# Aditya Saligrama

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Computer science major at Stanford University with experience in machine learning, systems, and security

## **EDUCATION**

Stanford University

Sep. 2020 - Jun. 2024

B.S. Candidate in Computer Science (Systems track) | GPA 3.90

Stanford, CA

• Coursework: CS 255 (Cryptography), CS 229 (Machine Learning), CS 224U (Natural Language Understanding), CS 161 (Algorithms), CS 154 (Theory of CS), CS 140E (Embedded Operating Systems), Math 104 (Applied Matrix Theory), INTLPOL 268 (Hack Lab - Cybersecurity)

#### **EXPERIENCE**

Research Assistant

Apr. 2021 - Present

Stanford Open Virtual Assistant Lab (OVAL) | Supervised by Monica Lam

Stanford, CA

• Work on virtual assistants to classify customer support requests with GPT-3 data augmentation

Jan. 2021 - Present

Stanford Applied Cybersecurity

**Competition Linux Lead** 

Stanford, CA

Responsible for securing Linux systems against external penetration testing team in competition environment

· Placed 2nd in Western Regional CCDC qualifier and regional round; 2nd in National CCDC wild card round

Research Assistant

Jun. 2017 - Present

Harvard University | Supervised by Margo Seltzer, Cynthia Rudin

Cambridge, MA

- Work on parallelizing CORELS, a machine learning algorithm that builds human-interpretable rule list models
- Co-first author of upcoming paper on systems optimizations that allow algorithm to scale to large datasets
- Implemented public web UI and R language API

**Engineering Intern** 

Nov. 2020 - Apr. 2021

**Uptycs** 

Waltham, MA

Deployed production feature to osquery monitoring software to inspect and detect malware in Java packages

#### **Research Science Institute Intern**

Jun. 2019 - Aug. 2019

Akamai Labs

Cambridge, MA

· Deployed realtime garbage collection monitoring system for Go language programs with per-thread detail

Research Assistant

Jan. 2018 - Jun. 2020

MIT PRIMES

Cambridge, MA

Project I: Rust Concurrency Analysis | Supervised by Jon Gjengset, Frans Kaashoek

Jan. 2018 - Apr. 2019

• Developed set of fast, lock-free concurrent hashmaps for the Rust language with 100+ stars on GitHub

Presented report on how the Rust language helps and hurts developers in writing concurrent code

Project II: Adversarial Machine Learning | Supervised by Aleksander Madry

Jan. 2019 - Jun. 2020

- Developed ensemble schemes that improve accuracy while preserving adversarial robustness vs. single model
- Presented at ICLR 2020 workshop on trustworthy machine learning (44% acceptance rate)

KnowBias: an award-winning AI algorithm that detects political polarization in online articles in real time

• Paper published as an AAAI 2020 Student Abstract (48% acceptance rate)

# **PUBLICATIONS**

A. Saligrama, G. Leclerc. Revisiting Ensembles in an Adversarial Context: Improving Natural Accuracy. ICLR 2020 Workshop on Towards Trustworthy ML: Rethinking Security and Privacy for ML (ICLR:TML'20), 2020.

A. Saligrama. KnowBias: Detecting Political Polarity in Long Text Content. AAAI 2020 Student Abstract and Poster Program (AAAI:SAP'20), 2020.

A. Saligrama. KnowBias: A Novel AI Method to Detect Polarity in Online Content. arXiv:1905.00724, 2019.

A. Saligrama, A. Shen, J. Giengset. A Practical Analysis of Rust's Concurrency Story. arXiv:1904.12210, 2019.

N. Larus-Stone, E. Angelino, D. Alabi, M. Seltzer, V. Kaxiras, A. Saligrama, C. Rudin.

Systems Optimizations for Learning Certifiably Optimal Rule Lists. SysML Conference, 2018.

## SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2nd place team, Western Regional CCDC; 2nd place team, National CCDC wild card round (2021)
- Congressional App Challenge Winner, Massachusetts 5th District (2018) USA Computing Olympiad, Gold Division (2018 2020)