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"A man is not old as long as he is seeking something. A man is not old until regrets take the place of dreams"

Experience

Maynooth University

Maynooth, Co. Kildare, Ireland

LECTURER/ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Sep. 2020 - Present

- Teaching modules such as CS Final Year Projects

Nokia Bell Labs

Dublin, Ireland

RESEARCH SCIENTIST

Sep. 2018 - Aug. 2020

- Engage with several business units internationally to provide right AI solutions in the context of communication systems
- Machine/deep learning for anomaly detection, fault diagnosis, time series analysis in communication systems
- Projects are selected and presented in NOKIA AI Conference (**26% acceptance rate**) with the impact on business units
- Supervised several PhD students and the research outcome is under submission of top-tier conferences such as ICDM
- Present research and engage with research institutions in Ireland such as UCC, CIT, and CONNECT@TCD
- Writing research proposals and applying PhD research funding with academic collaborators

Insight Centre for Data Analytics

Galway, Ireland

PH.D RESEARCHER

Jul. 2014 - Jul. 2018

- Social media data analysis with the focus on mining user interests
- Participated W3C Social Web Working Group
- Contributed to the SIOC Core Ontology Specification: <http://rdfs.org/sioc/spec/>
- Initiated and contributed to the Google Schema.org Course extension: <https://goo.gl/9j1JxZ> for modeling MOOCs
- Supervised visiting Bachelor/Master interns
- Participated writing research grant proposals such as one for European Commission

National University of Ireland Galway

Galway, Ireland

TEACHING ASSISTANT (CT619: OBJECT-ORIENTED PROGRAMMING)

Sep. 2015 - Nov. 2015

- Led lab section of 30+ undergraduate students
- Guided students on programming homework and lab assignments
- Provided feedback to improve programming techniques and efficiency

Hyundai Mobis

Seoul, S.Korea

IT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Oct. 2011 - Apr. 2014

- IT project planning (including estimating budget, man-hours, and period) and execution with outsourcing company employees based on in-house business requirements
- IT project management for **10+** in-house business and security systems used by over **20,000** employees
- Projects: ARS Authentication Improvement (2013) Database Access Control System Implementation (2013)
M-Books - Toward Paperless Working Environment (2012) NAC Replication for **18** overseas subsidiaries (2012)

SmartWeb Lab, Yonsei University

Seoul, S.Korea

RESEARCH MASTER

Mar. 2010 - Feb. 2012

- Participated writing national research grant proposals
- Designed a combined neural network model to detect and discriminate sound signals to classify the sound label (e.g., human, vehicle, etc.) in the context of a security application

Yonsei University

Seoul, S.Korea

TEACHING ASSISTANT (GET6109: SEMANTIC WEB FOR BUSINESS)

Sep. 2011 - Oct. 2011

- Assistant lecture of 50+ master students
- Supervised student examinations and graded work submissions

BitDot Lab

Seoul, S.Korea

WEB APP DEVELOPER

Aug. 2010 - Feb. 2011

- Developed the **first** iPad magazine in South Korea – "Episode". **Ranked top** in the iOS App Store of South Korea with **70k+** subscribers.

<http://trade.bizforms.co.kr> & <http://www.transguy.co.kr>

FREELANCE TRANSLATOR & PROGRAMMER

- One of the best rated freelance translator (English, Korean, Chinese) and programmer (mainly JAVA and JSP)

Seoul, S.Korea

Jun. 2010 - Jun. 2011

Yanbian University of Science and Technology

ASSISTANT LECTURER (SOLUTION SPECIALIST TRAINING COURSES: JAVA, J2EE DEVELOPMENT, DATABASE, SWING)

- Assistant lecture of 60+ undergraduate students
- Guided students on homework, lab assignments, and final team projects

Yanji, China

Jun. 2009 - Feb. 2010

Education

Insight Centre for Data Analytics (DERI), National University of Ireland Galway

PH.D IN ENGINEERING AND INFORMATICS (GPA: A)

