Power Generation* 7.4 (July 2013), pp. 359–369. DOI: [10.1049/iet-rpg.2012.0274](https://doi.org/10.1049/iet-rpg.2012.0274).
- [34] Yi Guo, Jonathan Keller, and **William La Cava**. “Combined effects of gravity, bending moment, bearing clearance, and input torque on wind turbine planetary gear load sharing”. *AGMA Fall Technical Meeting*. Dearborn, MI: AGMA, 2012–.
- [35] Jonathan Keller, Hal F. Link, Yi Guo, **William La Cava**, and Brian P. McNiff. “Gearbox reliability collaborative phase 1 and 2: testing and modelling results”. *Conference proceedings of ISMA2012-USD2012*. International Conference on Noise and Vibration engineering. Leuven, Belgium, Sept. 2012.
- [36] **William La Cava**, Jonathan Keller, and Brian McNiff. “Gearbox reliability collaborative: test and model investigation of sun orbit and planet load share in a wind turbine gearbox”. *AIAA 53rd Structures, Structural Dynamics, and Materials and Colocated Conferences*. Honolulu, Hawaii, 2012.
- [37] **William La Cava**, Y. Xing, Y. Guo, and Torgeir Moan. “Determining wind turbine gearbox model complexity using measurement validation and cost comparison”. *European Wind Energy Association annual event*. EWEA 2012. Copenhagen, Denmark, 2012.
- [38] **William La Cava**, B McNiff, and J van Dam. “NREL Gearbox Reliability Collaborative: Comparing In-field Gearbox Response to Different Dynamometer Test Conditions”. *AWEA Windpower* 2011. Anaheim, California: AWEA, May 2011.

Peer-reviewed Abstracts

- [1] **William La Cava**, Paul C Lee, Imran Ajmal, Xiruo Ding, Jordana B Cohen, Jason H Moore, and Daniel S Herman. “Application of flexible machine learning to construct accurate and interpretable EHR computable phenotypes”. *Symposium on Artificial Intelligence for Learning Health Systems (SAIL)*. In Press. 2020.

- [2] A. P. Wojcieszynski Jr, W La Cava, B. C. Baumann, J. N. Lukens, A. Fotouhi Ghiam, R. J. Urbanowicz, S. D. Swisher-McClure, A. Doucette, P. E. Gabriel, A. Lin, Y. Xiao, J. H. Moore, and J. M. Metz. “Machine Learning to Predict Toxicity in Head and Neck Cancer Patients Treated with Definitive Chemoradiation”. *International Journal of Radiation Oncology • Biology • Physics* (Sept. 2019). DOI: [10.1016/j.ijrobp.2019.06.2182](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ijrobp.2019.06.2182).

Book Chapters

- [1] Lee Spector, **William La Cava**, Saul Shanabrook, Thomas Helmuth, and Edward Pantridge. “Relaxations of Lexicase Parent Selection”. *Genetic Programming Theory and Practice XV*. Ed. by Wolfgang Banzhaf, Randal S. Olson, William Tozier, and Rick Riolo. Cham: Springer International Publishing, 2018, pp. 105–120.
- [2] Randal S Olson, Moshe Sipper, **William La Cava**, Sharon Tartarone, Steven Vitale, Weixuan Fu, John H Holmes, and Jason H. Moore. “A System for Accessible Artificial Intelligence”. *Genetic Programming Theory and Practice XIV*. Springer, 2017. arXiv: [1705.00594](https://arxiv.org/abs/1705.00594).
- [3] Karthik Kannappan, Lee Spector, Moshe Sipper, Thomas Helmuth, **William La Cava**, Jake Wisdom, and Omri Bernstein. “Analyzing a Decade of Human-Competitive (“HUMIE”) Winners: What Can We Learn?” *Genetic Programming Theory and Practice XII*. Springer, 2015, pp. 149–166.
- [4] **William La Cava** and Lee Spector. “Inheritable Epigenetics in Genetic Programming”. *Genetic Programming Theory and Practice XII*. Ed. by Rick Riolo, William P. Worzel, and Mark Kotanchek. Cham: Springer, 2015, pp. 37–51.

Dissertations

- [1] **William La Cava**. “Automatic Development and Adaptation of Concise Nonlinear Models for System Identification”. *Doctoral Dissertations May 2014 - current*. Vol. 731. 2016. PhD Dissertation, University of Massachusetts Amherst. URL: http://scholarworks.umass.edu/dissertations_2/731/.

