

# Mike Wu

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## Education



**Yale University**  
B.S. Computer Science  
Distinction in the Major  
Yale College Council  
Class of 2016



**Stanford University**  
Ph.D. Computer Science  
Karr Family Fellow (SIGF)  
NSF Graduate Research Fellow  
Class of 2022

## Honors

Education Data Mining 2020 Best Paper Award (first author)  
AAAI 2019 Outstanding Student Paper Award (first author)  
AMIA CRI 2017 Informatics Award Runner-up  
AngelHack 2018 1st place, API World Hackathon 2017 1st place, HackMIT 2015 Top 8 hacks

## Professional

### Foundation Capital

Palo Alto, CA  
**Intern** 2020 - Present

Intern under Li Sun and Steve Vassallo. Assist with deep dives and due diligence on AI startups.

### Facebook Research

Menlo Park, CA  
**Research Engineer** 2016 - 2017

Part of the applied machine learning (AML) team. Worked on computer vision projects to enable engineers to easily train powerful vision models.

### Lattice Data

Menlo Park, CA  
**Software Engineer** 2016

Startup acquired by Apple. Worked on projects to leverage weak supervision algorithms to build classifiers from noisy labels on unstructured data.

### YHack

New Haven, CT  
**Co-Founder** 2013-2016

Founded one of the largest international collegiate hackathons. Raised over 200K yearly to bring students to Yale for a 48 hour hackathon. ([yhack.org](http://yhack.org))

### Ionis Pharmaceuticals

Carlsbad, CA  
**Data Science Intern** 2013

Built machine learning models to predict effectiveness of RNA-targeted ("antisense") therapeutics.

## Research

Worked in multiple labs across academic institutions on machine learning and probabilistic models. Published over **20 papers** at top AI conferences and journals.

### Yale Statistics

**PI:** Jessi Cisewski  
**Topic:** Astrostatistics  
2015-2016

### Harvard SEAS

**PI:** Finale Doshi-Velez  
**Topic:** AI in healthcare  
2016-Present

### Oxford AI Lab

**PI:** Frank Wood  
**Topic:** Inference (PPL)  
2015-2018

### Stanford Cocolab

**PI:** Noah Goodman  
**Topic:** Generative Models  
2017-Present

## Selected Papers

Wu, Mike, et al. "Conditional Negative Sampling for Contrastive Learning of Visual Representations." ICLR (2020).  
Wu, Mike, et al. "Variational Item Response Theory: Fast, Accurate, and Expressive." Education Data Mining (2020).  
Wu, Mike, et al. "Meta-Amortized Variational Inference and Learning." AAAI (2020).  
Wu, Mike, Noah Goodman, and Stefano Ermon. "Differentiable antithetic sampling for variance reduction in stochastic variational inference." AISTATS (2019).  
Wu, Mike, and Noah Goodman. "Multimodal generative models for scalable weakly-supervised learning." NeurIPS (2018).  
Wu, Mike, et al. "Beyond sparsity: Tree regularization of deep models for interpretability." AAAI (2017).  
Wu, Mike, et al. "Understanding vasopressor intervention and weaning: Risk prediction in a public heterogeneous clinical time series database." JAMIA (2017).