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## EDUCATION

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University of Michigan

2021 - Present

Doctor of Philosophy - PhD, Information

University of California, Los Angeles

2016 - 2020

Bachelor of Science - BS, Statistics

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Themes: **Data Curation, Archives, Social Media, Anti-Racism, Infometrics**

Fields: Data Management, Computational Social Science, Digital Humanities

## PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

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\* Articles in press and under review are respectively marked.

### AI-augmented Data Curation & Archiving

*with focuses on research data & data discovery*

- **Fan, L.**, Yin, Z., Yu, H., & Gilliland, A.J. (2022). [Using Machine Learning to Enhance Archival Processing of Social Media Archives](#). *ACM Journal on Computing and Cultural Heritage (JOCCH)*. doi: 10.1145/3547146.
- **Fan, L.**, Lafia, S., Li, L., Yang, F., & Hemphill, L. (2023). [DataChat: Prototyping a Conversational Agent for Dataset Search and Visualization](#). *Proceedings of the Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T)*. In press.
- **Fan, L.**, Lafia, S., Wofford, M., Thomer, A.K., Yakel, E., & Hemphill, L. (2023). [Mining Semantic Relations in Data References to Understand the Roles of Research Data in Academic Literature](#). *Proceedings of the ACM/IEEE Joint Conference on Digital Libraries*. In press.
- Lafia, S., **Fan, L.**, & Hemphill, L. (2022). [A Natural Language Processing Pipeline for Detecting Informal Data References in Academic Literature](#). *Proceedings of the Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T)*. doi: 10.1002/pra2.614.
- **Fan, L.** & Presner, T. (2022). [Algorithmic Close Reading: Using Semantic Triplets to Index and Analyze Agency in Holocaust Testimonies](#). *Digital Humanities Quarterly*.

### Social Media

*with focuses on anti-racism & pro-equity*

- **Fan, L.**, Yu, H., & Yin, Z. (2020). [Stigmatization in social media: Documenting and analyzing hate speech for COVID19 on Twitter](#). *Proceedings of the Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T)*. doi: 10.1002/pra2.313.
- **Fan, L.**, Yu, H., Yin, Z., & Gilliland, A.J. (2021) [#StopAsianHate: Archiving and Analyzing Twitter Discourse in the Wake of the 2021 Atlanta Spa Shootings](#). *Proceedings of the Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T)*. doi: 10.1002/pra2.475.
- Yu, H., **Fan, L.**, & Gilliland, A.J. (2022). [Disparities and resilience: analyzing online Health information provision, behaviors and needs of LBGTQ+ elders during COVID-19](#). *BMC Public Health*. doi: 10.1186/s12889-022-14783-5.

- **Fan, L.**, Li, L., & Hemphill, L. (2023). [Characterizing Online Toxicity During the 2022 Mpox Outbreak: A Computational Analysis of Topical and Network Dynamics](#). *Journal of Medical Internet Research (JMIR)*. Under review.
- Li, L., Ma, Z., **Fan, L.**, Lee, S., Yu, H., & Hemphill, L. (2023). [ChatGPT in education: A discourse analysis of worries and concerns on social media](#). *Education and Information Technologies*. In press.
- Li, L., **Fan, L.**, Atreja, S., & Hemphill, L. (2023). [“HOT” ChatGPT: The promise of ChatGPT in detecting and discriminating hateful, offensive, and toxic comments on social media](#). *ACM Transactions on the Web*. Under review.
- Yin, Z.\*, **Fan, L.\***, Yu H., & Gilliland A.J. (2020). [Using a Three-step Social Media Similarity \(TSMS\) Mapping Method to Analyze Controversial Speech Relating to COVID-19 in Twitter Collections](#). *2020 IEEE International Conference on Big Data*.  
**Recognition:** Archived by the [International Network for Hate Studies \(INHS\)](#).

## Infometrics

*with focuses on bibliometrics & scientometrics*

- **Fan, L.**, Li, L., Ma, Z., Lee, S., Yu, H., & Hemphill, L. (2023). [A Bibliometric Review of Large Language Models Research from 2017 to 2023](#). *ACM Transactions on Intelligent Systems and Technology (TIST)*. Under review.
- Lafia, S., **Fan, L.**, Thomer, A.K., & Hemphill, L. (2022). [Subdivisions and Crossroads: Identifying Hidden Community Structures in a Data Archives Citation Network](#). *Quantitative Science Studies*. doi: 10.1162/qss\_a.00209.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

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- **Fan, L.**, Yu, H., & Gilliland, A.J. (2023). [Aggravated Anti-Asian Hate since COVID-19 and the #StopAsianHate Movement: Connection, Disjointness, and Challenges](#). In book *Hate Speech on Social Media: A Global Approach*. doi: 10.25768/654-916-9.
- Presner, T. & **Fan, L.** (2024) Algorithmic Close Reading: Analyzing Vectors of Agency in Holocaust Testimonies. In book *Ethics of the Algorithm: Holocaust Memory, the Distant Witness, and the Future of Testimony*. In press, *Princeton University Press*.

