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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 2021 -
Ph.D. in Software Engineering

University of Washington, Seattle, WA, USA 2015 - 2021
B.S. in Computer Science, B.S. in Informatics (GPA: 3.77)

Research Experience

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

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

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

Allen Institute of 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 2019 - 2020
Technology for Development (ICTD) Lab
Undergraduate Research Assistant, advised by Spencer Sevilla and Kurtis Heimerl

Awards & Honors

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow (\$138,000 over 3 years) 2021

Computing Research Association Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher Honorable Mention 2020

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

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

Allen Institute of Artificial Intelligence Outstanding Engineer (\$12,000) 2019

Denice Dee Denton Scholarship (\$1,000) 2019
Departmental scholarship for students who show a commitment to a diverse student population.

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

Funding

IEEE/ACM International Conference on Software Engineering Student Mentoring Workshop Participant (\$1,075)	2022
UW CSE SIGCSE Travel Award (\$500)	2020
N2Women Mobicom Travel Grant (\$1,200)	2019
UW CSE Grace Hopper Conference Travel Award (\$1,200)	2019

Peer-Reviewed Publications (* denotes equal contribution)

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, M. Forbes, J. Borchardt, J. Liang, O. Etzioni, M. Sap, Y. Choi

Under submission. [arXiv preprint arXiv:2110.07574](https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.07574).

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, 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 , UW Undergraduate Research Program.	2021
Vice Chair (2020), Officer (2019), Representative (2021), UW CSE Student Advisory Council. Advocating for computer science students' needs and perspectives to faculty, staff, and administrators.	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