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🔍 Research Interests

Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence, Computational Creativity, Automated Story Generation & Understanding, Neurosymbolic Methods, Augmentative & Alternative Communication (AAC), Speech Processing, Affective Computing, Conversational Agents, Cognitive Systems

🎓 Education

Georgia Institute of Technology

PH.D. IN HUMAN-CENTERED COMPUTING

+ Advisor: Dr. Mark O. Riedl

+ Thesis: [Neurosymbolic Automated Story Generation](#)

+ Teaching Certification: [Tech to Teaching](#) (Summer 2018)

Aug. 2015 – May 2021

Atlanta, GA

Carnegie Mellon University

M.S. IN LANGUAGE TECHNOLOGIES

+ Advisor: Dr. Alan W Black

Aug. 2013 – Aug. 2015

Pittsburgh, PA

Rutgers University — New Brunswick

B.S. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE & LINGUISTICS (DOUBLE MAJOR)

+ Advisor: Dr. Matthew Stone

Sep. 2009 – May 2013

Piscataway, NJ

🏢 Research Experience

Assistant Professor

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE COUNTY – COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

Aug 2023 – Present

Baltimore, MD

Computing Innovation Fellow (CIFellow) Postdoctoral Researcher

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA – COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

Jan 2021 – Aug 2023

Philadelphia, PA

Graduate Research Assistant

GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY – SCHOOL OF INTERACTIVE COMPUTING

Aug 2015 – Dec 2020

Atlanta, GA

Applied Scientist Intern

AMAZON.COM INC. – ALEXA SMART HOME MACHINE LEARNING

May 2017 – Aug 2017

Seattle, WA

Graduate Research Assistant

CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY – LANGUAGE TECHNOLOGIES INSTITUTE

Sept 2013 – Aug 2015

Pittsburgh, PA

Intern

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA – INSTITUTE FOR CREATIVE TECHNOLOGIES

May 2011 – Aug 2011

Playa Vista, CA

📚 Teaching

CMSC 671 Principles of Artificial Intelligence

INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

Fall 2023

UMBC

CIS 700 Interactive Fiction and Text Generation

CO-INSTRUCTOR

+ Co-taught with Dr. Chris Callison-Burch

Spring 2022

University of Pennsylvania

CS 3790 Introduction to Cognitive Science

INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

Summer 2018

Georgia Institute of Technology

📁 Projects

🧩 **Human-AI Communication and Computational Creativity.** Collaboration between people and AI, primarily through storytelling.

📖 Story understanding	[3, 6, 16]	2021 – Present
🧩 D&D as an AI challenge	[2, 5, 7, 14, 15, 18]	2018 – Present
✍️ Story generation	[1, 8–11, 17, 19, 20, 27]	2015 – Present
🧩 Schema co-creation	[4]	2023
💬 Conversational agents	[24], See also: Amazon & USC ICT internships	2011, 2017, 2022
🎧 Language learning	[22]	2014

🧑🤝🧑 **Human-Human Communication.** Analysis of human-human communication or computer-mediated communication.

📞 Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)	In progress.	2022 – Present
🌐 Online communities	[6, 21]	2014, 2023
🗣️ Translation	[12]	2015
😬 Emotion recognition & affective computing	[13, 23, 25, 26]	2013 – 2015

📄 Publications

PHD DISSERTATION

- [1] **L. J. Martin.** “Neurosymbolic Automated Story Generation”. Doctoral dissertation. Georgia Institute of Technology, 2021. URL: <https://smartech.gatech.edu/handle/1853/64643>.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS *equal contribution, † presented