## WORKSHOPS, PANELS, POSTERS, PRESENTATIONS, & WORKING PAPERS

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- **Fan, L.**, Lafia, S., Bleckley, D., Moss, E., Thomer, A.K. Hemphill, L. “Librarian-in-the-Loop: A Natural Language Processing Paradigm for Detecting Informal Mentions of Research Data in Academic Literature”. [Workshop paper](#) presented at the Investigating Data Work Across Domains Workshop at ACM CHI, 2022.
- **Fan, L.** “Archival Data Thinking and Practices for Social Media Collections”. [Talk](#) given at Information Studies Department, UCLA, 2021.
- Presner, T., Bonazzi, A., Deblinger, R., **Fan, L.**, Shepard, D., & Toth, G. “Digital Humanities Methods for Analyzing Holocaust and Genocide Testimonies”. [Panel](#) presented at the DH 2020 Conference.
- Bonazzi, A.\*, **Fan, L.\***, Presner, T. “Language Use and Narrative Structures in Genocide Interviews via Digital Humanities”. [Poster](#) presented at Early Career Research Conference, Institute for Digital Research and Education, UCLA, 2019.
- **Fan, L.**, Presner, T. “Using Text Mining and Information Extraction Methods to Analyze Holocaust and Genocide Testimonies”. [Oral presentation](#) nominated by the Digital Humanities Program and presented at Undergraduate Research Showcase, UCLA, 2020.

- **Fan, L.**, “Classification and Clustering for Text Mining”. [Workshop](#) presented at the Text Analysis Research Cluster (TARC) Session, Digital Research Consortium, UCLA, 2020.
- Hemphill, L., Xing, J., & **Fan, L.** “Comparing Costs for Cloud-based Data Archives”. [Working paper](#), 2023.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### **AI-augmented Data Management in Institutional Repositories: Transforming Research Data Use Detection, Categorization, and Recommendation**

*Dissertation Research*

2023 -

- Aims to enhance the efficiency of data management by refining processes related to archiving, curation, and reuse, thereby augmenting the discoverability of research data.
- Aspires to allocate human labor to tasks centered on ensuring precision and context, while employing AI to bolster speed and scalability.
- Additionally, endeavors to develop suitable AI models and pipelines, ranging from rule-based systems to machine learning, deep learning, and large language models, aligning with the aforementioned objectives.

### **Measuring and Improving the Efficacy of Curation Activities in Data Archives (MICA)**

*Graduate Researcher*

2021 - 2023

- Funded by IMLS Grant [LG-37-19-0134-19](#)

### **Developing Evidence-based Data Sharing and Archiving Policies**

*Graduate Researcher*

2021 - 2022

- Funded by NSF Grant [1930645](#)

### **Democratizing Social Media Data for Research Impact**

*Graduate Researcher*

2022 - 2023

- Funded by META, through [SOMAR](#), [MIDAS](#), [University of Michigan](#)

### **Documenting and Analyzing Social Media: Anti-Racism and Pro-Equity**

*Lead Researcher*

2020 - 2023

- Started with a group of voluntary researchers from UCLA in early 2023, when COVID-19 unfolded and anti-Asian hate escalated.

### **Ethics of the Algorithm: Holocaust Memory, the Distant Witness, and the Future of Testimony**

*Data Scientist & Researcher*

2019 - 2023

- As a part of my pre-doctoral work supported by the [UCLA Holocaust Research Lab](#)

### **Online Statistical Computing Reference (OSCR) for Digital Humanities and Social Sciences**

*Lead Developer & Researcher*

2019 - 2021

- Funded by UCLA Ed&IS [Digital Resource Development Initiative Project](#)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### **SI 671. Data Mining: Methods and Applications**

*University of Michigan*

*Fall 2023*

## REVIEWER AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

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**Knowledge Organization**

*Reviewer* *2023 (1)*

**IEEE Transactions on Computational Social Systems**

*Reviewer* *2021 (1), 2022 (1)*

**Digital Humanities Quarterly**

*Reviewer* *2021 (2), 2022 (1)*

**The 86th ASIS&T Annual Meeting**

*Reviewer* *October 27-31, 2023*

**Digital Humanities 2022 Conference**

*Reviewer* *July 25-29, 2022*

**The 44th ACM SIGIR Conference**

*Student Volunteer* *July 11-15, 2021*

**International Data Engineering and Science Association (IDEAS)**

*Volunteer* *Sep 2018 - Feb 2019*

## INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

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**Procter & Gamble**

*PhD Data Scientist Intern* *Cincinnati, OH  
May - Aug, 2023*

**Data Application Lab**

*Data Analyst Intern* *Monterey Park, CA  
Sep 2018 - Feb 2019*

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

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- AWS Computing Fund for BigANN Competition (\$1000), NeuraIPS, 2023
- Travel Fund for JCDL 2023 (\$1770), ACM SIGIR, 2023
- Azure Credit Award (\$5000), Microsoft Azure & University of Michigan, 2023
- School of Information Research Fund (\$2000), University of Michigan, 2021-2025.
- School of Information Fellowship (\$11600), University of Michigan, 2021.
- Rackham Conference Travel Grant (\$900), University of Michigan, 2021, 2022 & 2023.
- Dean's Prize for Excellence in Research Award (\$2000), UCLA, 2020.
- [Digital Resource Module Award](#) (\$1000), UCLA, 2020.
- [Best Poster Award](#), Early Career Researcher Conference, UCLA, 2019.

## SKILLS

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- **Research Skills:** Grant Writing, Experimental Design, Qualitative Methods
- **Programming Skills:** Python, R, MySQL, C++, Git, Linux, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

- **Computing Tools:** TensorFlow, PyTorch, Scikit-learn, NumPy, Pandas, AWS, Azure
- **Data Science and Engineering Skills/Tools:** Deep Learning, Machine Learning, NLP, LLM, OpenAI, WandB, Tableau, Streamlit, Neo4j, ElasticSearch

## AFFILIATIONS

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- Member of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)
- Member of the Association for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T)

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