NICASIA BEEBE-WANG

EDUCATION

University of Washington

PhD Student, Computer Science and Engineering

Seattle, WA 2017 - Present

The Student, Computer Science and Engineering

Advisor: Su-In Lee

Research interests: machine learning and artificial intelligence with applications in health and biology

University of Washington

Seattle, WA

2019

2017

M.S. of Computer Science and Engineering

Harvard UniversityB.A. Computer Science, minor in Statistics

Cambridge, MA

Honors: cum laude in field

SKILLS

- Programming Languages: Python, JavaScript, HTML/CSS/PHP, R; familiar with C/C++, MATLAB and SQL
- Analysis: machine learning, deep learning (Scikit-learn, PyTorch, TensorFlow, Keras)
- Other: GPU & cluster computing, web scraping, Unix/Linux/Windows, data visualization

EXPERIENCE

Paul Allen School of Computer Science & Engineering, University of Washington

Seattle, WA

Graduate Research Assistant

2017 - Present

- Employing machine learning models and interpretability methods to gain insights from brain gene expression for Alzheimer's Disease drug discovery.
- Using explainable AI to efficiently predict dementia risk in elderly adults.

Facebook – Dangerous Content Team

Seattle, WA

Machine Learning Software Engineer Intern

Summer, 2020

Harvard University Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology

Undergraduate Research Fellow

Cambridge, MA 2016 - 2017

- Employed deep learning pipelines to process large, next-generation sequencing data on Harvard's high-performance computing cluster. Advised by Professor Sean Eddy.
- Senior thesis: "Towards Learning Regulatory Elements of Promoter Sequences with Deep Learning"

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Center for Sleep and Cognition

Boston, MA

Undergraduate Research Fellow

2015 - 2016

• Led a study to collect and analyze polysomnography and EEG datasets to investigate the relationship between dysfunctional sleep architecture and abnormal neural responses to stimuli.

Mt. Sinai Medical School: Neuropsychoimaging of Addiction & Related Conditions Group

New York, NY

Undergraduate Research Fellow

Summer 2014

Integrated genetic and fMRI datasets to identify key relationships between a proenkephalin gene polymorphism, error
processing, and behavioral traits in cocaine-addicted individuals. Advised by Professors Rita Goldstein and Scott
Moeller.

Neuropsychoimaging Group, Brookhaven National Laboratory

Upton, NY

Research Assistant

2011 - 2013

- Investigated the relationship between single nucleotide polymorphisms in the dopamine transporter gene and neural responses to drug-related stimuli via EEG.
- Analyzed longitudinal data from cocaine addicted individuals to identify predictors of relapse. Advised by Professors Rita Goldstein and Scott Moeller.

PUBLICATIONS AND PROJECTS

- **Beebe-Wang N,** Celik S, Weinberger E, Sturmfels P, De Jager P.L., Mostafavi S*, Lee S-I*, "Unified AI framework to uncover deep interrelationships between gene expression and Alzheimer's disease neuropathologies." *Nature Communications* (Revise and resubmit; Preprint available on *BioRxiv*).
- **Beebe-Wang N***, Okeson A*, Althoff T**, Lee-S-I**, "Efficient and Explainable Risk Assessments for Imminent Dementia in an Aging Cohort Study." *IEEE Journal of Biomedical and Health Informatics* (Accepted).
- **Beebe-Wang N**, Celik S, Sturmfels P, Mostafavi S*, Lee S-I*, "MD-AD: Multi-task deep learning for Alzheimer's disease neuropathology." *ICML Workshop on Computational Biology*, 2019 (Spotlight Talk; Travel Award).
- Moeller SJ, **Beebe-Wang N**, Schneider K, Konova A, Parvaz M, Alia-Klein, N, Hurd Y, Goldstein R. "Effects of an opioid (proenkephalin) polymorphism on neural response to errors in health and cocaine use disorder." *Behavioural Brain Research*, 2015.
- Moeller SJ, Parvaz MA, Shumay E, Wu S, **Beebe-Wang N**, Konova AB, Misyrlis M, Alia-Klein N, Goldstein RZ. "Monoamine polygenic liability in health and cocaine dependence: Imaging genetics study of aversive processing and associations with depression symptomology." *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, 2014.
- Moeller SJ, **Beebe-Wang N**, Woicik PA, Konova AB, Maloney T, Goldstein RZ. "Choice to view cocaine images predicts concurrent and prospective drug use in cocaine addiction." *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, 2013.
- Moeller SJ, Parvaz MA, Shumay E, **Beebe-Wang N**, Konova AB, Alia-Klein N, Volkow ND, Goldstein RZ. "Gene × abstinence effects on drug cue reactivity in addiction: multimodal evidence." *Journal of Neuroscience*, 2013.

SELECTED AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Microsoft Research PhD Fellowship Nomination2019CRA-W Grad Cohort Workshop Participant2018Jeff Dean - Heidi Hopper Endowed Regental Fellowship in Computer Science & Engineering2017-2018

TEACHING

Computational Biology (Teaching Assistant)Winter, 2020Machine Learning for Big Data (Teaching Assistant)Spring, 2019

ACTIVITIES

Service & Leadership

Grad, VGrad, & Postdoc Advisory Council (G5PAC)

2019 - Present

• Meet regularly with Allen School leadership about policies & issues related to masters students, PhD students, and postdoctoral researchers in the Allen School.

Women's Events Coordinator

2019 – Present

- Organize quarterly events to promote community among women and non-binary individuals in the department

 New Graduate Student Orientation Committee 2018
 - Organize welcome events that help incoming PhD students learn about campus resources, departmental policies, and opportunities for community involvement.

Reviewer

• Machine Learning in Computational and Systems Biology track at ISMB, 2020

Mentorship

Society for Women Engineers Mentor

2017 - 2018

- Advise undergraduate women at the University of Washington who aspire to pursue engineering careers.
- Met monthly to discuss coursework, how to become involved in research, graduate school options, etc.

UW CSE Peer Mentor 2018 - Present

• Meet monthly with new PhD students to offer advice and experiences with adjusting to graduate school.