LISA ORII

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EDUCATION

Wellesley College Aug 2017 – June 2021

Candidate for B.A. in Computer Science & Philosophy

University of Oxford Worcester College

Visiting student studying Computer Science & Philosophy

Sept 2019 - Dec 2019

PUBLICATIONS

 Methodology for Establishing Well-Being Urban Indicators at the District Level to be used on the CityScope Platform

Lisa Orii, Luis Alonso, Kent Larson

Sustainability (international peer review) journal special issue "Urban Planning and Social Wellbeing"

Hooks in the Headline: Learning to Generate Headlines with Controlled Styles

Di Jin, Zhijing Jin, Joey Tianyi Zhou, **Lisa Orii**, and Peter Szolovits 58th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) 2020

Co-Designing an Environmental Observatory to Support Eco-Entrepreneurship in Benin

Danielle Wood, Fohla Mouftaou, Temilola Fatoyinbo-Agueh, David Lagomasino, Eric Ashcroft, Ufuoma Ovienhmada, Lelia Hampton, **Lisa Orii**, TojumiOluwa Adegboyega, Anisha Nakagawa, Juliet Wanyiri

American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting 2019

AWARDS & HONORS

• Funai Overseas Scholarship

2020

Awarded by the Funai Foundation for Information Technology for Ph.D. funding. Granted full tuition, \$2500/month stipend, travel expenses, and moving expenses for 2 years.

• Grace Hopper Celebration 2020 Scholarship

2020

• Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) Scholarship

2017

Awarded as a member of the 1st cohort of Japanese students to study abroad with a scholarship for undergraduate studies. Funded for 4 years.

• Grew Bancroft Foundation 1st Place Scholarship

2017

Awarded as the 1st place scholar among over 80 Japanese applicants to receive a scholarship for undergraduate studies at an American liberal arts college. Funded for 4 years.

• Kanazawa Iwao Memorial Foundation Scholarship

2017

Awarded a Japanese scholarship for undergraduate studies abroad. Funded for 1 year.

RESEARCH

Wellesley College Human Computer Interaction Lab

Sept 2020 - Present

Advisor: Professor Orit Shaer

Leading a segment of the Future of Work project to develop and design a multi-user in-vehicle environment for truck driving.

• University of Tokyo Cyber Interface Lab

April 2020 - Present

Advisor: Professor Takuji Narumi

Creating design proposals for voice-changing interfaces that allow users to conduct vocal training and increase levels of self-confidence.

MIT Media Lab City Science Research Group

Jan 2020 – Present

Advisor: Dr. Luis Alonso

Formulated a well-being index based on a comprehensive evaluation of 5 urban indicators and predicted well-being levels in urban cities in the U.S.

• MIT CSAIL Clinical Decision-Making Group

Sept 2019 - May 2020

Advisor: Dr. Di Jin

Performed natural language processing research to develop a model that generates attractive news headlines with various writing styles. Web scraped over 100k news articles from online media used for training data and conducted extensive human evaluation of the model.

• MIT Media Lab Space Enabled Research Group

Feb 2019 - Aug 2019

Advisor: Professor Danielle Wood

Delivered predictions on the relation between the seasons, precipitation, and the vegetation of an invasive plant species in Benin using Geographic Information System mapping. Successfully designed and engineered a sensor kit that monitors the health ecosystem in Benin. The kit has low-cost sensors, wireless data transmission that reduced labor work, and a rechargeable solar battery which increased the longevity of the kit from 3 days to 2 weeks.

MENTORING & TEACHING

• Kumon Kokusai Gakuen Mentorship Research Mentor

Sept 2020 – Present

Advised research projects for Japanese high school students.

• Calculus II Supplemental Instruction (SI) Leader

Aug 2018 - Dec 2018

Attended all class sessions and provided academic support during SI sessions and office hours for students in Calculus II.

LEADERSHIP & ACTIVITES

• Wellesley Japan Club Vice President, Cultural Chair, Outreach Chair

Aug 2017 - Present

• Wellesley Aiko Taiko Player

Aug 2017 - Present

• Parasaiyo Charity Events Organizer, Volunteer, Intern

May 2015 - Present

Delivering education programs for foster children in the Philippines every summer.

• Chinatown Afterschool Program Volunteer Instructor

Sept 2017 - May 2018