

# Seongmin Lee

*CS PhD student at Georgia Tech*

My research bridges machine learning and human-computer interaction to advance **Responsible AI**. I design and develop **novel visual explanations** for complex machine learning models, and **scalable algorithms** that promote accountable use of AI.

I have collaborated with researchers and developers at JP Morgan Chase & Co., Cisco Systems, Google, IBM Research, ADP, and AVAST Software.

✉ seongmin@gatech.edu  
🏠 seongmin.xyz  
📄 CV PDF

🐦 @SeongminLeee  
🌐 @ligi214  
🎓 Google Scholar

## Education

- Aug. 2021 — Present **Ph.D. in Computational Science & Engineering**  
Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA  
Advisor: Duen Horng (Polo) Chau
- Mar 2016 — Feb. 2021 **B.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering**  
Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea  
Graduated with Summa Cum Laude, Overall GPA: 3.91/4.00, Major GPA: 3.94/4.00
- Mar 2013 — Feb. 2016 **Math and Science Specialized High School for Gifted**  
Korea Science Academy of KAIST, Busan, South Korea  
One year early entrance, Graduated with distinction in GPA

## Research Experience

- May 2024 — Aug. 2024 **JP Morgan Chase & Co.**, New York, NY  
*Summer Associate, Research Technologies Program*  
Mentor: Hsiang Hsu, Chun-Fu (Richard) Chen
- May 2022 — Jul. 2022 **Cisco Systems, Inc.**, San Jose, CA  
*Ph.D. Intern*  
Mentor: Ali Payani  
Led model interpretation and visualization development for an open-source project for Responsible AI
- Aug. 2021 — Present **Georgia Institute of Technology**, Atlanta, GA  
*Graduate Research Assistant, School of Computational Science and Engineering*  
Advisor: Duen Horng (Polo) Chau
- Jan. 2020 — Feb. 2021 **Seoul National University**, Seoul, South Korea  
*Undergraduate Research Intern, Data Mining Lab*  
Advisor: U Kang
- Sep. 2019 — Apr. 2020 **Seoul National University**, Seoul, South Korea  
*Undergraduate Research Intern, Communication and Machine Learning Laboratory*  
Advisor: Jungwoo Lee
- Jul. 2018 — Aug. 2018 **The University of Tokyo**, Tokyo, Japan  
*Undergraduate Research Intern, Biomedical Precision Laboratory*  
Advisor: Keiichi Nakagawa, Ayumu Ishijima  
Constructed a microscopic motion-picture laser camera with sub-nano spatial/temporal resolution, Investigated interaction between human cells and acoustic waves in collaboration with students majoring in biology and physics

# Honors and Awards

- 2024 **NeurIPS SoLaR Workshop Travel Fund Award**  
Selected as a recipient of the travel fund award of \$1,800 for the NeurIPS SoLaR Workshop.
- 2024 **Best Poster Award**  
Transformer Explainer receives Best Poster Award at VIS 2024.
- 2023 **Next-generation Science and Technology Leader NET**  
Research grant of \$1,500 funded by KOFST. Conducted interdisciplinary research on 'Wearable Devices and AI to Enhance Sustainability and Reliability of Korean Healthcare Data' with 5 other students.
- 2021 **CS7001 Best Final Project Award Honorable Mention**  
Awarded for the project 'VisCUI: Visual Auditor for Bias in CNN Image Classifier' in CS7001, a course taken by all first-year CS Ph.D. students at Georgia Tech. 2nd place among 60+ presentations.
- 2016 - 2019 **The Presidential Science Scholarship**  
Full tuition and stipend of \$5,000 per year. Around 150 students are selected nationally.
- 2018 - 2019 **SNU Engineering Honor Society (STEM)**  
Used to be vice president, currently honorary member of STEM.
- 2017, 2018 **Seoul National University ECE Voluntary Service Award**  
Selected based on the evaluation of the students, staffs, and faculty members of department of ECE.
- 2014 - 2015 **Hansung Sonjaehan Scholarship**  
Stipend of \$5,000 per year. Around 150 high school students studying math and science are selected nationally.

