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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

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Ph.D., Electrical and Computer Engineering

GPA: 3.96

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UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

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M.S., Computer Science

B.S., Mathematics

PUBLICATIONS

Preprints

1. **Bobby Shi**, Kevin Tian, and Matthew S. Zhang. Perspectives on stochastic localization, 2025
2. **Bobby Shi**, Julia Lindberg, and Joe Kileel. Efficient tensor decomposition via moment matrix extension, 2025.

Journal papers

1. Joe Neeman, **Bobby Shi**, and Rachel Ward. Concentration inequalities for sums of markov-dependent random matrices. *Information and Inference: A Journal of the IMA*, 13(4):iaae032, December 2024
2. Abolfazl Hashemi, Hayden Schaeffer, **Robert Shi**, Ufuk Topcu, Giang Tran, and Rachel Ward. Generalization bounds for sparse random feature expansions. *Applied and Computational Harmonic Analysis*, 2022.

Conference papers

1. Yuege Xie, **Bobby Shi**, Hayden Schaeffer, and Rachel Ward. Shrimp: Sparser random feature models via iterative magnitude pruning. In *Proceedings of the 3rd Mathematical and Scientific Machine Learning Conference*.

INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

Perspectives on Stochastic Localization

Mathematical Foundations of Generative AI, *University of Texas at Austin*

2025

Seminar, *University of Texas at Austin*

2025

Efficient Tensor Decomposition

Seminar, *University of Texas at Austin*

2025

Tensor Methods, *University of Texas at Austin*

2025

SIAM Conference Texas-Louisiana Section, *University of Texas at Austin*

2025

IMSI Statistics Meetings Tensors, *University of Chicago*

2025

Joint Mathematics Meetings, <i>Seattle</i>	2025
SIAM Conference Texas-Louisiana Section, <i>Baylor University</i>	2024
Concentration Inequalities for Markov Dependent Random Matrices	
EnCORE's Fall 2025 Collaboration Workshop, <i>University of California, San Diego</i>	2025
SIAM Conference on Mathematics of Data Science, <i>Atlanta</i>	2024

SERVICE

Reviewer *AISTATS (2024, 2025, 2026), Proceedings of the AMS, Journal of Optimization Theory and Applications, Statistica Sinica*

Teaching and Mentorship Foundations of Machine Learning and Data Science (TA, Spring 2025, Spring 2023), Mathematics Directed Reading Program (Fall 2022, Summer 2023)

Organized the **Data, Optimization, and Sampling seminar** in the Fall of 2025

Served as **department Graduate Student Assembly representative** in the Fall of 2022 and Spring of 2023

HONORS AND AWARDS

Best Poster Award - <i>SIAM Conference Texas-Louisiana Section</i>	2025
Professional Development Award - <i>University of Texas at Austin</i>	2024
Engineering Fellowship - <i>University of Texas at Austin</i>	2020
Liew Family Research Grant - <i>University of Chicago</i>	2019
President's Scholar - <i>University of Chicago</i>	2016

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Python (PyTorch, TensorFlow, JAX), Julia, MATLAB, C, SQL, R