

# Soravit Beer Changpinyo

## Education

**University of Southern California** *Los Angeles, CA* 2012-2018  
M.S. and Ph.D. in Computer Science  
Advisor: Prof. Fei Sha  
GPA: 3.97/4.00

**Brown University** *Providence, RI* 2008-2012  
B.S. in Computer Science  
*magna cum laude* with Honors  
Advisor: Prof. Erik B. Sudderth  
GPA: 4.00/4.00

## Professional Experience

**University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA** *Research Assistant* 08/2012-09/2018  
Zero-shot, transfer, and multi-task learning with applications to computer vision and natural language processing. Similarity and Metric Learning.

**Google Research, New York City, NY** *Software Engineering Intern* Summer 2017  
Large-scale temporal and higher-order analysis of the discourse of topics on the Web

**Google Research, Mountain View, CA** *Software Engineering Intern* Summer 2016  
Convolutional neural network compression. Patent pending.

**Brown University, Providence, RI** *Research Assistant* Fall 2011 & Spring 2012  
Bayesian nonparametric methods for image attribute and topic modeling.

**Information Trust Institute, Urbana, IL** *Research Intern* Summer 2011  
Keyword search over semi-structured information sources.

**Brown University, Providence, RI** *Research Assistant* Summer 2010  
Transactional memory on embedded devices. Karen T. Romer Undergraduate Research Award.

## Awards

**Outstanding Reviewer Award**, IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) 2020. Top 3.8%.

**Best Reviewer Award**, Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) 2019. Top 8.5%.

**Outstanding Reviewer Award**, IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) 2019. Top 8.5%.

**Annenberg Graduate Fellowship**, University of Southern California. 2012-2016.

## Invited Talks

### **"All You May Need for VQA are Image Captions"**

Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics

(NAACL) Seattle, WA

07/2022

The Ohio State University Columbus, OH

06/2022

### **"Tightly Connecting Vision and Language"**

Microsoft Research Virtual

08/2021

Vidyasirimedhi Institute of Science and Technology Rayong, Thailand

11/2020

USC/ISI NL Seminar Marina del Rey, CA

12/2019

### **"Pushing the Limits of Featurization in Image Captioning"**

Conceptual Captions Challenge, CVPR Workshop Long Beach, CA

06/2019

### **"Zero-Shot Learning for Object Recognition in the Wild"**

Amazon Seattle, WA

01/2018

Bloomberg New York City, NY

01/2018

### **"Synthesized Classifiers for Zero-Shot Learning"**

The French Institute for Research in Computer Science and Automation (Inria) Lille, France

10/2016

The IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) Las Vegas, NV

06/2016

## Teaching Experience

### **Graduate Teaching Assistant**

Machine Learning (CSCI567)

Fall 2017

Special Topics in Machine Learning (CSCI599)

Spring 2017

### **Undergraduate Teaching Assistant**

Introduction to Machine Learning (CSCI1950f)

Spring 2012

Scientific Computing and Problem Solving (CSCI0040)

Spring 2011

Models of Computation (CSCI0500)

Fall 2010

## Professional Service

### **Program Committee or Reviewer**

Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) 2016, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2023

International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) 2019, 2020

International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) 2021, 2022, 2023

Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023

International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV) 2019

European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV) 2018

ACL Rolling Review (ARR) Jan 2022, Mar 2022, Jun 2022, Sept 2022

North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL) 2021  
 Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP) 2019  
 Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) 2019  
 AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) 2017, 2019  
 European Conference on Machine Learning and Principles and Practice of Knowledge Discovery in Databases (ECML/PKDD) 2014  
 International Journal of Computer Vision (IJCV) 2022  
 Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering (TKDE) 2021  
 IEEE Signal Processing Letters (SPL) 2019  
 Pattern Recognition (PR) 2018  
 IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (TPAMI) 2017, 2018, 2022  
 Computer Vision and Image Understanding (CVIU) 2017

