PRZEMYSLAW A. GRABOWICZ

Homepage, Google Scholar, LinkedIn, Blog

Assistant Professor, School of Computer Science, University College Dublin Adjunct Professor, Manning College of Information and Computer Sciences, University of Massachusetts Amherst (UMass Amherst)

Languages: Polish (native), English (fluent), Spanish (very good), German (basic)

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Responsible AI • Computational social science • Social media • Data science • Causality

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2024-	Assistant Professor of Computer Science, School of Computer Science, University College
present	Dublin, Ireland
	Head of Socially Intelligent Media and Systems (SIMS) lab
	Teaching: Responsible AI and Data Structures and Algorithms
2024-	Adjunct Professor of Computer Science, Manning College of Information and Computer
present	Sciences, University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA
	Advising PhD and MSc students
2019-2024	Research Assistant Professor of Computer Science, Manning College of Information and
	Computer Sciences, University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA
	Head of Socially Intelligent Media and Systems (SIMS) lab
	Teaching: Responsible AI
	Chair of the EQUATE initiative
2013-2018	Postdoctoral Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Software Systems, Saarbrücken, Ger-
	many
	Mentor: Dr. Krishna P. Gummadi
2008-2013	Research Assistant at the Institute for Cross-Disciplinary Physics and Complex Systems,
	Palma de Mallorca, Spain
2012	Research Intern at Yahoo! Research, Barcelona, Spain (6.5 months)
2011	Research Intern at Indiana University School of Informatics and Computing, Bloomington,
	USA (4 months)
2010	Research Intern at Universidad Carlos III, Madrid, Spain (3.5 months)

EDUCATION

Advisor: Dr. Agata Fronczak

Jan. 2014	РнD in Interdisciplinary Physics, University of Balearic Islands, Spain
	Grade: Cum Laude
	Thesis title: Complex networks approach to modeling online social systems: The emergence of computational social science
	Advisors: Dr. José Ramasco and Dr. Víctor Martinez Eguíluz
July 2008	MSc in Engineering in Applied Physics, Warsaw University of Technology, Poland
	Grade: Cum Laude
	Thesis title: Phase transitions in exponential random graph models

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Professional training

May 2016 Machine Learning Summer School (MLSS), Cadiz, Spain.

Admission via a competitive selection process

RESEARCH FUNDING (OVER \$1.6M SECURED)

2024–2026 Arnold O. Beckman Research Award from The Campus Research Board of the University

of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (\$30K)

An Experimental Study of the Effects of Exposure to Biased Polls on Social Media

PI: JungHwan Yang, co-PI (informal): P.A. Grabowicz

2023–2024 Interdisciplinary Research Grant from UMass Amherst (~\$100K equivalent)

Analyzing cross-country bias in news coverage of international conflicts and disasters

PI: P.A. Grabowicz, co-PIs: Paul Musgrave, Brendan O'Connor, Ethan Zuckerman

2023-2024 Interdisciplinary Research Grant from UMass Amherst (~ \$100K equivalent)

Political misinformation and disinformation through social media biases

PI: P.A. Grabowicz, co-PIs: Monideepa Tarafgar, Jennifer Lundquist, Anthony Paik, Mattia Samory, JungHwan Yang

2020–2023 DARPA's SAIL-ON program (\$1.9M)

Continuous Iterative Modeling and Repair in Response to Novelty

PI: David Jensen, senior personnel: P.A. Grabowicz

2020–2022 Volkswagen Foundation: International Research in Computational Social Sciences (€120K)

Agendas and Frames in a Global Pandemic: Evolution of Cross-country Media Coverage

PI: P.A. Grabowicz, Scott Hale, David Jurgens, Fabian Flöck (Scott Hale and me led the project)

2017-2022 Volkswagen Foundation: International Research in Computational Social Sciences (€850K)

Current Affairs 2.0: Agenda Setting in the European Union

PI: P.A. Grabowicz, Scott Hale, David Jurgens, Fabian Flöck (I led the project with Scott Hale)

