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EDUCATION

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

BS IN COMPUTER SCIENCE BS IN MATHEMATICS

Aug. 2015 - May 2019 (expected) Minor in Creative Writing School of Engineering & Applied Science Cum. GPA: 3.52 / 4.0 Major GPA: 3.63 / 4.0

LINKS

Github samsaranc LinkedIn samsaranc

COURSEWORK

Machine Learning Computer Vision Graph Theory Algorithms and Data Structures Continuous Algorithms Operating Systems Real Analysis Probability for Computer Science Linear Algebra Abstract Algebra I & II Theory of Computing Discrete Structures I & II Software Engineering

SKILLS

PROGRAMMING

Python • Java • C • MATLAB • GAP MTFX • Bash • HTML • SQL • CSS • R

SOFTWARE

git • PyTorch • Mathematica • Django

SPOKEN LANGUAGES

Spanish (fluent) • English (native)

MAJOR PROJECTS

THE DEAN'S COUNCIL OF WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY

Founded DCWiT, a SEAS Dean's organization supporting and connecting GW women pursuing STEM fields

HACKITAL

Led a 500-person hackathon to engage the SOCIETIES community in developing tech solutions to mitigate online harassment

RESEARCH

DEEP LEARNING & ONLINE CONTENT

Nov. 2017 - Present | Washington, DC | Advisor: Robert Pless Use deep learning to recognize images of Eating Disorders (ED) with the aim of building tools to improve ED patient health outcomes. Use notions of geometric and combinatorial diversity to improve classifier test and training accuracy.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOR SOCIAL GOOD

May 2017 - Present | College Park, MD | Advisor: John Dickerson Design a multi-armed bandit algorithm to ensure diversity and fairness in an automated admissions process. Analyze past admissions data to investigate the possibility of bias in previous decisions. Design a system using deep Reinforcement Learning to choose matching policies for dynamic kidney exchange.

WORK EXPERIENCE

MICROSOFT RESEARCH | RESEARCH INTERN

Summer 2018 | Cambridge, MA | Advisor: Henry Cohn

- Used group theory to speed up matrix multiplication algorithms, solving an optimization problem over the search space of finite groups.
- Implemented and designed abstract algebraic algorithms in GAP.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND COLLEGE PARK | RESEARCH INTERN

Summer 2017 | College Park, MD | Advisor: John Dickerson

• Worked at the Combinatorics and Algorithms for Real Problems REU at UMD.

LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES RESEARCH LAB | RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Summer 2016 | Washington, DC | Advisor: Rahul Simha

• Developed a website with for adults to improve their English literacy. Identified high-quality datasets for training NLP algorithms and cleaned them in Python.

GW COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPT. I TEACHING ASSISTANT

August 2016 - Present | Washington, DC

- Lead a lab section and assist professors with in-class exercises for Discrete Structures II, Algorithms and Data Structures, and Intro. to Computer Science
- Host office hours and review sessions to assist students with course material

BREAKTHROUGH COLLABORATIVE | CHEMISTRY TEACHING FELLOW

May 2015 - August 2015 | Fort Worth, TX

HackHarassment Grant

• Taught Chemistry, achieving 328% student growth in post-assessment scores

PUBLICATIONS

2018 Characterizing the Visual Social Media Environment of Eating Disorders

2018 The Diverse Cohort Selection Problem: Multi-Armed Bandits with Varied Pulls

AWARDS

2018 Best Student Paper Presentation Appl. Imagery & Pattern Recog. Workshop 2018 Google Lime Scholar Google 2018 Collegiate Award, Honorable Mention **NCWiT**

GW Office of the VP for Research 2018 GW Undergrad. Research Award

2018 Tomodachi Kakehashi Scholar Government of Japan

Intel & the Born This Way Foundation

2017

2016-Present Vice President GW Assoc. for Computing Machinery 2016-Present Mentor SEAS Student Peer Advisory Network