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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley	Berkeley, CA
Ph.D. in Computer Science advised by Dr. Joseph M. Hellerstein	Summer 2017 - Summer 2024
Dissertation: The Management of Context in the Machine Learning Lifecycle	
Arizona State University	Tempe, AZ
B.S. in Computer Science, Summa Cum Laude	Spring 2014 - Spring 2017
Northern Arizona University	Flagstaff, AZ
91 credits at 3.97 GPA in Philosophy, English, Accounting	$Fall\ 2010-Fall\ 2013$
Awards and Fellowships	
ASU Presidential Postdoctoral Fellowship, Ira A. Fulton Schools of Engineering	2024
Dell Technologies Inc. Research Award, one year of funding	2023
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship	2017
UC Berkeley Chancellor's Fellowship	2017
UC Berkeley's EECS Excellence Award	2017
CRA Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher Award, honorable mention	2017
Fulton Undergraduate Research Initiative, research award	2016
IEEE VAST Grand Challenge Award, outstanding comprehensive submission	2015
RESEARCH	
School of Computing & AI scai.engineering.asu.edu	July 2024 – Present
Presidential Postdoctoral Scholar, advised by Dr. Ross Maciejewski	Arizona State University

- In progress:
 - * NSF Future CoRE: Interactive Graph Queries: Explainable GNN Approaches to Ad-Hoc Queries on Heterogeneous Networks, w/ Yixuan He¹ et al.
 - \cdot Co-PI at 20% effort, \$1M over 3 years.
 - * Computer-supported Peer Review: A ReviewerApp User Study, w/ Fan Lei et al.
 - · Mentoring ASU undergraduate student in computer science (B.S.) Akshit Jain
 - * Interactive Lab Notebooks for Robotics and Physical AI Research, w/ Erick Duarte (M.S.) & Ransalu Senanayake
 - * Is the growth of AI/ML conf' submissions overstraining peer review? Seto et al.
 - * FlorDB: a Hindsight Logging Database for the AI/ML Lifecycle, w/ Hellerstein et al.
 - * NSF TTP-T: Scalable AI Assisted Review Systems, w/ Marchant & Winarski²

RISE Lab | EPIC Data Lab {rise.cs, epic}.berkeley.edu

Graduate Researcher, advised by Dr. Joe Hellerstein

June 2017 - June 2024 University of California, Berkeley github.com/ucbrise/flor

- FlorDB: a hindsight logging database for the machine learning lifecycle.
- ... How Engineers Operationalize Machine Learning, w/ Shreya Shankar et al.
- Internships: Amazon Search, Linea Labs (startup).

¹School of Mathematical and Natural Sciences

²Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law

Research (Cont'd)

VADER Lab vader.lab.asu.edu

January 2015 – May 2017

Undergraduate Researcher, advised by Dr. Ross Maciejewski

Arizona State University

- NSF REU: Visual Analytics Algorithms for Spatiotemporal Analysis.
- Visual Analytics of Crowd Spatiotemporal Data (IEEE VAST Grand Challenge Award).

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Your Bookshelf Is a Database: Digitization, Query, and Fair Use in the AI Era

CIDR 2026 (submitted)

Erick Duarte, Akshit Jain, Jia Zou, K. Selçuk Candan,

Tyson Winarski, Gary Marchant, Rolando Garcia. Conference on Innovative Data Systems Research, 2026.

Flow with FlorDB: Incremental Context Maintenance for the ML Lifecycle

CIDR 2025

Rolando Garcia, Pragya Kallanagoudar, Chithra Anand, Sarah E. Chasins,

Erin M. Kerrison, Aditya G. Parameswaran, Joseph M. Hellerstein.

Conference on Innovative Data Systems Research, 2025.

"We Have No Idea How Models will Behave in Production until Production": How Engineers Operationalize Machine Learning

CSCW 2024

Shreya Shankar*, Rolando Garcia*, Joseph M. Hellerstein, Aditya G. Parameswaran. ACM Conf' on Computer Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing 2024.

*Co-first authors. Honorable Mention: MLOps Community Best Paper Award

Quilt: Custom UIs for Linking Unstructured Documents to Structured Dataasets

UIST Demo 2024

Pragya Kallanagoudar, Chithra Anand, Rolando Garcia, Rebecca M. M. Hicke, Aditya G. Parameswaran, Eunice Jun, Sarah E. Chasins. UIST Adjunct '24: Proceedings of the 37th Annual ACM Symposium on User Interface Software and Technology, 2024.

Hindsight Logging for Model Training

VLDB 2021

Rolando Garcia, Eric Liu, Vikram Sreekanti, Bobby Yan, Anusha Dandamudi, Joseph E. Gonzalez, Joseph M. Hellerstein, Koushik Sen. Proceedings of the VLDB Endowment, 14(4): 682-693, 2021.

Context: The Missing Piece in the Machine Learning Lifecycle

KDD CMI 2018

Rolando Garcia, Vikram Sreekanti, Neeraja Yadwadkar, Daniel Crankshaw,

Joseph E. Gonzalez, Joseph M. Hellerstein.

Workshop on Common Model Infrastructure at KDD, 2018.

A Visual Analytics Framework for Exploring Theme Park Dynamics

ACM TIIS 2018

Michael Steptoe, Robert Krüger, Rolando Garcia, Xing Liang, Ross Maciejewski. ACM Transactions on Interactive Intelligent Systems, 2018.