Technical Reports

- [1] **William La Cava** and Matthew Lackner. *Theory manual for the tuned mass damper module in FAST 8*. Tech. rep. University of Massachusetts Amherst, Mar. 2015. DOI: [DOI:10.13140/rg.2.1.4565.9684](https://doi.org/10.13140/rg.2.1.4565.9684). [PDF](#).
- [2] Hal Link, W La Cava, J van Dam, B McNiff, S Sheng, R Wallen, M McDade, S Lambert, S Butterfield, and F Oyague. *Gearbox reliability collaborative project report: findings from phase 1 and phase 2 testing*. Tech. rep. [NREL/TP-5000-51885](https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy11osti/51885.pdf). National Renewable Energy Laboratory, 2011.
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Tutorials

- [1] Thomas Helmuth and **William La Cava**. “Lexicase Selection”. *Proceedings of the Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference Companion*. GECCO ’21. New York, NY, USA: Association for Computing Machinery, July 2021, pp. 839–855. DOI: [10.1145/3449726.3461408](https://doi.org/10.1145/3449726.3461408).

Press

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- [2] Jordan Pearson. *These Researchers Want the People to Seize the Means of AI Production*. Motherboard. May 3, 2017. URL: https://motherboard.vice.com/en_us/article/z4jb9j/researchers-want-people-to-seize-the-means-of-ai-production-penn-ai (visited on 09/16/2017).
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Software

- [1] **William La Cava**, P. Orzechowski, and open source contributors. *SRBench: Benchmarking Symbolic Regression Methods*. 2021. URL: <http://github.com/EpistasisLab/srbench>.
- [2] **William La Cava**. *FEAT: Feature Engineering Automation Tool*. Oct. 2018. URL: <http://github.com/lacava/feat>.
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Video

- [1] *Visualizing Genetic Programming Genomes*. Sept. 2015. URL: <http://www.williamlacava.com/gp-genomes>.
- [2] *Offshore Wind in the Caribbean*. 2013 IGERT Video and Poster Competition. May 2013. URL: <https://vimeo.com/65178378>.

Invited Talks

- [1] *Ethics of AI in Medicine*. Penn Medicine. Mar. 2021.
- [2] *K Award Panel Discussion*. Biomedical Postdoctoral Program, University of Pennsylvania. May 2021.
- [3] *Learning interpretable and fair models for predictive health*. Boston Childrens Hospital. Mar. 2021.
- [4] *Learning interpretable and fair models for predictive health*. UMass Boston. Feb. 2021.
- [5] *Automated data integration approaches for multi-omics analysis*. Computational and Functional Genomics Group, National Institute on Aging. May 2020.
- [6] *Learning interpretable models from biomedical data*. Mt. Sinai. Mar. 2020.
- [7] *Learning interpretable models from biomedical data*. Northeastern Department of Bioengineering. Mar. 2020.
- [8] *Randomized search heuristics for learning fair classifiers*. Harvard Department of Biomedical Informatics. Mar. 2020.
- [9] *Transformative AI-based strategies to identify determinants of exceptional health and life span*. National Institute on Aging. June 2020.
- [10] *Automated data integration approaches for multi-omics analysis*. National Institute on Aging. Dec. 2019.
- [11] *Automating Data Science for Biomedical Informatics*. Temple University. Nov. 2019.
- [12] *Learning Features from Longitudinal Data*. Research Day: Penn Department of Biostatistics, Epidemiology and Informatics. May 2019.
- [13] *Towards Automated Feature Engineering and Automated Data Science*. Wharton Undergraduate Data Analytics Club. Feb. 2019.
- [14] *Multidimensional Feature Learning for Biomedical Classification*. Penn Genetics and Computational Biology Retreat, College of Physicians. June 2017.
- [15] *Symbolic Representation Learning*. EDGE 2017 Workshop. Feb. 2017.
- [16] *Developing compact nonlinear dynamic models with biologically inspired algorithms*. Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Nov. 2015.
- [17] *Genetic programming with epigenetic local search*. Laboratory of Agent Modeling, University of Lisbon. June 2015.
- [18] *Intelligible system modeling with applications to wind energy (and genomics!)* Institute for Biomedical Informatics, University of Pennsylvania. Nov. 2015.
- [19] *Gearbox Reliability Collaborative: Findings from Phase 1 and 2*. Norwegian University of Science and Technology. Mar. 2013.