- Thesis: Semantics-Aware User Modeling and Recommender Systems in Microblogging Social Networks
- Committee: John G. Breslin (Supervisor), Harith Alani (External) and Dietrich Rebholz-Schuhmann (Internal)

Galway, Ireland

Jul. 2014 - Jul. 2018

7th Lisbon Deep Learning School (LxMLS)

DEEP LEARNING, NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING

Lisbon, Portugal

Jul. 2017

Yonsei University

MASTER IN INFORMATION AND INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING (GPA: 4.15/4.3)

- Thesis: Ontology-based Optimization Modeling for Distributed and ad-hoc Business Problems using SWCL
- Committee: Wooju Kim (Supervisor), June S. Hong (External) and Changouk Kim (Internal)

Seoul, S. Korea

Mar. 2010 - Feb. 2012

Jilin University

BACHELOR IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

Jilin, China

Sep. 2005 - Jul. 2009

Honors & Awards

2020	4th Place , COVID-19 Retweet Prediction Challenge at CIKM AnalytiCup	<i>Galway, Ireland</i>
2019	Outstanding Achievement Award , Nokia Bell Labs	<i>Dublin, Ireland</i>
2018	1st Place , Semantic Sentiment Analysis Challenge at ESWC (SSA@ESWC)	<i>Crete, Greece</i>
2018	Best Paper Award , The 1st Workshop on Deep Learning for Knowledge Graphs at ESWC	<i>Crete, Greece</i>
2016	Best Paper Award , The 12th International Conference on Semantic Systems (SEMANTICS)	<i>Leipzig, Germany</i>
2016	Finalist , 31st ACM SAC Student Research Competition (sponsored by Microsoft)	<i>Pisa, Italy</i>
2015	4th Place , Data Challenge on "Entity Type Prediction over Linked Data" (followed by PKU, THU, and Fujitsu R&D) at the 5th Joint International Semantic Technology Conference (JIST)	<i>Yi Chang, China</i>
2015	Best Paper Candidates , The 5th Joint International Semantic Technology Conference (JIST)	<i>Yi Chang, China</i>
2009	President Award Certificate , Yanbian University of Science and Technology	<i>Yanji, China</i>

Program Committees/Reviewers

- **AAAI** - AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (2021)
- **CIKM** - International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (2020)
- **Middleware** (2019)
- **EuCNC** - European Conference on Networks and Communications (2019)
- **ISWC** - International Semantic Web Conference (2018, 2017)
- **ESWC** - Extended Semantic Web Conference (2020-2017)
- Workshop on Educational Recommender Systems at Web Intelligence (2016)
- Cognitive Systems Research

Publications (Google Scholar)

