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Education	Ph.D., Computer Science and Engineering University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI <i>Advisor: Dr. Rada Mihalcea</i> <i>Certificates: U-M Graduate Teaching Certificate</i> Description: www.crlt.umich.edu/um.gtc/description	(Expected) 2020
	M.S., Computer Science and Engineering University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI	April 2017
	B.S., Computer Science Grove City College, Grove City, PA	May 2015
Publications	<p>“Analyzing Connections Between User Attributes, Images, and Text” L. Burdick, R. Mihalcea, R. L. Boyd, J. W. Pennebaker <i>Cognitive Computation</i>, 2019</p> <p>“Identifying Visible Actions in Lifestyle Vlogs” Ignat, O., L. Burdick, J. Deng, R. Mihalcea <i>Association for Computational Linguistics</i>, 2019</p> <p>“Factors Influencing the Surprising Instability of Word Embeddings” Wendlandt, L., J. K. Kummerfeld, R. Mihalcea <i>North American Chapter of the Assoc. for Computational Linguistics</i>, 2018</p> <p>“Entity and Event Extraction from Scratch Using Minimal Training Data” Wendlandt, L., S. Wilson, O. Ignat, C. Welch, L. Zhang, M. Wang, J. Deng, R. Mihalcea <i>Text Analysis Conference</i>, 2018</p> <p>“Multimodal Analysis and Prediction of Latent User Dimensions” Wendlandt, L., R. Mihalcea, R. L. Boyd, J. W. Pennebaker <i>Social Informatics</i>, 2017</p> <p>“Data Science in Service of Performing Arts: Applying Machine Learning to Predicting Audience Preferences” Abernethy, J., C. Anderson, C. Dai, J. Dryden, E. Schwartz, W. Shen, J. Stroud, L. Wendlandt, S. Yang, D. Zhang <i>Bloomberg Data for Good Exchange</i>, 2016</p>	
Grants and Awards	Rackham Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award For dedication and excellence in teaching	2019
	Google ExploreCSR Grant, \$35k (2018), \$18k (2019) Co-PI on grants to develop a program introducing undergraduate women to computer science research	2018, 2019

Grants and Awards, Cont.	Center for Research on Learning and Teaching Gilbert Whitaker Fund, \$5,725	2018
	Co-PI on innovative teaching grant to develop EECS 198, a new one-credit computer science class	
	Honorable Mention, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program	2017
Employment	John David Ormerod Memorial Award	2013
	Top-ranked computer science major in class	
	Research Assistant, MAJORANA Research Team	2013
Teaching & Advising	Participated in Computational Astronomy and Physics REU (Research Experience for Undergraduates), contributed to international physics research team studying neutrino detection, created extensible modeling capabilities and models for data processing software	
	Software Development Intern, Amazon	2014
	Developed complete web application for use in Amazon's Fulfillment Centers, tested with users, prepared code for global production	
	Primary Instructor, Discover CS (EECS 198)	Fall 2018
	Designed and taught a new one-credit freshmen-level class (Python programming language)	
	Co-instructor, Natural Language Processing (EECS 498/595)	Fall 2017
	Lectured 25% of class, planned curriculum, held office hours, graded (Python programming language) <i>Ranked by School of Information students in top quartile of classes for overall quality and amount learned</i>	
	Graduate Student Instructor, Data Structures and Algorithms (EECS 281)	Fall 2015, Winter 2016
	Taught two discussion sections, held office hours, graded, wrote exams and projects (C++ programming language)	
	Center for Research on Learning & Teaching in Engineering	
	Engineering Teaching Consultant	Fall 2019
	Co-facilitator, "It's Time for Action: Generating an Active Learning Plan" seminar	Fall 2019
	Co-facilitator, "Addressing Problematic Team Dynamics" seminar	Winter 2019
	Co-facilitator, "Making Teamwork Work" seminar	Fall 2018
	Practice Teaching Facilitator, Grad. Student Instructor Orientation	Winter 2019
	Practice Teaching Facilitator, Active Learning Practice	Winter & Fall 2019
	Student Research Advising	
	Yiming Zhang, Undergraduate, <i>Named Entity Recognition for AIDA</i>	Summer 2019
	Yumou Wei, Master's Student, <i>Named Entity Recognition for AIDA</i>	Summer 2019
	Hui Liu, Master's Student, <i>Graph Embeddings for Text</i>	Fall 2018