# Publications

## LLM Attributor: Interactive Visual Attribution for LLM Generation

Seongmin Lee, Zijie J. Wang, Aishwarya Chakravarthy, Alec Helbling, ShengYun Peng, Mansi Phute, Duen Horng (Polo) Chau, Minsuk Kahng

*Demo, Annual AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI). 2025.*

[Project](#) [PDF](#) [Recording](#) [Code](#) [BibTeX](#)

## Effective Guidance for Model Attention with Simple Yes-no Annotations

Seongmin Lee, Ali Payani, Duen Horng (Polo) Chau

*Oral Paper, IEEE International Conference on Big Data (BigData). 2024.*

[Project](#) [PDF](#) [BibTeX](#)

## LLM Hallucination Reasoning with Zero-shot Knowledge Test

Seongmin Lee, Hsiang Hsu, Chun-Fu (Richard) Chen

*38th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2024) Socially Responsible Language Modelling Research Workshop (SoLaR). 2024.*

[Project](#) [PDF](#) [BibTeX](#)

## Diffusion Explainer: Visual Explanation for Text-to-image Stable Diffusion

Seongmin Lee, Benjamin Hoover, Hendrik Strobelt, Zijie J. Wang, ShengYun Peng, Austin P. Wright, Kevin Li, Haekyu Park, Haoyang Yang, Duen Horng (Polo) Chau

*Short Paper, IEEE Visualization Conference (VIS). 2024.*

[Project](#) [Demo](#) [PDF](#) [Recording](#) [Poster](#) [Code \(★221\)](#) [BibTeX](#)

## Transformer Explainer: Interactive Learning of Text-Generative Models

Aeree Cho, Grace C Kim, Alexander Karpekov, Alec Helbling, Zijie J. Wang, Seongmin Lee, Benjamin Hoover, Duen Horng (Polo) Chau

*Poster, IEEE Visualization Conference (VIS). 2024.*

[Project](#) [Demo](#) [PDF](#) [Recording](#) [Code \(★3.1k\)](#) [BibTeX](#) [Best Poster](#)

## SuperNOVA: Design Strategies and Opportunities for Interactive Visualization in Computational Notebooks

Zijie J. Wang, David Munechika, Seongmin Lee, Duen Horng (Polo) Chau

*Extended Abstracts on ACM Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI). 2024.*

[Project](#) [Demo](#) [PDF](#) [Code \(★62\)](#) [BibTeX](#)

## UniTable: Towards a Unified Framework for Table Structure Recognition via Self-Supervised Pretraining

ShengYun Peng, Seongmin Lee, Xiaojing Wang, Rajarajeswari Balasubramaniyan, Duen Horng (Polo) Chau

ArXiv. 2024.

[Project](#) [PDF](#) [Code](#) (★354) [BibTeX](#)

## ClickDiffusion: Harnessing LLMs for Interactive Precise Image Editing

Alec Helbling, Seongmin Lee, Duen Horng (Polo) Chau

CVPR 2024 Workshop on AI for Content Creation Workshop (CVPR). 2024.

[Project](#) [PDF](#) [Code](#) (★65) [BibTeX](#)

## Mobile Fitting Room: On-device Virtual Try-on via Diffusion Models

Justin Blalock, David Munechika, Harsha Karanth, Alec Helbling, Pratham Mehta, Seongmin Lee, Duen Horng (Polo) Chau

CVPR 24 Workshop on Virtual Try-On (CVPR). 2024.

[Project](#) [PDF](#) [BibTeX](#)

## High-Performance Transformers for Table Structure Recognition Need Early Convolutions

ShengYun Peng, Seongmin Lee, Xiaojing Wang, Rajarajeswari Balasubramaniyan, Duen Horng (Polo) Chau

Oral Paper, Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) TRL Workshop (TRL). 2023.

[Project](#) [PDF](#) [Code](#) [BibTeX](#)

## VisGrader: Automatic Grading of D3 Visualizations

Matthew Hull, Vivian Pednekar, Hannah Murray, Nimisha Roy, Emmanuel Tung, Susanta Routray, Connor Guerin, Justin Chen, Zijie J. Wang, Seongmin Lee, Mahdi Roozbahani, Duen Horng (Polo) Chau

Full Paper, IEEE Visualization and Visual Analytics (VIS). 2023.

[Project](#) [PDF](#) [Code](#) [BibTeX](#)

## Concept Evolution in Deep Learning Training: A Unified Interpretation Framework and Discoveries

Haekyu Park, Seongmin Lee, Benjamin Hoover, Austin Wright, Omar Shaikh, Rahul Duggal, Nilaksh Das, Judy Hoffman, Duen Horng (Polo) Chau

Full Paper, ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM). 2023.