2009–2013 CSIC JAE Predoc fellowship (~€100K)

Applications of complex networks in collective systems studies

PI: P.A. Grabowicz

Awards and prizes

Best Paper Honorable Mention, The International AAAI Conference on Web and Social

Media (ICWSM)

Election Polls on Social Media: Prevalence, Biases, and Voter Fraud Beliefs

Best Poster, full-length paper, The Web Conference (WWW)

Demographic Inference and Representative Population Estimates from Multilingual Social Media Data

2013 WICI Data Challenge Award, University of Waterloo (\$10K)

Fast Visualization of Relevant Portions of Large Dynamic Networks

2004–2008 Mieczysław Krol scholarship, Warsaw University of Technology (30K PLN)

2004–2008 Scholarship for outstanding student performance, Warsaw University of Technology (30K PLN)

Publications

Note 1: To every publication I co-authored I contributed at minimum multiple pages of text and formulas or a significant self-contained piece of code and the results of its execution.

NOTE 2: I did not publish in 2018 due to parental leave following the birth of my first child, combined with overseeing the reconstruction of my partially disabled sister's residence. Following the tragic loss of our parents, I have taken on the responsibility of caring for my sister.

LEGEND:

- ** won an award,
- * most important publications,
- † equal contribution,

short - short paper, four pages or fewer.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS IN COMPUTER SCIENCE PROCEEDINGS

- (18) Y. Luo, A. Hoag, X. Wang, P.S. Thomas, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, *Learning Fair Representations* with High Confidence Guarantees via Adversarial Prediction, Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), accepted
- 2025 (17) N. Perello, C. Cousins, Y. Zick, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, *Discrimination Induced by Algorith*mic Recourse Objectives, ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency (ACM FAccT), link
- 2025 (16) J. Clarke, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, D. Jensen, *Open-World Classification with Bayesian Gaus-*short sian Mixture Models, Proceedings of the 24th International Conference on Autonomous
 Agents and Multiagent Systems (AAMAS), link
- 2024 * (15) Xi Chen, S. Hale, D. Jurgens, M. Samory, E. Zuckerman, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, *Global News Synchrony and Diversity During the Start of the COVID-19 Pandemic*, The Web Conference (WebConf), link

Importance: The first study explaining global news synchrony and diversity of 124 countries. We introduce a computational methodology for analyzing millions of news articles that combines a transformer model (a deep learning architecture) with network science and information theory techniques. I aim to use and further develop this methodology to study global news synchrony and biases in news coverage across long time periods of years.

- (14) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>[†], N. Perello[†], K. Takatsu, *Learning from Discriminatory Training Data*, AAAI/ACM Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Ethics, and Society (AIES), link
- 2022* (13) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, N. Perello, A. Mishra, *Marrying Fairness and Explainability in Supervised Learning*, ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency (ACM FAccT), arxiv

Importance: The manuscript introduces an accountability framework that uses AI explainability techniques, including a novel causal measure of input influence, to ensure fairness in AI systems in accordance with legal provisions. The publication led to a series of blog posts and a proposal for an AI accountability policy.

- 2022 (12) Xi Chen, A. Zeynali, C.Q. Camargo, F. Flöck, D. Gaffey, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, S. Hale, D. Jurgens, and M. Samory, *SemEval-2022 Task 8: Multilingual news article similarity*, The Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL), codalab link
- (11) A. Mishra, N. Perello, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, *Towards Fair and Explainable Supervised Learning*, International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), Workshop on Socially Responsible Machine Learning, pdf
- (10) T. E. Boult, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, D. S. Prijatelj, R. Stern, L. Holder, J. Alspector, M. Jafarzadeh, T. Ahmad, A. R. Dhamija, C. Li, S. Cruz, A. Shrivastava, C. Vondrick, W. J. Scheirer, *Towards a Unifying Framework for Formal Theories of Novelty*, The AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), arxiv

