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RESEARCH Computational Social Science, Applied Machine Learning, Data Science, Social

Interests Networks.

EDUCATION Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA

Ph.D., Computer Science, Expected: Summer 2020

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!,

Sunnyvale, CA

Mentors: Donald Swanson and Pradhan Pattnayak

Work Graduate Research Assistant Jan 2016 - present

EXPERIENCE School of Interactive Computing,

Georgia Institute of Technology Supervisor: Jacob Eisenstein

Graduate Teaching Assistant Aug 2015 - Dec 2015

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, Lerman, K. and Eisenstein, J. (2019) "Quantifying Semantic Progressiveness of Documents" (under review EMNLP, 2019)

Conference Papers

- 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 < 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 ≤ 30 %)

Workshop Papers

- 1. Soni, S., Ramirez, S., Eisenstein, J. (2019) "Detecting Social Influence in Event Cascades using Discriminative Rankers" in *Proceedings of the SIGKDD Workshop on Causal Discovery*, 2019
- 2. 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.
- 3. Tavabi, N., Bartley, N., Abeliuk, A., **Soni, S.**, Ferrara, E., Lerman, K. in Companion Proceedings of The 2019 World Wide Web Conference
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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, KDD' 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