## Publications

### Refereed Journal Articles

- [J3] Yu-Chuan Su, **Soravit Changpinyo**, Xiangning Chen, Sathish Thoppay, Cho-Jui Hsieh, Lior Shapira, Radu Soricut, Hartwig Adam, Matthew Brown, Ming-Hsuan Yang, Boqing Gong. 2.5D Visual Relationship Detection. *Computer Vision and Image Understanding (CVIU)*, 2022.
- [J2] Ben McCamish, Vahid Ghadakchi, Arash Termehchy, Behrouz Touri, Eduardo Cotilla Sanchez, Liang Huang, **Soravit Changpinyo**. A Game-theoretic Approach to Data Interaction. *ACM Transactions on Database Systems (TODS)*, 2020.
- [J1] **Soravit Changpinyo\***, Wei-Lun Chao\*, Boqing Gong, Fei Sha. Classifier and Exemplar Synthesis for Zero-Shot Learning. *International Journal of Computer Vision (IJCV)*, 2020.

### Refereed Conference Proceedings

- [C19] Paul Voigtlaender, **Soravit Changpinyo**, Jordi Pont-Tuset, Radu Soricut, Vittorio Ferrari. Connecting Vision and Language with Video Localized Narratives. *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 2023.  
**Highlight, top 2.5%**
- [C18] Arjun R. Akula, Brendan Driscoll, Pradyumna Narayana, **Soravit Changpinyo**, Zhiwei Jia, Suyash Damle, Garima Pruthi, Sugato Basu, Leonidas Guibas, William T. Freeman, Yuanzhen Li, Varun Jampani. MetaCLUE: Towards Comprehensive Visual Metaphors Research. *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 2023.
- [C17] Xi Chen, Xiao Wang, **Soravit Changpinyo**, AJ Piergiovanni, Piotr Padlewski, Daniel Salz, Sebastian Goodman, Adam Grycner, Basil Mustafa, Lucas Beyer, Alexander Kolesnikov, Joan Puigcerver, Nan Ding, Keran Rong, Hassan Akbari, Gaurav Mishra, Linting Xue, Ashish Thapliyal, James Bradbury, Weicheng Kuo, Mojtaba Seyedhosseini, Chao Jia, Burcu Karagol Ayan, Carlos Riquelme, Andreas Steiner, Anelia Angelova, Xiaohua Zhai, Neil Houlsby, Radu Soricut. PaLI: A Jointly-Scaled Multilingual Language-Image Model. *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2023.  
**Oral presentation, Notable top 5%**