- (9) Z. Wang, S. Hale, D. Ifeoluwa Adelani, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, T. Hartman, F. Flöck and D. Jurgens, *Demographic Inference and Representative Population Estimates from Multilingual Social Media Data*, The Web Conference (WebConf), **Best Poster**, arxiv Importance: The work develops and applies a demographic classifier and poststratification methods. I developed the poststratification part of this paper (3.5 pages). I apply and develop the proposed methods to mine public opinion from tens of thousands of political polls. My lab pioneers methods for collections of biased polls with demographic crosstabs.
- 2017 (8) J. Proskurnia, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, R. Kobayashi, C. Castillo, P. Cudre-Mauroux, K. Aberer, *Predicting the Success of Online Petitions Leveraging Multidimensional Time-Series*, The World Wide Web Conference (WWW), pdf
- 2016 (7) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, N. Ganguly, K. Gummadi, *Distinguishing between Topical and Nontopical Information Diffusion Mechanisms in Social Media*, The International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM), link
- 2016 (6) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, M. Babaei, J.Kulshrestha, K. Gummadi, I.Weber, *The Road to Popularity:*short the Dilution of Growing Audience on Twitter, The International AAAI Conference on Web
 and Social Media (ICWSM), link
- (5) M. Babaei[†], <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>[†], I. Valera, K.P. Gummadi, M. Gomez-Rodriguez, *On the Efficiency of the Information Networks in Social Media*, The ACM International Conference on Web Search and Data Mining (WSDM), pdf
- 2015 (4) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, N. Ganguly, K.P. Gummadi, *Microscopic Description and Prediction of Information Diffusion in Social Media: Quantifying the Impact of Topical Interests*, The World Wide Web Conference (WWW) Companion, pdf
- 2015 (3) M. Babaei, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, I. Valera, M. Gomez-Rodriguez, *On the Users' Efficiency in the Twitter Information Network*, The International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM), pdf
- (2) L. Chiarandini[†], <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>[†], M. Trevisiol, A. Jaimes, *Leveraging Browsing Patterns* for Topic Discovery and Photostream Recommendation, The International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM), pdf
- 2013 (1) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, L.M. Aiello, V.M. Eguiluz, A. Jaimes, *Distinguishing Topical and Social Groups Based on Common Identity and Bond Theory*, The ACM International Conference on Web Search and Data Mining (WSDM), pdf

Journals¹

- 2025 (13) E. Cai, Xi Chen, R. Keeney, E. Zuckerman, B. O'Connor, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, *Identifying* and *Investigating Global News Coverage of Critical Events such as Disasters and Terrorist* Attacks, The International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM), arxiv
- 2025 ** (12) S. Scarano, V. Vasudevan, M. Samory, K. Yang, J. Yang, <u>P. Grabowicz</u>, *Election Polls on Social Media: Prevalence, Biases, and Voter Fraud Beliefs*, The International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM), **Best Paper Honorable Mention**, arxiv

¹In 2019, ICWSM became a journal with a full revise and resubmit (R&R) process and rolling submissions.

Importance:. The first study of social media polls. More than 100,000 biased polls related to the 2020 U.S. presidential election were published on Twitter. Our results suggest that polls were used for campaigning and astroturfing. Thousands of such polls explicitly questioned traditional polls and spread election fraud beliefs. In future, we will study whether biased political polls on X reinforce voter fraud beliefs and mine public opinion using AI-supported poststratification techniques.