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- [4] T. Zhang*, I. Tham*, Z. Hou*, J. Ren, L. Zhou, H. Xu, L. Zhang, **L. J. Martin**, R. Dror, S. Li, H. Ji, M. Palmer, S. Brown, R. Suchocki, and C. Callison-Burch. “Human-in-the-Loop Schema Induction”. In: *Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)*. Vol. 3: System Demonstrations. Toronto, Canada: ACL, July 2023, pp. 1–10. arXiv: [2302.13048](https://arxiv.org/abs/2302.13048). URL: <https://aclanthology.org/2023.acl-demo.1/>.
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- [6] S. Giorgi, K. Zhao, A. H. Feng, and **L. J. Martin**[†]. “Author as Character and Narrator: Deconstructing Personal Narratives from the *r/AmITheAsshole* Reddit Community”. In: 17.1 (June 2023), pp. 233–244. arXiv: [2301.08104](https://arxiv.org/abs/2301.08104). URL: <https://ojs.aaai.org/index.php/ICWSM/article/view/22141>. [~20% acceptance rate].
- [7] C. Callison-Burch*, G. S. Tomar*[†], **L. J. Martin**, D. Ippolito, S. Bailis, and D. Reitter. “Dungeons and Dragons as a Dialogue Challenge for Artificial Intelligence”. In: *Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)*. Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates: ACL, Dec. 2022, pp. 9379–9393. arXiv: [2210.07109](https://arxiv.org/abs/2210.07109). URL: <https://aclanthology.org/2022.emnlp-main.637/>. [22.1% acceptance rate].
- [8] P. Ammanabrolu[†], E. Tien, W. Cheung, Z. Luo, W. Ma, **L. J. Martin**[†], and M. O. Riedl. “Story Realization: Expanding Plot Events into Sentences”. In: *AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*. Vol. 34. 5. New York, NY: AAAI, Apr. 2020, pp. 7375–7382. DOI: [10.1609/aaai.v34i05.6232](https://doi.org/10.1609/aaai.v34i05.6232). arXiv: [1909.03480](https://arxiv.org/abs/1909.03480). URL: <https://ojs.aaai.org/index.php/AAAI/article/view/6232>. [20.6% acceptance rate].
- [9] P. Tambwekar*, M. Dhuliawala*[†], **L. J. Martin**[†], A. Mehta, B. Harrison, and M. O. Riedl. “Controllable Neural Story Plot Generation via Reward Shaping”. In: *International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI)*. Macao, China, July 2019, pp. 5982–5988. DOI: [10.24963/ijcai.2019/829](https://doi.org/10.24963/ijcai.2019/829). arXiv: [1809.10736](https://arxiv.org/abs/1809.10736). URL: <https://www.ijcai.org/proceedings/2019/829>. [17.9% acceptance rate].
- [10] **L. J. Martin**[†], P. Ammanabrolu, X. Wang, W. Hancock, S. Singh, B. Harrison, and M. O. Riedl. “Event Representations for Automated Story Generation with Deep Neural Nets”. In: *AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*. Vol. 32. 1. New Orleans, LA: AAAI, Feb. 2018, pp. 868–875. ISBN: 978-1-57735-800-8. DOI: [10.1609/aaai.v32i1.11430](https://doi.org/10.1609/aaai.v32i1.11430). arXiv: [1706.01331](https://arxiv.org/abs/1706.01331). URL: <https://ojs.aaai.org/index.php/AAAI/article/view/11430>. [24.6% acceptance rate].

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- [12] **L. J. Martin**[†], A. Wilkinson[†], S. S. Miryala, V. Robison, and A. W. Black. “Utterance Classification in Speech-to-Speech Translation for Zero-Resource Languages in the Hospital Administration Domain”. In: *2015 IEEE Workshop on Automatic Speech Recognition and Understanding (ASRU)*. Scottsdale, AZ: IEEE, Dec. 2015, pp. 303–309. DOI: [10.1109/ASRU.2015.7404809](https://doi.org/10.1109/ASRU.2015.7404809). URL: <https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/7404809>. [47.8% acceptance rate].
- [13] **L. J. Martin**[†], M. Stone, F. Metze, and J. Mostow. “A Methodology for Using Crowdsourced Data to Measure Uncertainty in Natural Speech”. In: *2014 IEEE Spoken Language Technology Workshop (SLT)*. South Lake Tahoe, NV: IEEE, Dec. 2014, pp. 95–99. DOI: [10.1109/SLT.2014.7078556](https://doi.org/10.1109/SLT.2014.7078556). URL: <https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/7078556>. [48.6% acceptance rate].