Teaching & Advising, Cont.	Student Research Advising, Cont.	
	Mingyuan Zhang, Undergraduate, <i>Embedding Stability</i>	Summer 2018
	Rui Lin, Undergraduate, <i>Twitter Geolocation</i>	Spring 2018
	Po-Heng Chen, Undergraduate, <i>Twitter Geolocation</i>	Spring 2018
	Other	
	Guest lecturer, Natural Language Processing (EECS 595)	2019
	Guest instructor, Discover CS (EECS 198)	2019
	Guest instructor, Interdisciplinary Committee on Organizational Studies (ICOS) Big Data Summer Camp	2018
	Guest lecturer, Information Retrieval (EECS 486)	2018
	Personal academic tutor (Grove City College)	2013-2015
	TA, Engineering Physics I and II Labs (Grove City College)	2012
	TA, Non-engineering Physics Lab (Grove City College)	2013
	Grader, Computer Programming I and II (Grove City College)	2013, 2015
	Grader, Computer Architecture and Organization (Grove City College)	2014
Talks	UM Artificial Intelligence Lab Honors Competition	Oct. 2019
	A Gentle Introduction to Word Embeddings for the Computational Social Sciences (CSS), <i>a workshop at the European Symposium Series on Societal Challenges in CSS</i>	Sept. 2019
	Pydata Ann Arbor Meetup: Lightning Talk	July 2019
	Ann Arbor / Detroit NLPers Meetup	Aug. 2018
	Midwest Speech and Language Days	May 2018
	Decision Consortium, Psychology Department, UM	May 2016
Professional Activities	Service	
	Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) Committee to search for and select first Equity Director	2019
	Student Co-Chair, Student Research Workshop, North American Chapter of the ACL (NAACL-HLT)	2019
	Local Service	
	Co-chair, a2-dlearn (Ann Arbor deep learning symposium)	2019
	Unconference Session Facilitator, Michigan AI Symposium	2018
	Editorial Board Member, Michigan AI Blog	2018
	Journal Reviewer	
	<i>Computer Speech & Language</i>	2017, 2019
	Program Committee Member	
	Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)	2019, 2020
	Dialog System Technology Challenges (DSTC), AAAI Workshop	2019, 2020
	Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)	2019
	North American Chapter of the ACL (NAACL-HLT)	2019
	Affective Computing and Intelligent Interaction (ACII)	2019
	Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)	2018, 2019

Outreach	Co-director, Girls Encoded (GE) 2016 - <i>Current</i> https://girlsendcoded.eecs.umich.edu/ Focused on recruiting and retaining women in computer science
	Co-director, GE Explore CS Research 2018 - <i>Current</i> Yearly research mentoring program introducing undergraduate women and underrepresented minorities to computer science research
	Co-founder, CS KickStart 2016 http://cskickstart.eecs.umich.edu/ Summer camp introducing freshmen women to computer science
	Co-director and Instructor, GE Middle School Outreach 2018 - 2019 Weekly computer science lessons for middle schoolers
	Co-organizer, Women in Computing Celebration 2017 Opera about Ada Lovelace and lightning talks by women in computing
	Additional K-12 Outreach
	Hour of Code Volunteer 2017
	N. American Computational Linguistics Olympiad (NACLO) Grader 2016
	Panel discussion organizer for GE High School Education Day 2016
	Additional University-Level Outreach
Skills	Advisor for CS KickStart 2017
	Funding Committee for GE funding of student-led initiatives 2017
Relevant Coursework	Python tutorial instructor for CS KickStart 2017, 2018, 2019
	Organizer of Women in Computing Panels 2017, 2018, 2019
	Ensemble for Computer Science and Engineering Ladies (ECSEL) 2016, 2018, 2019 mentor for incoming graduate students
	Mentor for “Lunch & Lab with a Grad” 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
	Python, C++, C++ STL, Java, C, Objective C, Bash, Linux, Mac OS, Windows OS, Git, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, jQuery
Relevant Coursework	Graduate Level Natural Language Processing, Machine Learning, Advanced AI, Computational Complexity, Continuous Optimization Methods, Parallel Computing
	Undergraduate Level Algorithms, Introduction to AI, Ethics in the Computing Profession, Foundations of CS, Operating Systems, Object-Oriented and Advanced Programming, Data Communications and Networking, Data Structures and Algorithms, Computer Architecture and Organization, Database Management Systems, Discrete Math

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