ONYI LAM

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EDUCATION

- UC San Diego: PhD in Economics, May 2017
- University of Tokyo: Masters in Public Policy, Apr 2012
- UC Berkeley: BEng in Industrial Engineering, Dec 2007

EMPLOYMENT

Research Scientist Fiscalnote 2019-Present

• Contributed analysis script in Python and R to research projects.

Data Science Associate

Pew Research Center

2017 - 2019

Data Labs

- Led a team of 4 in a research project from the initial idea generation to the design of back-end infrastructure and data analysis. Trained and deployed a neural network model to more than 100K images using Transfer Learning. Python/R/Django/AWS/Docker
- Conceptualized and developed a geodatabase that allows researchers to study how attitudes of survey respondents
 overlay with geographic components.
- Authored and coauthored blog posts that aim to introduce data science/programming to social scientists
 https://medium.com/pew-research-center-decoded
- Collaborated with subject teams to develop joint research projects.
- Organized and presented in Brownbag to introduce data science to Center-wide audience to complement their survey work.

Fellow Data Science for Social Good 2016

- Built a machine learning prediction model to identify key risk factors of interacting with the juvenile criminal justice system for the Milwaukee public schools.
- Contributed to end-to-end data pipeline that is comprised of ETL, model training, validation, deployment and inference. Model performs 87% better than the baseline in identifying students at risk. Python/SQL/Command Line Tools

Teaching Assistant UC San Diego 2012 - 2017

 Served as a teaching assistant for 11 undergraduate courses, primarily on introductory and intermediate microeconomics sequences

Analyst BlackRock 2008-2010

Solutions Center

- Supported external users of BlackRock's risk management software enterprise system. Specific tasks included writing SQL queries to identify trades that were booked, provided software training to external users.
- · Worked with Relationship Management group to support sales and implementation for clients

Engineering Intern Intel 2006

Manufacturing Engineering Group

• Developed metrics to measure equipment and factory capacity and output, identified run rate improvement projects, established accident prevention measures and planned training programs for personnel

RESEARCH

Reports

- Men Appear Twice as Often as Women in News Photos on Facebook, May 2019 (with Stefan Wojcik, Brian Broderick and Adam Hughes) Covered by: Adweek, Forbes, PCMag, Nieman Lab, Multichannel News, Washington Post, The Lily
- Gender and Jobs in Online Image Search, Dec 2018 (with Stefan Wojcik, Brian Broderick and Adam Hughes)
 Covered by: CNN, MarketWatch, The Washington Post, USA Today, Mother Jones, Mercury News, East Bay Times, The Lily

Academic Papers

- Advertisers Capture: Evidence from Hong Kong (Under Review) Covered By: Marginal Revolution
 - Initiate and finish project from beginning to end
 - Code in R to construct a measure of political polarization on the newspaper articles
 - Code in python to scrape news articles, clean and extract useful information, run multinomial logistic regressions to estimate and calculate the financial loss that a pro-Democracy newspaper suffered
- Measuring Subjectivity in History Textbooks (R&R) Covered By: BBC
 - Write Python scripts to clean the text, count adjectives, calculate the ratio of positive to negative words and employ word embedding (word2vec)
- Political Shifts and Public Responses to Agency Action, (with Michael Livermore, Vlad Eidelman)

Short Pieces

- How far Americans live from the closest hospital differs by community type, *Dec 2018* (with Brian Broderick and Skye Toor), Covered by: CityLab, American Organization for Nursing Leadership
- What Google searches can tell us about Americans' interest in guns, Mar 2018
- There's a large gender gap in congressional Facebook posts about sexual misconduct, Feb 2018 (with Adam Hughes and Patrick Van Kessel)
- After Las Vegas attack, Democrats in Congress were far more likely than Republicans to mention guns on Facebook, *Oct 2017* (with Brad Jones, Dennis Quinn, Solomon Messing)
- Highly ideological members of Congress have more Facebook followers than moderates do, Aug 2017 (with Adam Hughes)

Conferences and Invited Talks

- 2019: APSA, AAPOR, ICA, IC2S2, World Bank, JP Morgan Chase Institute
- 2018: APSA, APSA Computational Social Science Pre-Conference
- 2016: Tobin Project

OTHER PROJECTS AND EXPERIENCES

Creator of Jicount.com 2019-

• Built a web platform that allows researchers to upload important milestones of their papers.

Quantitative Researcher

UC San Diego

Dec 2016-Apr 2017

 Built a machine learning prediction model to identify factors leading to academic success using data from local high schools

Statistical Consultant Wisers Jan 2017-Feb 2017

• Guided the construction of a social media sentiment index on political candidates in Hong Kong

Instructor and Organizer

UC San Diego

Nov 2016

• Taught two machine learning workshops to economics PhD students that covered basic concepts and different classification algorithm, and application using sklearn

LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

• Programming: Python, R, SQL, Django, AWS, Docker, Spark

- Data Science: Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Machine Vision, Natural Language Processing
- Language English, Chinese, Japanese.