- 2025 (11) C. Bagchi, E. Malmi, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, *Effects of Research Paper Promotion via ArXiv and X*, The International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM), arxiv
- (10) C. Bagchi, F. Menczer, J. Lundquist, M. Tarafdar, A. Paik, and <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, *Social media algorithms can curb misinformation, but do they?*, Science (eLetter), pdf
 Importance: This Science eLetter puts in question a conclusion of a prior publication in Science suggesting that Facebook's news feed algorithm is much better at curbing misinformation than a reverse chronological news feed. The implications of our eLetter were discussed in this editorial and article in Science, and in news articles in WSJ and FAZ.
- (9) S. Scarano, V. Vasudevan, M. Samory, J. Yang, <u>P. Grabowicz</u>, *Analyzing Support for U.S. Presidential Candidates in Social Polls*, Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media (JQD:DM, joint with ICWSM), pdf
- 2024 (8) Xi Chen, M. Samory, S. Hale, D. Jurgens, <u>P. Grabowicz</u>, *A Multilingual Similarity Dataset* for News Article Frame, The International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM), pdf
- 2020 (7) D.I. Adelani, R. Kobayashi, I. Weber, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, *Estimating community feedback* effect on topic choice in social media with predictive modeling, EPJ Data Science, 9, 25 link
- (6) C.A. Davis, G.L. Ciampaglia, L.M. Aiello, K. Chung, M.D. Conover, E. Ferrara, A. Flammini, G. Fox, X. Gao, B. Goncalves, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, K. Hong, P. Hui, S. McCaulay, K. McKelvey, M.R. Meiss, S. Patil, C. Peli Kankanamalage, V. Pentchev, J. Qiu, J. Ratkiewicz, A. Rudnick, B. Serrette, P. Shiralkar, O. Varol, L. Weng, T. Wu, AJ Younge, F. Menczer, *OSoMe: The IUNI observatory on social media*, PeerJ Computer Science 2:e87 link
- (5) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, J.J. Ramasco, B. Goncalves, V.M. Eguiluz, *Entangling mobility and interactions in social media*, PLoS ONE 9(3): e92196, link
- 2014 ** (4) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, L.M. Aiello, F. Menczer, *Fast filtering and animation of large dynamic networks*, EPJ Data Science, 3(1), 27, **Data Challenge Award**, link
- 2014 (3) D. Martin-Borregon, L.M. Aiello, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, A. Jaimes, R. Baeza-Yates, *Characterization of online groups along space, time, and social dimensions*, EPJ Data Science, 3(1), 8, 2014, link
- 2012 (2) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, J.J. Ramasco, E. Moro, J.M. Pujol, V.M. Eguiluz, *Social Features of Online Networks: The Strength of Intermediary Ties in Online Social Media*, PLoS ONE 7(1): e29358, link
- 2012 (1) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, V.M. Eguiluz, *Heterogeneity shapes groups growth in social online communities*, EPL 97 28002, link

BOOKS AND EDITED VOLUMES

- 2023 (2) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, C. Pereyda, K. Clary, R. Stern, T.E. Boult, D.D. Jensen, L. B. Holder, Chapter *Novelty in 2D CartPole Domain* in the edited volume *A Unifying Framework for Formal Theories of Novelty*, Springer
- 2012 (1) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, J.J. Ramasco, V.M. Eguiluz, Chapter *Dynamics in online social networks* in the edited volume *Time-Varying Networks*, Springer, link

PUBLIC POLICY WHITE PAPERS AND POSITION PAPERS

- (6) E. Siapera, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, J. Suiter, S. Leavy, E. Culloty, E. Farries, Submission to Public Consultation on the draft Delegated Act on Article 40 by UCD Center for Digital Policy and DCU Institute for Future Media, Democracy and Society, link
- 2024 (5) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, Submission to Public Consultation on the draft Delegated Act on Article short 40 by UCD, link
- (4) OECD Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (Social Media Governance project), Submission to Public Consultation on the draft Delegated Act on Article 40), link
- 2023 (3) N. Perello, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, *Fair machine learning post affirmative action*, ACM SIGCAS short Computers and Society (an invited commentary, to appear)
- 2023 (2) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, N. Perello, Y. Zick, *Towards an AI Accountability Policy*, Comment on FR Doc # 2023-07776 Posted by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, planned submission to ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency (ACM FAccT) or AAAI/ACM Conference on AI, Ethics, and Society, pdf
- (1) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, *Open-source Web 2.0 System for the European Open Science Cloud*, Letter to the High Level Expert Group (HLEG) of the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC), <u>link</u>