PAPERS

- **G. Piao**, W. Huang, “Regression-enhanced Random Forests with Personalized Patching for COVID-19 Retweet Prediction”, CIKM AnalytiCup at International Conference on Knowledge and Management (**CIKM**), 10/2020
- G. Premsankar, **G. Piao**, P. Nicholson, M. Di Francesco and D. Lugones, “LESS: A Lightweight Energy Saving System for Cellular Networks”, (under review at **SIGMETRICS**), 2020.
- S. Chaubal, M. Rzepecki, P. Nicholson, **G. Piao**, A. Sala, “Geometric Heuristics for Transfer Learning with Decision Trees”, (under review at **AAAI**), 2020.
- F. Zarrinkalam, S. Faralli, **G. Piao** and E. Bagheri, “Mining User Interests from Social Media”, [**Tutorial**] International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (**CIKM**), 2020.
- F. Zarrinkalam, S. Faralli, **G. Piao** and E. Bagheri, “Extracting, Mining and Predicting Users’ Interests from Social Media”, [**Tutorial**] International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (**IJCAI**), 2020.
- **G. Piao**, P. Nicholson, D. Lugones, “Env2Vec: Accelerating VNF Testing with Deep Learning”, The European Conference on Computer Systems (**EuroSys**, **18% acceptance rate**), Crete, Greece, 04/2020.
- F. Zarrinkalam, S. Faralli, **G. Piao** and E. Bagheri, “Extracting, Mining and Predicting Users’ Interests from Social Media”, (**Foundations and Trends@ in Information Retrieval**, **IF:3.5**), 2020
- W. Huang, **G. Piao**, R. Salinas, N. Hurley, “Evaluating Hierarchies through A Partially Observable Markov Decision Processes Methodology”, <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1908.07031.pdf>, (Accepted at **ACML2020**) 2019.
- W. Huang, N. Laitonjam, **G. Piao**, N. Hurley, “Bayesian Hierarchical Mixture Clustering using Multilevel Hierarchical Dirichlet Processes”, <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1905.05022.pdf>, (under review at **AAAI2020**) 2019.
- **G. Piao**, “Semantics-aware User Modeling and Recommender Systems in Online Social Networks”, **PhD Thesis**, National University of Ireland Galway, 2018.
- **G. Piao** and J. G. Breslin, “Domain-Aware Sentiment Classification with GRUs and CNNs” [**1st Place**]. The Semantic Sentiment Analysis challenge at the 15th Extended Semantic (**ESWC**), Crete, Greece, 06/2018
- **G. Piao** and J. G. Breslin, “Learning to Rank Tweets with Author-based Long Short-Term Memory Networks”. The 18th International Conference on Web Engineering (**ICWE**), Caceres, Spain, 06/2018
- **G. Piao** and J. G. Breslin, “A Study of the Similarities of Entity Embeddings Learned from Different Aspects of a Knowledge Base for Item Recommendations” [**Best Paper Award**]. The 1st Workshop on Deep Learning for Knowledge Graphs and Semantic Technologies at the 15th Extended Semantic Web Conference (**ESWC**), Crete, Greece, 06/2018
- **G. Piao** and J. G. Breslin, “Learning to Rank Tweets with Author-based Long Short-Term Memory Networks”. The 18th International Conference on Web Engineering (**ICWE**), Caceres, Spain, 06/2018
- **G. Piao** and J. G. Breslin, “Inferring User Interests in Microblogging Social Networks: A Survey”. <https://arxiv.org/abs/1712.07691>. User Modeling and User-Adapted Interaction (**UMUAI**, **IF:3.4**), 2018
- **G. Piao** and J. G. Breslin, “Transfer Learning via A Co-Factorization Model for Item Recommendations and Knowledge Graph Completion in Item Related Domains”. The 15th Extended Semantic Web Conference (**ESWC**, **26.8% acceptance rate**), Crete, Greece, 06/2018
- **G. Piao** and J. G. Breslin, “Financial Aspect and Sentiment Predictions with Deep Neural Networks: An Ensemble Approach”. Financial Opinion Mining and Question Answering Workshop at The Web Conference (**WWW**), Lyon, France, 04/2018
- **G. Piao** and J. G. Breslin, “Factorization Machines Leveraging Lightweight Linked Open Data-enabled Features for Top-N Recommendations”. The 18th International Conference on Web Information Systems Engineering (**WISE**, **25% acceptance rate**), Moscow, Russia, 07/10/2017
- **G. Piao** and J. G. Breslin, “Leveraging Followee List Memberships for Inferring User Interests for Passive Users on Twitter”. The 28th ACM Conference on Hypertext and Social Media (**Hypertext**, **27% acceptance rate**), Prague, Czech Republic, 04/07/2017
- **G. Piao** and J. G. Breslin, “Inferring User Interests for Passive Users on Twitter by Leveraging Followee Biographies”. The 39th European Conference on Information Retrieval (**ECIR**, **26.7% acceptance rate**), Aberdeen, UK, 08/04/2017
- **G. Piao** and J. G. Breslin, “Interest Representation, Enrichment, Dynamics, and Propagation: A Study of the Synergistic Effect of Different User Modeling Dimensions for Personalized Recommendations on Twitter”. The 20th International Conference on Knowledge Engineering and Knowledge Management (**EKAU**, **17.3% acceptance rate for long presentations**), Bologna, Italy, 19/11/2016
- **G. Piao** and J. G. Breslin, “User Modeling on Twitter with WordNet Synsets and DBpedia Concepts for Personalized Recommendations”. The 25th ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (**CIKM**, **23.5% acceptance rate**), Indianapolis, USA, 24/10/2016
- **G. Piao** and J. G. Breslin, “Exploring Dynamics and Semantics of User Interests for User Modeling on Twitter for Link Recommendations” [**Best Paper Award**]. The 12th International Conference on Semantic Systems (**SEMANTICS**, **21% acceptance rate**), Leipzig, Germany, 12/09/2016
- **G. Piao**, “Towards Comprehensive User Modeling on the Social Web for Personalized Recommendations”. The Doctoral Consortium at the 24th Conference on User Modeling, Adaptation and Personalization (**UMAP**), Halifax, Canada, 13/07/2016
- **G. Piao** and J. G. Breslin, “Analyzing Aggregated Semantics-enabled User Modeling on Google+ and Twitter for Personalized Link Recommendations”. The 24th Conference on User Modeling, Adaptation and Personalization (**UMAP**, **28% acceptance rate**), Halifax, Canada, 13/07/2016
- **G. Piao** and J. G. Breslin, “Measuring Semantic Distance for Linked Open Data-enabled Recommender Systems”. The 31st ACM/SIGAPP

