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## EDUCATION

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### Stanford University

*September 2022 - Present*

Visiting Ph.D. Student Researcher  
Department of Computer Science  
Advisor: Sanmi Koyejo

### University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

*August 2019 - Present*

Ph.D. Candidate  
Department of Computer Science  
Advisor: Sanmi Koyejo

### Texas A&M University

*August 2015 - May 2019*

Bachelor of Science with Honors, Mechanical Engineering  
Minors in Computer Science and Mathematics

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Deep Learning, Transfer Learning (Domain Adaptation/Generalization), Causal Inference/Discovery, Causality-Inspired Machine Learning, Probabilistic Graphical Models

## SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

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Research Trainee, <i>NSF Miniature Brain Machinery at UIUC</i>	2021
GEM Associate Fellow, <i>University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</i>	2021
Beckman Institute Graduate Fellow, <i>University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign</i>	2020
Sloan Scholar, <i>Alfred P. Sloan Foundation's Minority Ph.D. (MPHD) Program</i>	2019
Masters Fellowship Program (declined), <i>Sandia National Laboratories</i>	2019
Mechanical Engineering Advisory Council Scholarship, <i>Texas A&amp;M University</i>	2018
Foundation Excellence Award, <i>Texas A&amp;M University</i>	2017
Pi Tau Sigma – Sigma Delta, <i>National Mechanical Engineering Honors Society</i>	2016
Craig and Galen Brown Honors College of Engineering, <i>Texas A&amp;M University</i>	2015
Regents Scholar Program, <i>Texas A&amp;M University</i>	2015

## PUBLICATIONS

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5. **Olawale Salaudeen**, Oluwasanmi Koyejo. “Target Conditioned Representation Independence (TCRI); From Domain-Invariant to Domain-General Representations.” *Under Review, 2023*.
4. Ibrahim Alabdulmohsin, Nicole Chiou, Alexander D’Amour, Arthur Gretton, Sanmi Koyejo, Matt J. Kusner, Stephen R. Pfohl, **Olawale Salaudeen**, Jessica Schrouff, Katherine Tsai. “Adapting to Latent Subgroup Shifts via Concepts and Proxies.” The International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS), 2023.  
*Authors listed in alphabetical order.*
3. Chirag Nagpal, **Olawale Salaudeen**, Sanmi Koyejo, Stephen Pfohl. “Addressing Observational Biases in Algorithmic Fairness Assessments.” Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2022. Workshop on Algorithmic Fairness through the Lens of Causality and Privacy (AFCP) (*extended abstract*).

2. Brad Sutton, Aaron Anderson, Benjamin Zimmerman, Paul Camacho, Riwei Jin, Charles Marchini, **Olawale Salaudeen**, Natalie Ramsy, Davide Boido, Serge Charpak, Andrew Webb, Luisa Ciobanu. “Ultra-fast 3D fMRI to explore cardiac-induced fluctuations in BOLD-based functional imaging.” International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (ISMRM), 2022. (*abstract*).
1. **Olawale Salaudeen**, Sanmi Koyejo. “Exploiting Causal Chains for Domain Generalization.” Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2021. Workshop on Distribution Shifts – Connecting Methods and Applications (DistShift).

## TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

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5. Separating Neural Encoding and Decoding Pathways in fMRI by Disentangling Causal and Anticausal Mechanisms  
*University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Miniature Brain Machinery Retreat* 2022
4. Denoising fMRI via probabilistic graphical model augmentation of ICA-AROMA  
*University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Beckman Institute Graduate Student Seminar* 2022  
*University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Miniature Brain Machinery Retreat* 2021
3. Exploiting Causal Chains for Domain Generalization  
Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2021. Workshop on Distribution Shifts – Connecting Methods and Applications (DistShift). 2021
2. Automated Incorporation of Machine Learning (AIM)  
*Sandia National Laboratories MARTIANS End of Summer Symposia* 2020
1. Interpretable Recurrent Convolutional Neural Networks for Cyber Alert Triaging  
*Sandia National Laboratories MARTIANS End of Summer Symposia* 2019

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Google Research

May 2022 - December 2022

*Student Researcher - Cambridge, MA*

Worked on a team to develop a domain adaptation algorithm under latent confounder distribution shift; developed semi-synthetic data for evaluation and implemented state-of-the-art domain adaptation algorithms

### Sandia National Laboratories

May 2017 - April 2022

*Year-Round R&D Intern - Albuquerque, NM*

Developed multimodel deep learning algorithms for threat detection in various contexts including X-ray images, network traffic, and enclosed physical systems

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

September 2021 - Present

*Miniature Brain Machinery NSF Trainee with Prof. Sanmi Koyejo and Prof. Brad Sutton – Champaign, Illinois*

Established causal machine learning algorithms to detect and remove nuisance artifacts, such as the effects of motion, from fMRI scans

### University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

August 2020 - July 2021

*Beckman Institute Graduate Research Fellow with Prof. Sanmi Koyejo, Prof. Brad Sutton, and Prof. Aron Barbey – Champaign, Illinois*

Developed a causal structure learning framework to isolate and remove motion artifacts in functional Magnetic Resonance Images (fMRI)

**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

August 2019 - July 2020

*Graduate Research Assistant with Prof. Sanmi Koyejo and Prof. Aron Barbey – Champaign, Illinois*

Teamed to create a learning framework for estimating multi-modal individual treatment effects, correlated changes, and counterfactuals in the context of human performance optimization

**Texas A&M University Multi-Robot Laboratory**

October 2018 - May 2019

*Undergraduate Researcher with Prof. Dylan Shell – College Station, TX*

Created and analyzed a novel geometry-based motion planning algorithm for tethered robots

**Texas A&M University Energy Systems Laboratory**

August 2016 - October 2018

*Undergraduate Researcher with Prof. Charles Culp – College Station, TX*

Developed probabilistic algorithms for fault detection and diagnosis in industrial Heating Ventilation and Air Condition systems

**SERVICE**

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**Reviewing**

Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)	2022
NeurIPS Algorithmic Fairness through the Lens of Causality and Privacy (AFCP) Workshop	2022
International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) – <i>Top 10% reviewer award</i>	2022
NeurIPS Black In AI (BAI) Workshop	2021

**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

Directed Reading Program, Mentor	2022-Present
Graduate Study Committee, 1 of 2 Graduate Student Members	2022
Broadening Participation in Computing, Engagement Subcommittee Member	2021 - 2022
Graduates Engineers Diversifying Illinois, Mentor	2020 - 2022
Institute for Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access (IDEA), Affiliate Member	2020 - Present

**TEACHING**

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Foundations of Engineering, Peer Teacher – Texas A&M University	2018-2019
Introduction to Microcontrollers, Co-Instructor – Sandia National Labs HMTech	2018, 2019

**MENTORSHIP AND ADVISING**

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Distributed Research Experiences for Undergraduates (DREU)	2021
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