Under review

2025 (1) F. Pierri, T. Araujo, J. Gonçalves-Sá, S. Kruikemeier, P. Lorenz-Spreen, M.M.P. Vanden Abeele, L. Vandenbosch, P.A. Grabowicz, *Research opportunities and challenges of the EU's Digital Services Act*, submission to CACM

PREPRINTS

- 2025 (4) T.T. Prama, C. Bagchi, V. Kalakonnavar, P. Krauss, P.A. Grabowicz. *Political Biases on X before the 2025 German Federal Election*, preprint.
- 2025 (3) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, A. Byrne, C. Cousins, N. Perello, Y. Zick *Towards an AI Accountability Policy*, arxiv.
- (2) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, F. Romero-Ferrero, T. Lins, F. Benevenuto, K.P. Gummadi, G.G. de Polavieja, *Bayesian Social Influence in the Online Realm*, arxiv
- 2008 (1) D. Stauffer, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, J. A. Hołyst, *Opinion Dynamics with Hopfield Neural Networks*, arxiv

PEER-REVIEWED INDUSTRY AND DEMO PAPERS

- 2012 (2) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, L. Chiarandini, M. Trevisiol, A. Jaimes, *Browsing and Recommendation of Photostreams*, Yahoo! TechPulse 2012
- 2012 (1) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, L.M. Aiello, V.M. Eguiluz, A. Jaimes, *Distinguishing Topical and Social Groups Based on Common Identity and Bond Theory*, Yahoo! TechPulse 2012

PEER-REVIEWED EXTENDED ABSTRACTS IN COMPUTATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCE

- 2024 (13) C. Bagchi, E. Malmi, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, *Effects of Research Paper Promotion via ArXiv and X*, International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2)
- 2024 (12) S. Scarano, V. Vasudevan, M. Samory, K. Yang, J. Yang, <u>P. Grabowicz</u>, *Election Polls on Social Media: Prevalence, Biases, and Voter Fraud Beliefs*, International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2)
- 2024 (11) Xi Chen, S. Hale, D. Jurgens, M. Samory, E. Zuckerman, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, *Global News Synchrony and Diversity During the Start of the COVID-19 Pandemic* International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2)
- 2024 (10) S. Scarano, V. Vasudevan, M. Samory, J. Yang, <u>P. Grabowicz</u>, Can Social polls be an accurate source of public opinion?: Correcting Biases of Twitter polls using post-stratification methods, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (MPSA)
- (9) D. Adelani, R. Kobayashi, I. Weber and <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, *Estimating Community Feedback Effect on Topic Choice in Social Media*, International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2)
- (8) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u> and N. Perello, *Resilience of Supervised Learning Algorithms to Discriminatory Poisoning of Training Data*, International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2)
- 2018 (7) Z. Wang, S. Hale, D. Ifeoluwa Adelani, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, T. Hartman, F. Flöck and D. Jurgens, *Agendas on Social Media: Inferring Policy Attention from Non-representative Data*, International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2)
- 2017 (6) J. Park, M. Babaei, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, K. Gummadi and Sue Moon, *An Analysis of Sponsored Content on Twitter*, International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2)
- (5) J. Proskurnia, <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, R. Kobayashi, C. Castillo, P. Cudre-Mauroux and K. Aberer, *Predicting the Success of Online Petitions Leveraging Multidimensional Time-Series*, International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2)
- 2016 (4) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, M. Babaei, J. Kulshrestha, K. Gummadi and I. Weber, *The Road to Popularity: the Dilution of Growing Audience on Twitter*, International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2)
- 2016 (3) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, F. Romero Ferrero, T. Lins, F. Benevenuto, G. Polavieja and Krishna Gummadi, *An Experimental Study of Opinion Influenceability*, International Conference on

Computational Social Science (IC2S2)