- [C16] Khyathi Raghavi Chandu, Piyush Sharma, **Soravit Changpinyo**, Ashish Thapliyal, Radu Soricut. Denoising Large-Scale Image Captioning from Alt-text Data using Content Selection Models. *International Conference on Computational Linguistics (COLING)*, 2022
- [C15] Nan Ding, Xi Chen, Tomer Levinboim, **Soravit Changpinyo**, Radu Soricut. PACTran: PAC-Bayesian Metrics for Estimating the Transferability of Pretrained Models to Classification Tasks. *European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)*, 2022.  
**Oral presentation, 2.7% acceptance rate**
- [C14] **Soravit Changpinyo\***, Doron Kukliansky\*, Idan Szpektor, Xi Chen, Nan Ding, Radu Soricut. All You May Need for VQA are Image Captions. *North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL)*, 2022.  
**Oral presentation**
- [C13] Arjun Akula, Varun Jampani, **Soravit Changpinyo**, Song-Chun Zhu. Robust Visual Reasoning via Language Guided Neural Module Networks. *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2021.
- [C12] Tai-Yu Pan\*, Cheng Zhang\*, Yandong Li, Hexiang Hu, Dong Xuan, **Soravit Changpinyo**, Boqing Gong, Wei-Lun Chao. On Model Calibration for Long-Tailed Object Detection and Instance Segmentation. *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2021.
- [C11] Arjun Akula, **Soravit Changpinyo**, Boqing Gong, Piyush Sharma, Song-Chun Zhu, Radu Soricut. CrossVQA: Scalably Generating Benchmarks for Systematically Testing VQA Generalization. *Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)*, 2021.  
**Oral presentation**
- [C10] **Soravit Changpinyo**, Jordi Pont-Tuset, Vittorio Ferrari, Radu Soricut. Telling the What while Pointing to the Where: Multimodal Queries for Image Retrieval. *IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)*, 2021.
- [C9] Cheng Zhang\*, Tai-Yu Pan\*, Yandong Li, Hexiang Hu, Dong Xuan, **Soravit Changpinyo**, Boqing Gong, Wei-Lun Chao. MosaicOS: Simple and Effective Use of Object-Centric Images for Long-Tailed Object Detection. *IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)*, 2021.
- [C8] **Soravit Changpinyo**, Piyush Sharma, Nan Ding, Radu Soricut. Conceptual 12M: Pushing Web-Scale Image-Text Pre-Training To Recognize Long-Tail Visual Concepts. *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 2021.
- [C7] Jordi Pont-Tuset, Jasper Uijlings, **Soravit Changpinyo**, Radu Soricut, Vittorio Ferrari. Connecting Vision and Language with Localized Narratives. *European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)*, 2020.  
**Oral spotlight presentation, 5.1% acceptance rate**
- [C6] **Soravit Changpinyo**, Bo Pang, Piyush Sharma, Radu Soricut. Decoupled Box Proposal and Featurization with Ultrafine-Grained Semantic Labels Improve Image Captioning and Visual Question Answering. *Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing and International Joint Conference on Natural Language Processing (EMNLP-IJCNLP)*, 2019.
- [C5] **Soravit Changpinyo**, Hexiang Hu, Fei Sha. Multi-Task Learning for Sequence Tagging: An Empirical Study. *International Conference on Computational Linguistics (COLING)*, 2018.
- [C4] **Soravit Changpinyo**, Wei-Lun Chao, Fei Sha. Predicting Visual Exemplars of Unseen Classes for Zero-shot Learning. *IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)*, 2017.
- [C3] Wei-Lun Chao\*, **Soravit Changpinyo\***, Boqing Gong, Fei Sha. An Empirical Study and Analysis of Generalized Zero-Shot Learning for Object Recognition in the Wild. *European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)*, 2016.

**Oral spotlight presentation, 4.9% acceptance rate**

- [C2] **Soravit Changpinyo\***, Wei-Lun Chao\*, Boqing Gong, Fei Sha. Synthesized Classifiers for Zero-Shot Learning. *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 2016.

**Oral presentation, 3.9% acceptance rate**

- [C1] **Soravit Changpinyo\***, Kuan Liu\*, Fei Sha. Similarity Component Analysis. *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS)*, 2013.

**Pre-prints and Technical Reports**

- [P5] Michal Yarom\*, Yonatan Bitton\*, **Soravit Changpinyo**, Roei Aharoni, Jonathan Herzig, Oran Lang, Eran Ofek, Idan Szepkter. What You See is What You Read? Improving Text-Image Alignment Evaluation. *arXiv*, 2023.
- [P4] Yang Chen, Hexiang Hu, Yi Luan, Haitian Sun, **Soravit Changpinyo**, Alan Ritter, Ming-Wei Chang. Can Pre-trained Vision and Language Models Answer Visual Information-Seeking Questions? *arXiv*, 2023.
- [P3] **Soravit Changpinyo**, Linting Xue, Idan Szepkter, Ashish V. Thapliyal, Julien Amelot, Michal Yarom, Xi Chen, Radu Soricut. MaXM: Towards Multilingual Visual Question Answering. *arXiv*, 2022.
- [P2] Jihyung Kil, **Soravit Changpinyo**, Xi Chen, Hexiang Hu, Sebastian Goodman, Wei-Lun Chao, Radu Soricut. PreSTU: Pre-Training for Scene-Text Understanding. *arXiv*, 2022.
- [P1] **Soravit Changpinyo**, Mark Sandler, Andrey Zhmoginov. The Power of Sparsity in Convolutional Neural Networks. *arXiv*, 2017.