ONYI LAM

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EDUCATION

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

EMPLOYMENT

Research Scientist FiscalNote 2019 - Present

- Project lead of a data-to-text natural language generator prototype system that provides news coverage on state legislation. Demonstrated viable technical approach for a new product feature.
- Researched novel NLP techniques to surface themes and extract relevant information in large text corpus. Presented papers at two conferences (APSA, COMPTEXT). Python/R/SQL/ElasticSearch/Spark/AWS.

Data Scientist Pew Research Center Data Labs 2017 - 2019

- Led a team of 4 in applied machine learning research projects from the initial idea generation to the design of back-end infrastructure, model training and validation, data analysis and report writing.
- Conceptualized and developed a geodatabase that allows researchers to study how attitudes of survey respondents overlay with geographic components. Python/R/Django/AWS/Docker/Keras.

Fellow Data Science for Social Good 2016

• Key contributor to an end-to-end machine learning data pipeline comprised of ETL, model training, validation, deployment and inference. Python/SQL/Command Line Tools.

Teaching Assistant UC San Diego 2012 - 2017

• TA for 11 undergraduate courses, including introductory and intermediate microeconomics sequences.

Analyst BlackRock 2008-2010

• Supported internal and external users of BlackRock's risk management software enterprise system (Aladdin). SQL/Command Line Tools.

Engineering Intern Intel 2006

• 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.

LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

- Programming: Python, R, SQL, Django, AWS, Docker, Spark, ElasticSearch
- Data Science: Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Natural Language Processing, Computer Vision
- · Languages: English, Chinese, Japanese

PROJECTS

• Jicount: A platform that allows users to upload academic papers to seek constructive feedback and allow them to track publication progress. Built from scratch using Django and deployed to AWS.

RESEARCH

Academic

• Advertisers Capture: Evidence from Hong Kong (Under Review)

Covered By: Marginal Revolution

• Measuring Subjectivity in History Textbooks (R&R)

Covered By: BBC

• Political Shifts and Public Responses to Agency Action, with Michael Livermore and Vlad Eidelman, (Submitted)

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, The Washington Post, Mercury News, USA Today, Mother Jones, Mercury News, East Bay Times, The Lily, MarketWatch
- 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, Mississippi Health Advocacy Program

- 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 and Solomon Messing)
- Highly ideological members of Congress have more Facebook followers than moderates do, Aug 2017 (with Adam Hughes)

Covered by: R-Blogger

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

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIP

- Tobin Graduate Student Fellowship, 2016
- Frontiers of Innovation Scholars Program Project Fellowship, 2015
- UCSD Graduate Summer Research Fellowship, 2013, 2014
- UCSD Department of Economics CPhil Fellowship, 2013
- University of Tokyo Best Student Award, 2012