2015 (2) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, N. Ganguly and K. Gummadi, *Microscopic description of information diffusion*, International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2)

2015 (1) <u>P.A. Grabowicz</u>, F. Romero Ferrero, T. Lins, G. Polavieja, F. Benevenuto and K. Gummadi, *An experimental study of social opinion manipulation*, International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2)

TEACHING AND ADVISING

Courses taught

2025 MSc module: Data Structures and Algorithms

Responsibilities: lectures, assignments, exam, tutorial and lab sheets Learning Management Systems: Brightspace, Github Classroom

2022, 2023 Graduate course on Responsible Artificial Intelligence

Responsibilities: lectures, assignments, quizzes, final projects

Topics: model generalization, dataset shifts, open-world learning, fairness, explainability, transparency causality.

Textbooks: multiple sources, including my own research

Learning Management Systems: Piazza, Moodle, Gradescope, Echo360, Zoom

2021 Graduate seminar on Equitable and Explainable Artificial Intelligence

Responsibilities: introductory lectures and overall organization

Topics: fairness, legal systems, causality, and explainability in machine learning.

Textbook: https://fairmlbook.org.

Learning Management Systems: Piazza, Zoom

2019 Graduate seminar on Equitable Algorithms and Systems

Responsibilities: introductory lectures and overall organization

Topics: fairness, transparency, and explainability in machine learning

Learning Management Systems: Piazza

2016 Graduate course on Social Media Analysis

 $Responsibilities:\ lectures,\ tutorials,\ assignments,\ final\ exam$

Topics: statistical classification, tf-idf, sentiment analysis, dimensionality reduction, mixture models, topic models

Textbook: https://web.stanford.edu/ jurafsky/slp3.

Student evaluation: 1.2/5 (less is better)

TEACHING INTERESTS

- (Responsible) Artificial Intelligence
- Machine Learning
- Data Science
- Data Mining
- Computational Social Science
- Network Science
- Causality
- Natural Language Processing
- Information Retrieval (introductory level)

PhD advises

2025-now	Soumyadeep Sar
2023-now	Chhandak Bagchi
2023-now	Andrew Yuan

2020-now Nicholas Perello, co-advised with Yair Zick

2019-now Xi Chen

2017-2018 David Ifeoluwa Adelani – now an Assistant Professor at McGill School of Computer Science and a

Core Academic Member at MILA

MS ADVISEES (ADVISED FOR MORE THAN A YEAR)

2024-now	Vishal Kalakonnavar
2023-2024	Vijayalakshmi Vasudevan
2021-2024	Stephen Scarano – graduated recently
2020-2021	Aarshee Mishra – now a Software Engineer at Apple

OTHER PAST ADVISEES (ADVISED IN THE PAST FOR LESS THAN A YEAR)

- Kenta Takatsu now a PhD student at Carnegie Mellon University, USA
- Ali Zeynali now a PhD student at UMass Amherst, USA
- Kaleigh Clary now a PhD student at UMass Amherst, USA
- Mahmoudreza Babaei now a postdoc at the Max Planck Institute for Human Development
- Julia Proskurnia now a Software Engineer at Google, Zurich, Switzerland
- Luca Chiarandini now a Software Engineer at Google, California, U.S.A.
- Jaimie Yejean Park now Data Scientist at Samsung, South Korea
- Francisco Romero-Ferrero now Data Scientist at Veriff, Spain
- Eric Malmi now Research Scientist at Google Research, Zurich, Switzerland
- Komal Agrawal now a Software Engineer at Facebook, Zurich, Switzerland
- Theo Silva Lins now a Professor at UFOP, Brazil
- Ritvik Shrivastava now ML Engineer at Cisco, California, U.S.A.