[Project](#) [PDF](#) [Code](#) [BibTeX](#) [DOI](#)

## Explaining Website Reliability by Visualizing Hyperlink Connectivity

Seongmin Lee, Sadia Afroz, Haekyu Park, Zijie J. Wang, Omar Shaikh, Vibhor Sehgal, Ankit Peshin, Duen Horng (Polo) Chau

Short Paper, IEEE Visualization and Visual Analytics (VIS). 2022.

[Project](#) [Demo](#) [PDF](#) [BibTeX](#)

## NOVA: A Practical Method for Creating Notebook-Ready Visual Analytics

Zijie J. Wang, David Munechika, Seongmin Lee, Duen Horng (Polo) Chau

Poster Paper, IEEE Visualization and Visual Analytics (VIS). 2022.

[Project](#) [Demo](#) [PDF](#) [Poster](#) [Code](#) [BibTeX](#)

## VisCUIT: Visual Auditor for Bias in CNN Image Classifier

Seongmin Lee, Zijie J. Wang, Judy Hoffman, Duen Horng (Polo) Chau

Demo Paper, Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR). 2022.

[Project](#) [Demo](#) [PDF](#) [Recording](#) [Code](#) [BibTeX](#)

## MisVis: Explaining Web Misinformation Connections via Visual Summary

Seongmin Lee, Sadia Afroz, Haekyu Park, Zijie J. Wang, Omar Shaikh, Vibhor Sehgal, Ankit Peshin, Duen Horng (Polo) Chau

Extended Abstracts on ACM Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI). 2022.

[Project](#) [Demo](#) [PDF](#) [BibTeX](#) [DOI](#)

## Multi-EPL: Accurate Multi-source Domain Adaptation

Seongmin Lee, Hyunsik Jeon, U Kang

Public Library of Science (PLOS ONE). 2021.

[Project](#) [PDF](#) [Code](#) [BibTeX](#)

## Unsupervised multi-source domain adaptation with no observable source data

Hyunsik Jeon, Seongmin Lee, U Kang

*Public Library of Science (PLOS ONE)*. 2021.

[Project](#) [PDF](#) [Code](#) [BibTeX](#)

## Auber: Automated BERT Regularization

Hyun Dong Lee\*, Seongmin Lee\*, U Kang

*Public Library of Science (PLOS ONE)*. 2021.

[Project](#) [PDF](#) [Code](#) [BibTeX](#) \*Authors contributed equally

# Patent

## Pruning Method for Attention Head in Transformer Neural Networks for Regularization and Apparatus Thereof

Seongmin Lee, Hyun Dong Lee, U Kang

10-2020-0162397, 2020.

# Book

## I Got to Wish to Go Engineering School

SNU Engineering Honor Society (STEM)

*Megastudy Books*, 2021.

Wrote Part 3 "Life as a Lab Intern"

# Invited Talks

## Expanding Your Career Canvas: Pitching Strategies for Diverse Audiences

Aug 2024 Fostering Innovation in Rising Experts (FIRE) at United States-Korea Conference (UKC)

## Diffusion Explainer: Diffusion Explainer: Visual Explanation for Text-to-image Stable Diffusion

Nov 2023 Georgia Tech, School of CSE Recruiting Event

## STEM Global Engineer Seminar

May 2023 Seoul National University, SNU Engineering Honor Society (STEM)

## MisVis: Explaining Website Reliability by Visualizing Hyperlink Connectivity

Nov. 2022 Georgia Tech, School of CSE Recruiting Event

Mar. 2022 AVAST Software, Fake News Monthly Sync Up

## Multi-Source Domain Adaptation with Pseudo-labels

Jun. 2020 Seoul National University, AIIIS Retreat

## STEM Vision Mentoring

Jul. 2019 Seoul National University, STEM Vision Mentoring

Organized and gave lectures on engineering for high school students. More than 700 students attended.

# Teaching

Spring 2024 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**

*Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA*

Data and Visual Analytics (CSE6242), Instructor: Duen Horng (Polo) Chau, Mahdi Roozbahani  
Online course with 1201 graduate students enrolled.

Fall 2022 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**

*Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA*

Data and Visual Analytics (CSE6242), Instructor: Duen Horng (Polo) Chau, Mahdi Roozbahani  
Online course with 1146 graduate students enrolled.