Symposium on Applied Computing (**SAC, 24% acceptance rate**), Pisa, Italy, 04/04/2016

- **G. Piao**, S. S. Ara and J. G. Breslin, “*Computing the Semantic Similarity of Resources in DBpedia for Recommendation Purposes*” [**Best Paper Candidate**]. The 5th Joint International Semantic Technology Conference (**JIST, 33% acceptance rate**), Yichang, China, 12/11/2015
- **G. Piao** and W. Kim, “*Introduction to iPad Application Development with PhoneGap*”. International Journal of Innovation, Management, and Technology, 2013
- **G. Piao**, “*An Ontology-based Optimization Modeling System for Ad-hoc Business Problems*”. Master’s Thesis, Yonsei University, 2012
- **G. Piao**, Y. Y and W. Kim, “*Semantic Web Constraint Language Complement and the Editor Development in Protege*”. Korean Society of IT Service (Domestic Conference), 2011

POSTERS

- **G. Piao** and J. G. Breslin, “*Analyzing MOOC Entries of Professionals on LinkedIn for User Modeling and Personalized MOOC Recommendations*”. The 24th Conference on User Modeling, Adaptation and Personalization (**UMAP**), Halifax, Canada, 13/07/2016
- **G. Piao** and J. G. Breslin, “*DBQuote: A Social Web based System for Collecting and Sharing Wisdom Quotes*”. The 5th Joint International Semantic Technology Conference (**JIST**), Yichang, China, 12/11/2015

Supervised Students

- 2020 **Yuntian He (Internship @BellLabs)**, PhD, Ohio State University, US
- 2019 **Gopika Premasankar (Internship @BellLabs)**, PhD, Aalto University, Finland
- 2019 **Siddhesh Chaubal (Internship @BellLabs)**, PhD, University of Texas, US
- 2018 **Alessia Antelmi (Internship @Insight)**, Master, University of Salerno, Italy
- 2016 **Nitish Mittal (Internship @Insight)**, Undergraduate, Netaji Subhas Institute of Technology

Grants

- 2017 **Hypertext Student Travel Award**, SIGWEB
- 2016 **UMAP Student Travel Award**, UMAP Inc., Microsoft & Google
- 2016 **SAC Student Research Competition Travel Award**, ACM SAC & Microsoft
- 2015 **UMAP Student Travel Award**, UMAP Inc.
- 2014 **Ph.D Scholarship (4 years)**, SAP and SFI
- 2011 **Scholarship for International Students**, Yonsei Uni.
- 2011 **Fund Scholarship (2 among all applicants)**, Yonsei Uni.
- 2010 **Scholarship for International Students**, Yonsei Uni.
- 2010 **ICMIT Travel Grant**, The Ministry of Knowledge Economy & Korea Industrial Tech. Foundation