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- [15] S. Papazov[†], W. Gill, M. Garcia Ferreiro, A. Zhu, **L. J. Martin**, and C. Callison-Burch. “Using Language Models to Convert Between Natural Language and Game Commands”. In: *NAACL 2022 Third Wordplay: When Language Meets Games Workshop*. Virtual/Seattle, WA, July 2022. URL: <https://openreview.net/forum?id=jQSStHwtmDN>.
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- [17] P. Ammanabrolu[†], E. Tien, W. Cheung, Z. Luo, W. Ma, **L. J. Martin**, and M. O. Riedl. “Guided Neural Language Generation for Automated Storytelling”. In: *ACL 2019 Second Workshop on Storytelling (StoryNLP)*. Florence, Italy: ACL, Aug. 2019, pp. 46–55. DOI: [10.18653/v1/W19-3405](https://doi.org/10.18653/v1/W19-3405). URL: <https://aclanthology.org/W19-3405/>.
- [18] **L. J. Martin**[†], S. Sood, and M. Riedl. “Dungeons and DQNs: Toward Reinforcement Learning Agents that Play Tabletop Roleplaying Games”. In: *Joint AIIDE Workshop on Intelligent Narrative Technologies and Workshop on Intelligent Cinematography and Editing (INT-WICED)*. Ed. by H.-Y. Wu, M. Si, and A. Jhala. Edmonton, AB, Canada: http://ceur-ws.org, Nov. 2018. URL: <http://ceur-ws.org/Vol-2321/paper4.pdf>.
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- [20] **L. J. Martin**[†], P. Ammanabrolu, W. Hancock, S. Singh, B. Harrison, and M. O. Riedl. “Event Representations for Automated Story Generation with Deep Neural Nets”. In: *KDD 2017 Workshop on Machine Learning for Creativity*. Halifax, NS, Canada, 2017. URL: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1706.01331v2>. [38% acceptance rate].
- [21] S. Moon[†], S. Potdar, and **L. J. Martin**. “Identifying Student Leaders from MOOC Discussion Forums through Language Influence”. In: *EMNLP 2014 Workshop on Analysis of Large Scale Social Interaction in MOOCs*. Doha, Qatar, Oct. 2014, pp. 15–20. DOI: [10.3115/v1/W14-4103](https://doi.org/10.3115/v1/W14-4103). URL: <https://www.aclweb.org/anthology/W14-4103/>.
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- [23] S. Cosentino[†], S. Burger, **L. J. Martin**, F. Metze, T. Kishi, K. Hashimoto, S. Sessa, M. Zecca, and A. Takanishi. “A multisensory non-invasive system for laughter analysis”. In: *36th Annual International Conference of the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society (EMBC)*. Chicago, IL, 2014. URL: <https://laramartin.net/pub/EMBC14-Laughter.pdf>.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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- [25] S. Yu, L. Jiang, Z. Xu, Z. Lan, S. Xu, X. Chang, X. Li, Z. Mao, C. Gan, Y. Miao, X. Du, Y. Cai, **L. J. Martin**, N. Wolfe, A. Kumar, H. Li, M. Lin, Z. Ma, Y. Yang, D. Meng, S. Shan, P. D. Sahin, S. Burger, F. Metze, R. Singh, B. Raj, T. Mitamura, R. Stern, and A. Hauptmann. “CMU informedia@TRECVID 2015 MED/SIN/LNK/SED”. In: *TREC Video Retrieval Evaluation 2015*. Gaithersburg, MD, Nov. 2015. URL: <https://research.monash.edu/en/publications/cmu-informediatrecvid-2015-medsinlnksed>.
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PREPRINTS

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Grants and Awards

GRANTS

National Science Foundation & Computing Research Association

COMPUTING INNOVATION POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

Lara J. Martin (Postdoc), Chris Callison-Burch (Faculty Mentor)

2021 – 2023

\$200,000

University of Pennsylvania

AWARDS

James D. Foley GVV Center Endowment

FOLEY SCHOLAR AWARD

Lara J. Martin

Every year, three PhD students across Georgia Tech's College of Computing are selected from a group of around 8 finalists to receive the prestigious Foley Scholarship in recognition for their efforts in innovative research.

2019

\$5,000

Georgia Institute of Technology

Association for Computing Machinery

TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE ACM RICHARD TAPIA CELEBRATION OF DIVERSITY IN COMPUTING

Lara J. Martin

2019

\$500

San Diego, CA

Lockheed Martin Corporation

TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE 2013 GRACE HOPPER CELEBRATION OF WOMEN IN COMPUTING

Lara J. Martin

2013

\$450

Minneapolis, MN

Institutional Service

CSEE Graduate Admissions Committee

MEMBER

Fall 2023

UMBC

President's Undergraduate Research Awards (PURA)

REVIEWER

Summer 2019

Georgia Institute of Technology

School of Interactive Computing's Prospective Student Visit Week

VOLUNTEER

Spring '16, '17, '18

Georgia Institute of Technology

School of Interactive Computing Faculty Hiring Committee

MEMBER

Fall 2018

Georgia Institute of Technology

Graduate Student Council

MEMBER

Fall 2018 – Spring 2019

Georgia Institute of Technology

Human-Centered Computing Website

WEBSITE MANAGER

Fall 2017 – Spring 2019

Georgia Institute of Technology

School of Interactive Computing's Prospective Student Visit Week

COORDINATOR

Spring 2016

Georgia Institute of Technology

Professional Activities - Presentations

SUMMARY

13	On-Campus Invited Speaker Presentations
3	Special Conference Presentations
4	Guest Lectures
20	Total Presentations

SPECIAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Doctoral Consortium Advice Panel”