BROADER IMPACT AND OUTREACH

DIGITAL POLICY

Consulting during the 2025 Polish presidential election for Polish public research institution NASK (Polish: Naukowa i Akademicka Sieć Komputerowa, English: Research and Academic Computer Network), overseeing Internet in Poland

Served as an invited expert at a DSA Data Access Roundtable at the European Commission, consulting about the DSA Draft Delegated Act

ONLINE SYSTEMS

Multimodal, multiattribute, multilingual (M3) demographic inference (demo)

The back end of a photo recommender system for Flickr (white paper)

The back end and front end allowing users of Truthy to create on-demand visualizations of memes spreading in Twitter (source code)

OUTREACH

Voices of Data Science

Opening talk.

Tech in the News

2024

2011

We developed and organized a series of faculty talks about technology targeting smart non-specialists.

PRESS RELEASES AND COVERAGE

Our study "Political Biases on X before the 2025 German Federal Election" has been broadcast by 2025 ZDF (German public TV channel) and was discussed in ZDF Heute article in the week of German federal election. Our underlying research paper attracted over 20,000 views and 6,000 downloads. Our eLetter in Science received wide media coverage from Science, WSJ, Haaretz, and other media 2024 outlets. Front page of Reddit Science, Tech Policy Press, El País, Fox network, and Phys.org covered our 2024 research on election polls on X. The full list of news coverage is at socialpolls.org. BusinessWest, AI Promises To Impact The Workforce In Unexpected Ways, link. 2023 EQUATE blog, Towards an AI Accountability Policy, link. 2023 UMass Amherst, Bridging Ethics and Technology in a Fast-changing World, link. 2023 EQUATE blog, How to train models that do not propagate discrimination?, link. 2022 Hundreds of news articles related to the IUNI Observatory on Social Media in multiple news outlets 2011-now (e.g., ABC News, CNBC, CNN, NYT, WSJ, WaPo, Wired), link. El Mundo, El oráculo de los bytes, link. 2013 El Mundo, Los entresijos de Twitter, link. 2011

INTERNAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

COMMITTEE CHAIR

2022-now EQUATE initiative (Equity, Accountability, Trust, and Explainability) at UMass Amherst
Responsibilities: organization of relevant events, blog, website, and outreach (including to the U.S. federal administration)

COMMITTEE MEMBER

- Faculty Hiring Committee for Tenure Track Assistant Professor in Data Science, Associate Director for Data Science Center, and multiple Opportunity Hires
- Graduate Portfolio Committee (x2)
- Graduate Admissions Committee (x2)
- Student Events

EXTERNAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

PROGRAM CHAIR

Internet and Democracy, Dublin, Ireland (transatlantic workshop co-organized by Northeastern University and University College Dublin, generously funded by the Knight Foundation)

AREA CHAIR

2020-21 The European Conference on Machine Learning and Principles and Practice of Knowledge Discovery in Databases (ECML-PKDD)

SENIOR PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The ACM Web Conference (Web Conf'26), the Responsible Web track
The ACM Web Conference (Web Conf'23), the Web and Society track

PROGRAM COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCES

The ACM Web Conference (WebConf, former WWW), the Web and Society track and lately the Social Networks and Social Media track

The International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2)

The International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM)

The International Conference on Complex Networks and their Applications (Complex Networks)

2016-2020	The International ACM Conference on Web Science (WebSci)
2017-2019	The European Symposium on Societal Challenges in Computational Social Science (EuroCSS)
2017	The International School and Conference on Network Science (NetSci)
2015	The IEEE/ACM International Conference on Advances in Social Networks Analysis and Mining
	(ASONAM)
2014-2017	The International Conference on Social Informatics (SocInfo)

REVIEWER FOR JOURNALS

Note: I pledged not to review for Elsevier journals by signing the Cost of Knowledge open letter.

