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EDUCATION

McGill University - GPA: 4.00/4.00

Montreal, QC

Bachelor of Science, Honours Mathematics and Computer Science

Sept. 2018 - May 2021

WORK EXPERIENCE

McGill University - Department of Geography

Montreal, QC

NLP Research Assistant

December 2019 - Present

- Using natural language processing techniques and network analysis on social media data during extreme weather events in collaboration with Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
- $\circ~$ Developing transformer models that can classify real-time data to visualize on a dashboard

MILA - Montreal Institute for Learning Algorithms

Montreal, QC

AI For Good Summer Lab Fellow

May 2019 - June 2019

- Selected as one of 30 women across Canada to attend program consisting of instruction, application, and prototype development of deep learning frameworks
- Launched project conducting research in detecting climate change misinformation in the media

PROJECTS

• ClimateTimes - AI For Good Final Project

NLP, Web Scraping

- Scraped over 14000 climate change news articles to apply various NLP algorithms and classify articles as left- or right-leaning as a precursor to detecting climate change misinformation
- Tested various word embedding inputs (Word2Vec, GloVe, Doc2Vec, LDA) with multiple network architectures (random forest, SVM, CNN, bi-LSTMs) to optimize model performance
- Neural Style Transfer Introduction to Machine Learning Bootcamp Project

Pytorch, Flask

- o Manipulated VGG-19 pretrained model with dual loss functions to stylize landscape photos as Studio Ghibli images
- Trained residual neural network for instantaneous stylization through a Flask web application
- Dog Classifier App McGill Women in CS Best Graphical Interface Hack

Keras, Android Studio

 \circ Finetuned Inception v2 network to classify dog breeds trained on Stanford Dogs Dataset to 90+% accuracy and developed phone application to perform classification in real-time photos

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

• McGill Artificial Intelligence Society - Vice President, Communications

April 2019 - Present

- o Designed main club and ImplementAI hackathon websites using React JS, Javascript/jQuery, and Emotion
- $\circ~$ Create promotional material for subscriber base of over 2000 students
- McGill Society of Undergraduate Math Students Vice President, External

April 2019 - Present

- Elected to represent math undergraduate student body at Faculty of Science Undergraduate Society meetings
- o Organize internal/outreach events, Women in Math initiatives catered to over 800 students in mathematics
- McGill Robotics Autonomous Underwater Vehicle Software Division

Sept. 2018 - July 2019

• Programmed live underwater depth mapping and colour detection using OpenCV library

Awards

• Margaret Jane Allan Scholarship - 2019:

For one female student at McGill University showing high academic merit in the initial year of the B.Sc. program.

• Greville Smith Prestige Scholar - 2018:

Four-year renewable scholarship based on academic merit, athletics, and extra-curricular involvement.

• Loran National Scholarship Finalist - 2018:

Top 88 of 5,023 applicants across Canada; chosen on the basis of character, service, and leadership

Programming Skills

• Languages: Python, Java, HTML, Javascript, C

Technologies: React JS, Pytorch, Keras, Pandas, Gensim, Photoshop, Illustrator