Jan. 2021     **Lab Session Lecturer**  
*LG Chem, Seoul, South Korea*  
Deep Learning Course

Nov. 2020     **Lab Session Lecturer**  
*SK Hynix, Seoul, South Korea*  
Deep Learning Course

Fall 2020, Fall 2019     **Undergraduate Student Tutor**  
*Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea*  
Introduction to Algorithm  
Selected as tutor for two consecutive years based on interviews and academic performance

Spring 2017     **Undergraduate Student Tutor**  
*Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea*  
Introduction to Physics I  
Selected as tutor based on academic performance

## Mentoring

Fall 2023 — Present     **Sri Ranganathan Palaniappan**  
*B.S. in Computer Science, Georgia Institute of Technology*

Fall 2024 — Present     **Kunal Mohindra**  
*B.S. in Computer Science, Georgia Institute of Technology*

Fall 2023 — Fall 2024     **Aishwarya Chakravarthy**  
*B.S. in Computer Science, Georgia Institute of Technology*

Fall 2023 — Fall 2024     **Grace Kim**  
*B.S. in Computer Science, Georgia Institute of Technology*

Fall 2023 — Fall 2024     **Alexander Karpekov**  
*M.S. in Computer Science, Georgia Institute of Technology*  
Now: CS Ph.D. at Georgia Institute of Technology

Fall 2023 — Fall 2024     **Aeree Cho**  
*M.S. in Computer Science, Georgia Institute of Technology*  
Now: ML Ph.D. at Georgia Institute of Technology

Fall 2021 — Fall 2023     **David Munechika**  
*B.S. in Computer Science, Georgia Institute of Technology*  
Now: Machine Learning Engineer at Apple

Fall 2021 — Spr. 2023     **Kevin Li**  
*B.S. in Computer Science and Biomedical Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology*  
Now: ML Ph.D. at Carnegie Mellon University

Fall 2021 — Spr. 2023     **Alex Yang**  
*M.S. in Computer Science, Georgia Institute of Technology*  
Now: CS Ph.D. at Georgia Institute of Technology

Fall 2021 — Spr. 2022     **Omar Shaikh**  
*B.S. in Computer Science, Georgia Institute of Technology*  
🏆 Sigma Xi Best Undergraduate Research Award, Georgia Institute of Technology  
Now: CS Ph.D. at Stanford University

## Grants and Funding

2024     **Democratizing Visual AI: Enhancing Efficiency and Usability of Large Vision Models for Fostering Under-Resourced Access**

## NSF Medium Grant

Co-PIs: Judy Hoffman, Celine Lin, Duen Horng (Polo) Chau

Co-authored winning proposal. Contributed to experiment with on-device implementation of the CLIP model.

- 2023 **Scaling Up Educators' Capacities: Automating Visualization Assessment via Generative AI**  
Google Award for Inclusion Research  
Co-PIs: Duen Horng (Polo) Chau  
Co-authored a proposal resulting in \$60k research funding from Google.

- 2022 **Cisco Research Funding**  
Co-PIs: Duen Horng (Polo) Chau  
Co-authored a proposal resulting in \$200k research funding on responsible AI from Cisco.

## Service

### Reviewer

ACM CHI conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (**CHI**), 2025

IEEE Pacific Visualization Conference (**PacificVis**), 2025

7th Workshop on Visualization for AI Explainability (**VISxAI**), 2024

ACM Conference On Computer-Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing (**CSCW**), 2023

### Institutional

- 2021 – Present **Georgia Tech Korean Student Association**  
Have served as treasury, web administrator, and recruitment officer. Organize events for Korean graduate students at Georgia Tech.
- 2022 – 2024 **Georgia Tech CSE Website Committee**  
Improve external and internal communication in collaboration with a communication officer and faculty members
- 2020 **SNU Buddy**  
Selected as the best buddy out of over 60 buddy students based on the votes from international exchange students.
- 2017 – 2018 **Seoul National University ECE Student Vice President**  
Elected from student vote.
- 2017 – 2021 **Seoul National University ECE Student Reporter**  
Published a magazine about research, people, and events of Department of ECE every semester.
- 2018, 2019 **Dream Camp Mentoring**  
Conducted mentoring program about "how to materialize one's dream" for high school students in countryside
- 2016, 2017 **KOSAF Talent Sharing Volunteer Camp**  
Conducted self-planned mentoring for elementary school students in underprivileged areas in Korea

### Member

- 2021 – Present **Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)**
- 2021 – Present **Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)**
- 2018 – 2019 **SNU Engineering Honor Society (STEM)**

## References

**Dr. Polo Chau**, Associate Professor

School of Computational Science and Engineering

*Georgia Institute of Technology*

[cc.gatech.edu/~dchau/](https://cc.gatech.edu/~dchau/)