- Nature Human Behaviour
- Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)
- Journal of the Royal Society Interface
- Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research (JAIR)
- Social Network Analysis and Mining (SNAM)
- PLoS ONE
- Scientific Reports
- Network Science
- Europhysics Letters (EPL)
- Journal of Statistical Mechanics: Theory and Experiment (JSTAT)
- Entropy
- Advances in Complex Systems (ACS)
- Transactions on the Web (TWEB)
- Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering (TKDE)
- Applied Network Science (APNS)
- Information Systems Management
- Future Internet

EXTERNAL REVIEWER FOR CONFERENCES

2016	5th International World Wide Web Conference (WWW), Montreal, Canada
2016	ACMSIGKDDConferenceonKnowledgeDiscoveryandDataMining, SanFrancisco,USA(SIGKDD)

PROGRAM COMMITTEE OF WORKSHOPS

2025	AI and Democracy workshop at ECML-PKDD (AIDEM), Porto, Portugal
2016	Workshop on Computational Approaches to Social Modeling (ChASM), Bellevue, USA
2015-2016	Computational Social Science Winter Symposium, Cologne, Germany
2015-2016	Workshop on Social News On the Web (SNOW)

LOCAL ORGANIZER

2008 International Conference on Economics Science with Heterogeneous Interacting Agents, Warsaw, Poland.

TALKS

INVITED TALKS

2023	Responsible AI in the Natural Sciences, Carnegie Mellon University — talk, panel, summary slides.
2023	Computational Diversity Science Meeting, UMass Amherst.
2022	Tech in the News, UMass Amherst.
2022	31st International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence and the 25th European Conference
	on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI-ECAI 2022), Workshop of Angry Birds AI Competition (AIBIRDS),
	Vienna.

30th International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI-21), Workshop of Angry Birds AI Competition (AIBIRDS), Montreal.

CONTRIBUTED TALKS

Artificial Intelligence, Ethics, and Society (AIES), Montreal, Canada; speaker Nicholas Perello. 2023 Computational Diversity Science Meeting, UMass Amherst, USA. 2023 FAccT, Seoul, South Korea; speaker Nicholas Perello. 2022 2022 International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2), Chicago, USA: speaker Xi Chen. Tech in the News, UMass Amherst, USA. 2022 Two talks at International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2), virtual; speakers: 2021 me and David Adelani. Data Science Tea, UMass Amherst, USA. 2019 International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2), Cologne, Germany. 2017 International World Wide Web Conference (WWW), Perth, Australia; speaker Julia Proskurnia. 2017 2016 Computational Social Science Winter Symposium, Cologne, Germany. The International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media, Cologne, Germany. 2016 Computational Social Science Winter Symposium, Cologne, Germany. 2015 International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2), Helsinki, Finland. 2015 International World Wide Web Conference (WWW), Florence, Italy. 2015 Data Visualization and Analysis Symposium, Waterloo, Canada. 2013 2013 The European Conferences on Complex Systems (ECCS), Barcelona, Spain. The International School and Conference on Network Science (NetSci), Copenhagen, Denmark. 2013 XXXIII Sunbelt Social Networks Conference of the INSNA, Hamburg, Germany. 2013 The ACM International Conference on Web Search and Data Mining (WSDM), Rome, Italy. 2013 ESF-COST Conference on Future Internet and Society: A Complex Systems Perspective, Acquafredda 2010 di Maratea, Italy. SOE sessions of DPG Spring Meeting, Regensburg, Germany. 2010

COMPUTING AND PROGRAMMING SKILLS

• General-purpose languages: *C/C++*, *Python*

PATRES project workshop, Paris, France.

- Computing environments: *R*, *Mathematica*, *Matlab*
- · Statistical analysis: scipy, numpy, pandas, statsmodels
- Fairness, explainability, causal inference: aif360, fairlearn, tmle, SHAP
- Machine learning and NLP: scikit-learn, spaCy, NLTK, dlib, MALLET, Stanford TMT
- Network analysis: SNAP, igraph

2009

- Distributed computing: Hadoop, Pig Latin
- Plotting tools: *matplotlib*, *gnuplot*, *Grace*
- Shell scripting: bash, awk, sed, jq, vi, tmux, screen, etc.
- Relational detabases: MySQL, PostgreSQL
- Working environments/Operating systems: Linux, Mac OS, Windows, Cygwin