AIIDE Doctoral Consortium

October 9, 2023

Salt Lake City, UT

“Digital Bards: How Dungeons & Dragons will Make for Better AI”

NULab for Texts, Maps, and Networks Spring Conference at Northeastern University

April 21, 2023

Boston, MA

+ **Keynote Speaker**

“Using Storytelling to Understand the Technological and Experiential Requirements of Interactive Improvisational Agents”

Tapia Doctoral Consortium

September 18, 2019

San Diego, CA

+ **Winner of Best Doctoral Consortium Presentation Award.**

ON-CAMPUS INVITED SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS

“Neurosymbolic Storytelling or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Large Language Model”

PRESENTER – University of Maryland, College Park - CLIP Colloquium

October 4, 2023

College Park, MD

“Neurosymbolic AI or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Large Language Model”

PRESENTER – University of Maryland, Baltimore County

February 27, 2023

Baltimore, MD

PRESENTER – Drexel University

February 15, 2023

Philadelphia, PA

“Computer Science PhD Panel”

PANELIST – University of Pennsylvania - FemmeHacks

February 11, 2023

Philadelphia, PA

“Dungeons and Discourse: Using Computational Storytelling to Look at Natural Language Use”

PRESENTER – *University of Southern California - NL Seminar*

May 22, 2022

Los Angeles, CA/Virtual

PRESENTER – University of California, Santa Cruz - Computational Media Seminar

November 29, 2021

Santa Cruz, CA/Virtual

PRESENTER – *Georgia Institute of Technology - NLP Seminar*

September 11, 2020

Atlanta, GA/Virtual

PRESENTER – Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

June 11, 2020

Livermore, CA/Virtual

“Dungeons and Discourse: Using Computational Storytelling & Speech to Look at Natural Language Use”

PRESENTER – University of Pennsylvania - CLUNCH (Computational Linguistics Lunch) Seminar

January 25, 2021

Philadelphia, PA/Virtual

PRESENTER – University of Utah

April 20, 2020

Salt Lake City, UT/Virtual

“Future of Language Research”

PANELIST – Georgia Institute of Technology - IPaT Thursday Think Tank

February 20, 2020

Atlanta, GA

“Using Storytelling to Understand the Technological and Experiential Requirements of Interactive Improvisational Agents”

PRESENTER – *Georgia Tech - Gvu Brown Bag*

January 23, 2020

Atlanta, GA

“A Model of Uncertainty in Language”

PRESENTER – University of Pennsylvania - REU Site Meeting

July 18, 2013

Philadelphia, PA

GUEST LECTURES

University of Maryland, Baltimore County - Neurosymbolic AI Class

October 17, 2023

Baltimore, MD

University of Maryland, Baltimore County - NLP Class

October 2, 2023

Baltimore, MD

University of Pennsylvania - Computational Linguistics Class	November 30, 2021 Philadelphia, PA/Virtual
University of Kentucky - Topics and Artificial Intelligence: Interactive Narrative Seminar	April 30, 2021 Lexington, KY/Virtual

🗣️ Professional Activities – Conference Organization

SUMMARY

3	Organizer
10	Chair Positions
24	Program Committee Member/Reviewer
4	Community-Based Conference Attendee
41	Total Participation

ORGANIZER

4th Wordplay: When Language Meets Games Workshop at ACL 2024	August 2024 Bangkok, Thailand
3rd Workshop on Narrative Understanding at NAACL 2021	June 11, 2021 Virtual
1st Workshop on Narrative Understanding, Storylines, and Events (NUSE) at ACL 2020	July 9, 2020 Virtual

CHAIR POSITIONS

AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Interactive Digital Entertainment (AIIDE) SESSION CHAIR	October 8-12, 2023 Salt Lake City, UT
International Conference on Natural Language Generation (INLG) AREA CHAIR	September 11-15, 2023 Prague, Czechia
AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Interactive Digital Entertainment (AIIDE) DOCTORAL CONSORTIUM CHAIR	October 11-15, 2021 Virtual
International Conference on Natural Language Generation (INLG) AREA CHAIR	September 20-24, 2021 Aberdeen, UK
AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Interactive Digital Entertainment (AIIDE) PUBLICITY CO-CHAIR	October 19-23, 2020 Virtual
AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Interactive Digital Entertainment (AIIDE) LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS CHAIR	October 8-12, 2019 Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA
International Conference for Interactive Digital Storytelling (ICIDS) ASSOCIATE PROGRAM CHAIR – TECHNOLOGIES TRACK	December 5-8, 2018 Dublin, Ireland

PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEMBER

AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Interactive Digital Entertainment (AIIDE) RESEARCH TRACK	October 8-12, 2023 Salt Lake City, UT
Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics STUDENT RESEARCH WORKSHOP	July 10-12, 2023 Toronto, Canada
Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP) DIALOGUE AND INTERACTIVE SYSTEMS TRACK	December 7-11, 2022 Abu Dhabi, UAE

AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Interactive Digital Entertainment (AIIDE)

SOFTWARE TRACK

October 24-28, 2022

Pomona, CA

ACM Conference on Creativity & Cognition (C&C)

POSTERS TRACK

June 20-23, 2022

Venice, Italy

AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)

February 22-March 1, 2022

Virtual

AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Interactive Digital Entertainment (AIIDE)

RESEARCH TRACK

October 11-15, 2021

Virtual

IEEE Conference on Games (CoG)

NARRATIVE AND INTERACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT SHORT PAPERS

August 17-20, 2021

Copenhagen, Denmark/Virtual

Interactive Narrative Technologies (INT) Workshop at AIIDE

October 19-20, 2020

Virtual

Procedural Content Generation (PCG) Workshop at the Foundations of Digital Games (FDG) Conference

September 14, 2020

Bugibba, Malta

International Conference for Interactive Digital Storytelling (ICIDS)

HUMAN FACTORS

November 19-23, 2019

Little Cottonwood Canyon, UT

Procedural Content Generation (PCG) Workshop at the Foundations of Digital Games (FDG) Conference

August 26, 2019

San Luis Obispo, CA

Workshop on Storytelling at ACL

August 1, 2019

Florence, Italy

Workshop on Narrative Understanding at NAACL

June 7, 2019

Minneapolis, MN

Knowledge Extraction from Games (KEG) Workshop at AAAI

January 27, 2019

Honolulu, HI

AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Interactive Digital Entertainment (AIIDE)

ARTIFACT EVALUATION

November 13-17, 2018

Alberta, Canada

Workshop on Storytelling at NAACL-HLT

June 5, 2018

New Orleans, LA

JOURNAL REVIEWER

2021

Autonomous Agents and Multi-Agent Systems (Springer)

2020

IEEE Transactions on Audio, Speech and Language Processing

2020

ACM Computing Surveys (CSUR)

ACL ROLLING REVIEW

August 2023

Action Editor

April 2023

Action Editor

December 2022

Action Editor

October 2022

Reviewer

July 2022

Reviewer

April 2022

Reviewer

January 2022

Reviewer

COMMUNITY-BASED CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

September 18-21, 2019

ACM Richard Tapia Celebration of Diversity in Computing

April 15-16, 2016

CRA-Women Graduate Cohort Workshop

October 2-5, 2013

Anita Borg Institute's Grace Hopper Celebration

August 16-17, 2013

CRA STARS Alliance Celebration

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE COUNTY

Christopher Cui

MS COMPUTER SCIENCE AT GEORGIA TECH

Summer 2023 – Present

Runsheng “Anson” Huang

MS DATA SCIENCE AT UPENN

Spring 2023 – Present

OUTREACH

Mark McGovern

OUT IN TECH U’S MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Summer 2022

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Malathy Nagalakshmi

MS COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

Summer 2022 – Summer 2023

River Yijang Dong (thesis)

BA MATHEMATICS/MS DATA SCIENCE → PHD AT OXFORD UNIVERSITY

Summer 2022 – Spring 2023

Andrew Zhu

PHD COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

Fall 2022 – Spring 2023

Karmanya Aggarwal

MS DATA SCIENCE

Fall 2022

Alexander Feng

MS DATA SCIENCE

Summer 2022 – Fall 2022

Manni Arora

MS COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCE → SOFTWARE ENGINEER AT SIRI NL

Summer 2022

Pooja Dattatri

MS COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

Summer 2022

Tim Dong

BS AT WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS

Summer 2022

Salvatore Giorgi

PHD COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

Summer 2022

Ke “Coco” Zhao

BA COGNITIVE SCIENCE & COMPUTER SCIENCE → SDE AT AMAZON

Summer 2022

Bryan Li

PHD COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

Spring 2021 – Spring 2022

Anna Orosz (thesis)

MS DATA SCIENCE → MACHINE LEARNING ENGINEER AT LINKEDIN

Spring 2021 – Fall 2021

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Fall 2016

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