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I research ways to make programming better for everyone by studying developers and programming communities as well as designing intelligent tools that make building software easier.

Education

Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, USA
Ph.D. in Software Engineering (GPA: 4.00)

2022 -

University of Washington, Seattle, WA, USA
B.S. in Computer Science, B.S. in Informatics (GPA: 3.77)

2015 - 2021

Peer-Reviewed Publications (* denotes equal contribution)

A Qualitative Study on the Implementation Design Decisions of Developers

J.T. Liang, M. Arab, M. Ko, A.J. Ko, T.D. LaToza

IEEE/ACM International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE) 2023. To appear.

Understanding Skills of OSS Contributors on GitHub

J.T. Liang, T. Zimmermann, D. Ford

ACM Joint European Software Engineering Conference and Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering (ESEC/FSE) 2022

Towards Mining OSS Skills from GitHub Activity

J.T. Liang, T. Zimmermann, D. Ford

IEEE/ACM International Conference on Software Engineering—New Ideas and Emerging Results (ICSE-NIER) 2022

An Exploratory Study of Sharing Strategic Programming Knowledge

M. Arab, T.D. LaToza, J. Liang, A.J. Ko

ACM SIGCHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI) 2022

HowToo: A Platform for Sharing, Finding, and Using Programming Strategies

M. Arab, J. Liang*, Y.K. Yoo*, A.J. Ko, T.D. LaToza

Visual Languages and Human-Centric Computing (VL/HCC) 2021

Whale Watching in Inland Indonesia: Analyzing a Small, Remote, Internet-Based Community Cellular Network

M. Johnson, J. Liang, M. Lin, S. Singanamalla, K. Heimerl

The Web Conference (WWW) 2021

Experiences: Design, Implementation, and Deployment of CoLTE, a Community LTE Solution

S. Sevilla, M. Johnson, P. Kosakanchit, J. Liang, K. Heimerl

ACM International Conference on Mobile Computing and Networking (Mobicom) 2019

An All-in-One Community LTE Network

S. Sevilla, M. Johnson, P. Kosakanchit, J. Liang, K. Heimerl

ACM International Conference on Mobile Computing and Networking (Mobicom) 2019

Preprints

Delphi: Towards Machine Ethics and Norms

L. Jiang, J.D. Hwang, C. Bhagavatula, R. Le Bras, **J. Liang**, J. Dodge, K. Sakaguchi, M. Forbes, J. Borchardt, S. Gabriel, Y. Tsvetkov, O. Etzioni, M. Sap, R. Rini, Y. Choi
Under submission. [arXiv preprint arXiv:2110.07574](https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.07574).

Research Experience

Carnegie Mellon University, Software & Societal Systems Department 2022 -
Graduate Research Assistant, advised by Brad A. Myers

Allen Institute for Artificial Intelligence, Mosaic Team 2021 - 2022
Predoctoral Young Investigator, advised by Ronan Le Bras and Yejin Choi

University of Washington, Information School, Code & Cognition Lab 2020 - 2022
Undergraduate Research Assistant, advised by Amy J. Ko

Microsoft Research, Software Analysis & Intelligence (SAINTES) Group 2021
Undergraduate Research Intern, advised by Denae Ford Robinson and Thomas Zimmermann

Allen Institute for Artificial Intelligence, Mosaic Team 2020 - 2021
Undergraduate Research Intern, advised by Swabha Swayamdipta, Chandra Bhagavatula, and Yejin Choi

University of Washington, Computer Science & Engineering, Information and Communication Technology for Development (ICTD) Lab 2019 - 2020
Undergraduate Research Assistant, advised by Spencer Sevilla and Kurtis Heimerl

Awards & Honors

Graduate Research Fellow, National Science Foundation (\$111,000 over 3 years) 2021

Chair's Award, University of California Irvine, Informatics (\$2,500, declined) 2021

Fellowship Award, University of Victoria, Computer Science (\$15,000, declined) 2021

Provost's Doctoral Fellowship, North Carolina State University, Computer Science (\$30,000, declined) 2021

Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher Honorable Mention, Computing Research Association 2021

Undergraduate Service Award, University of Washington, Computer Science & Engineering 2020
Award to recognize 3 UW CSE undergraduates out of 2,000 students for their outstanding service to the department.

Husky 100, University of Washington 2020
Award to recognize 100 UW students out of 55,000 students in honor of their outstanding contributions to the university.

Outstanding Engineer Award, Allen Institute for Artificial Intelligence (\$12,000) 2020

Denice Dee Denton Scholarship, University of Washington, Computer Science & Engineering (\$1,000) 2019

UW Academy Scholar, UW Robinson Center 2015
Early entrance to the University of Washington at 16 years old.

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Invited Talks

Towards Mining OSS Skills from GitHub Activity (Poster) IEEE/ACM International Conference on Software Engineering 2022, Pittsburgh, PA, USA	05/2022
Understanding Skills for OSS Communities (Talk) Microsoft Research, Redmond, WA, USA	09/2021
Interpreting Hate Speech Classifiers: Does Dataset Label Space Matter? (Talk) UW Undergraduate Research Symposium, Seattle, WA, USA	05/2021
Explicit Programming Strategies (Talk) UW Undergraduate Research Symposium, Seattle, WA, USA	05/2020
An All-in-One Community LTE Network (Demo) ACM International Conference on Mobile Computing and Networking 2019, Los Cabos, Baja California Sur, Mexico	09/2019

Selected Press

WIRED , “This Program Can Give AI a Sense of Ethics—Sometimes.”	10/2021
New York Times , “Can a Machine Learn Morality?”	11/2021

Teaching

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant , University of Washington, Computer Science & Engineering Building Academic Success through Bottom-Up Computing (Introduction to Computer Systems), CSE 391B. (Sp 2020) Software Design & Implementation, CSE 331. (Au 2019, Wi 2020) Accelerated Introduction to Programming, CSE 143X. (Au 2018) Introduction to Programming II, CSE 143. (Sp 2018, Wi 2019, Sp 2019)	2018 - 2020
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Service

Student Leader , Carnegie Mellon University, School of Computer Science Student Representative, CMU Software Engineering Ph.D. Curriculum Committee (2022) Student Representative, CMU S3D Distinguished Speakers Series Selection Committee (2022) Member, CMU S3D Software Research Seminar Steering Committee (2022) Member, CMU SCS Dean's Advisory Committee (2022)	2022
Conference Volunteer Student Volunteer, NAACL (2022) Student Volunteer, Mobicom (2019)	2019, 2022
Student Leader , University of Washington, Computer Science & Engineering Member, UW CSE Student Advisory Council (2021) Undergraduate Research Leader, UW Undergraduate Research Program (2021) Vice Chair, UW CSE Student Advisory Council (2020) Officer, UW CSE Student Advisory Council (2019)	2019 - 2021

Industry Experience

Uber , Developer Experience, Software Engineer Intern	2019
Apple , Mail Team, Software Engineer Intern	2019
Microsoft , Personal Bing, Software Engineer Intern	2019
Microsoft , Exchange Enterprise Cloud, Software Engineer Intern	2018
Microsoft , Workplace Analytics, Software Engineer Intern	2017
Microsoft , Office 365, Intern	2016