The State-of-the-Art in Predictive Visual Analytics

CGF 2017

Yafeng Lu, Rolando Garcia, Brett Hansen, Michael Gleicher, Ross Maciejewski. Computer Graphics Forum, 2017.

Incremental Context Maintenance for the ML Lifecycle CIDR 2025 Rolando Garcia, Pragya Kallanagoudar, Chithra Anand, Sarah E. Chasins, Amsterdam Erin M. Kerrison, Aditya G. Parameswaran, Joseph M. Hellerstein. Conference on Innovative Data Systems Research. January 2025. CSCW 2024 How Engineers Operationalize Machine Learning Shreya Shankar, Rolando Garcia, Joseph M. Hellerstein, Aditya G. Parameswaran. Costa Rica ACM Conf' on Computer Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing. November 2024. Flow with FlorDB: Agile MLOps without Compromises Mines Seminar, 2024 Rolando Garcia. Colorado School of Mines. October 2024. Golden, CO Operationalizing Machine Learning: An Interview Study Flyte, 2022 Rolando Garcia, Shreya Shankar. December 2022. Operationalizing Machine Learning: An Interview Study Inaugural Address, 2022 Shreva Shankar, Rolando Garcia. Berkeley, CA, October 2022. EPIC, UC Berkeley Operationalizing Machine Learning: An Interview Study Canva, 2022 Shreya Shankar, Rolando Garcia. October 2022. Operationalizing Machine Learning: An Interview Study MLOps World, 2022 Shreya Shankar, Rolando Garcia. San Francisco Bay Area, October 2022. San Francisco FLOR: Managing the Infinite Virtual Metadata of Model Training Cornell Seminar, 2022 Rolando Garcia. Cornell University, February 2022. Hindsight Logging for Model Training VLDB 2021 Rolando Garcia, Eric Liu, Vikram Sreekanti, Anusha Dandamudi, Bobby Yan, Copenhagen Joseph Gonzalez, Koushik Sen, Joseph Hellerstein. International Conference on Very Large Databases. August 2021. Choose What to Log, After you Execute RISE Retreat 2019 Rolando Garcia, Eric Liu, Vikram Sreekanti, Anusha Dandamudi, Bobby Yan, Joseph Gonzalez, Koushik Sen, Joseph Hellerstein. Retreat talk to lab sponsors. Monterey, CA. January 2019.

Context: The Missing Piece in the Machine Learning Lifecycle

Rolando Garcia, Vikram Sreekanti, Neeraja Yadwadkar, Daniel Crankshaw,

London

Joseph Gonzalez, Joseph Hellerstein. The 24th ACM SIGKDD Intl' Conf. August 2018.

RISE Camp 2018

ML in Context: Preserve, Share, and Analyze Experiments with Flor

Rolando Garcia, Vikram Sreekanti, Neeraja Yadwadkar, Daniel Crankshaw, Sona Jeswani, Eric Liu, Malhar Patel, Joseph Gonzalez, Joseph Hellerstein.

Talk and Tutorial for lab sponsors. Berkeley, CA. October 2018.

Data Management Challenges in the Machine Learning Lifecycle Amazon 2018 Rolando Garcia, Vikram Sreekanti, Daniel Crankshaw, Neeraja Yadwadkar, Palo Alto Sona Jeswani, Eric Liu, Malhar Patel, Joseph Gonzalez, Joseph Hellerstein. Invited talk at Amazon Search. Palo Alto, CA. April 2018. Design, Run, and Reproduce Experiments with Jarvis RISE Retreat 2018 Rolando Garcia, Vikram Sreekanti, Daniel Crankshaw, Neeraja Yadwadkar, Alexey Tumanov, Joseph Gonzalez, Joseph Hellerstein. Retreat talk to lab sponsors. Monterey, CA. January 2018. Jarvis: Managing the Machine Learning Lifecycle Google 2017 Rolando Garcia, Vikram Sreekanti, Daniel Crankshaw, Neeraja Yadwadkar, Mountain View Alexey Tumanov, Joseph Gonzalez, Joseph Hellerstein. Invited talk at Google. Mountain View, CA. September 2017. Euro Vis 2017 The State-of-the-Art in Predictive Visual Analytics Yafeng Lu, Rolando Garcia, Brett Hansen, Michael Gleicher, Ross Maciejewski. Barcelona 19th EG/VGTC Conference on Visualization, Barcelona, Spain. June 2017. LANS 2016 Automatic Design and Optimization of Deep Learning Models Rolando Garcia, Randal Olson, Jason Moore. The Leadership Alliance National Symposium, Stamford, CT. July 2016. VAST 2015 Grand Challenge – Team VADER/VIS VAST 2015 Michael Steptoe, Robert Krüger, Yifan Zhang, Xing Liang, Rolando Garcia, Chicago Sagarika Kadambi, Wei Luo, Thomas Ertl, Ross Maciejewski. IEEE Visual Analytics Science and Technology Conference, Chicago, IL. October 2015. Teaching Introduction to Database Systems (COMPSCI 186/286) Spring 2018 Graduate Student Instructor, 450 students University of California, Berkeley Introduction to Programming Languages (CSE 240) Fall 2015 Undergraduate Student Instructor, 267 students Arizona State University, Tempe Introduction to Ethics (PHI 105) Fall 2013 Undergraduate Student Instructor, 50 students Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff SERVICE June 2020 – December 2022 Diversifying Access to Research in Engineering (DARE)

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EECS Graduate Admissions
Graduate Student Representative | eecs.berkeley.edu

Data Systems and Foundations Seminar

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