# Sandeep B. Soni

1000 Northside Dr NW Unit 1553678-702-3780 Contact Information Atlanta, GA 30318 sandeepsoni@gatech.edu Research Computational Social Science, Applied Machine Learning, Data Science, Social Interests Networks. **EDUCATION** Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA Ph.D., Computer Science, • Advisor: Jacob Eisenstein M.S., Computer Science (Machine Learning), May 2014 Pune Institute of Computer Technology, Pune, India B.E., Computer Engineering, June 2010 Internships Research Intern May 2018 - Aug 2018 Information Sciences Institute, USC Los Angeles, CA Mentor: Kristina Lerman Research Intern May 2017 - Aug 2017 Max Plank Institute for Software Systems, Kaiserslautern, Germany Mentor: Manuel Gomez-Rodriguez Research Intern May 2016 - Aug 2016 Microsoft Research, Redmond, WA Mentor: Justin Cranshaw Software Engineering Intern May 2013 - Aug 2013 Yahoo!, Sunnvvale, CA Mentor: Donald Swanson and Pradhan Pattnayak Work Graduate Research Assistant Jan 2016 - present EXPERIENCE School of Interactive Computing, Georgia Institute of Technology Supervisor: Jacob Eisenstein

Aug 2015 - Dec 2015

**Graduate Teaching Assistant** 

School of Interactive Computing, Georgia Institute of Technology

Course: CS 7650

### Software Development Engineer

Jun 2014 - Jun 2015

Yahoo!,

Sunnyvale, CA

Manager: Pradhan Pattnayak

### Graduate Research Assistant

Aug 2013 - May 2014

School of Interactive Computing Georgia Institute of Technology

Supervisor: Jacob Eisenstein and Eric Gilbert

## Research Engineer

Aug 2010 - Jul 2012

Oneirix Labs, Pune, India

# WORKING PAPERS

- 1. Soni, S, Ling Ramirez, S. and Eisenstein, J. (2019) "Discriminative Modeling of Social Influence for Prediction and Explanation in Event Cascades"
- 2. **Soni, S**, Lerman, K. and Eisenstein, J. (2019) "Quantifying Semantic Progressiveness of Documents" (under review ACL, 2019)

## Conference Papers

- 1. Cranshaw, J., Elwany, E., Newman, T., **Soni, S.**, Kocielnik, R., Yu, B., Teevan, J. and Hernandez, A.M. (2017) "Calendar.help: Designing a Workflow-Based Scheduling Agent with Humans in the Loop". In *Proceedings of the CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems*, Denver. (Acceptance rate  $\leq 25 \%$ )
- Goel, R., Soni, S., Goyal, N., Paparrizos, J., Diaz, F., Wallach, H. and Eisenstein, J. (2016) "The Social Dynamics of Language Change in Online Networks" In *International Conference on Social Informatics*, Seattle. (Acceptance rate ≤ 28%)
- 3. Soni, S., Mitra, T., Gilbert, E. and Eisenstein, J. (2014). "Modeling Factuality Judgments in Social Media Text" In *Proceedings of Association of Computational Linguistics*, Baltimore (Acceptance rate  $\leq 30 \%$ )

# Workshop Papers

- 1. Soni, S., Klein, L., Eisenstein, J. (2019) "Correcting Whitespace Errors in Digitized Historical Texts" in *Proceedings of the Joint SIGHUM Workshop on Computational Linguistics for Cultural Heritage, Social Sciences, Humanities and Literature.* 2019, Minneapolis USA.
- 2. Soni, S., Ling Ramirez, S., Eisenstein, J. (2018) "Follow the money: Linking legislative co-sponsorship to a network of campaign donors" in 11th Annual Political Networks Conference and Workshops, Washington DC USA.
- 3. Hohman, F., **Soni**, **S.**, Stewart, I., Stasko, J. (2017) "A Viz of Ice and Fire: An Interactive Visualization for Entertainment Videos" in 2nd Workshop on Visualization for the Digital Humanities, Phoenix USA.

### SERVICE

- Student Volunteer: ACL' 14, NAACL' 19.
- Reviewer: ICWSM' 17, ICWSM' 18, EMNLP' 17, COLING' 17, ACL' 18, WWW' 19.

### AWARDS

- Travel awards: ACL' 14, Polnets' 18, KDD' 19.
- Google Summer of Code: 2010 and 2012.
- Winner of Best undergrad project, Bits Goa, India
- 2nd Runner up, Best undergrad project, IIT Kanpur, India.

### PRESENTATIONS

- Multivariate Hawkes Process to Model Spread of Lexical Innovations in a Network. at the 3rd Workshop on Computational Social Science, Atlanta, GA

  Dec 2015
- Informational Determinants of Shaming Intensity: A Text Analytic Study of Human Rights Reporting at the 1st Workshop on Computational Social Science, Atlanta, GA

  Nov 2013