Teaching Experience

Guest Lecturer, University of Pennsylvania

2018 - 2021	<i>BMIN 504: Special Topics in Biomedical and Health Informatics</i> Module: Nature-inspired computing
2017 - 2020	<i>BMIN 503: Data Science for Biomedical Informatics</i> Module: Introduction to Supervised and Unsupervised Learning
2020	<i>BMIN 521: AI III: Advanced Methods and Health Applications in Machine Learning</i> Fairness and Bias in AI for Medicine
2020	<i>BMIN 520: Foundations of Artificial Intelligence</i> Fairness and Bias in AI for Medicine

Guest Lecturer, University of Massachusetts Amherst

2014 - 2016	<i>System Dynamics</i> Linearization and state-space representations <i>Control Systems Laboratory</i> Parameter estimation <i>Offshore Wind Energy Design</i> Wind turbine control design
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Teaching Assistant, University of Massachusetts Amherst

2014 - 2015	Control Systems Laboratory
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Lab Technician, Cornell University

2007	<i>CS 473: Artificial Intelligence</i> Designed and built robotic platforms
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Mentoring Experience

University of Pennsylvania

2019 - 2021	Nupur Baghel, B.S. SEAS / Facebook
2019 - 2020	Isabel Lee, B.S. SEAS
2018 - 2019	Max Roling, B.S. Wharton / Morgan Stanley
2018 - 2019	Tilak Raj Singh M.S. SEAS / Microsoft
2019	James Taggart B.S. CIS / Google
2019	Saurav Bose M.S. SEAS / Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
2018	Srinivas Suri M.S. SEAS / Microsoft
2018	Efe Ayhan, B.S. CSE
2018	Sophia Moses B.S. SEAS
2017	Rishabh Gupta M.S. EMBS / Bloomberg

NSF REU Mentor, University of Massachusetts Amherst

6/2015 - 9/2015	Branch Vincent, B.S. Physics & Applied Mathematics, Hampden-Sydney College / Industrial
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Service

Workshop Organizer

2020	Good Benchmarking Practices for Evolutionary Computation, GECCO and PPSN Workshop
2017 - 2019	New Standards for Benchmarking in Evolutionary Computation Research, GECCO Workshop
2014	Collaboration with University of Maine's Advanced Structures and Composites Center
2011 - 2012	Gearbox Reliability Collaborative Annual Meeting, National Renewable Energy Laboratory

Conference Program Committees

2019 - 2021	Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference (GECCO), Genetic Programming Track
2018	International Workshop on Benchmarking of Computational Intelligence Algorithms (ICACI)

Professional Societies

Association of Computing Machinery (ACM)
International Society for Computational Biology (ISCB)
American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)
American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA)

Reviewer

AAAI
AIAA Wind Energy Symposium
AMIA Annual Symposium
ASME Dynamic Systems and Controls Conference
Artificial Life Journal
BioData Mining
European Conference on Genetic Programming
Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)
Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference
Genetic Programming and Evolvable Machines
IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems
IEEE Congress on Evolutionary Computation
IEEE Control Systems Letters
Information Journal
JAMIA
Neurips
npj Digital Medicine
Pacific Symposium on Biocomputing
PLOS ONE
Renewable Energy Journal
Swarm and Evolutionary Computation
Wind Energy Journal

Volunteer & Outreach Activities

2020 -	Founder, A Pizza Relief A fundraising non-profit for black and trans communities in West Philadelphia
2019 -	Green Labs participant, Perelman School of Medicine Group to make labs more eco-friendly
2019 -	Eco-Rep, University of Pennsylvania University-wide sustainability program
2019 -	Volunteer, Love Your Park Week, Fairmount Park Conservancy
2015 - 2016	Science Fair Judge, Hampshire Regional High School
2013 - 2014	Invited Science Teacher, Four Rivers Charter School Taught classes on wind energy to high school students
2011 - 2012	Volunteer, Boulder Food Rescue This organization has saved hundreds of thousands of pounds of left over food from grocery stores and bakeries and delivered it to homeless shelters and other community food stations.
2001 - 2005	American Cancer Society Relay for Life