

# Serina Chang

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EDUCATION	<b>Stanford University</b> , Stanford, CA Ph.D. candidate, Computer Science Advised by Prof. Jure Leskovec and Prof. Johan Ugander	2019-present
	<b>Columbia University</b> , New York, NY B.A., Computer Science, concentration in Sociology, <i>magna cum laude</i> Advised by Prof. Kathleen McKeown GPA: 3.97/4.00, Dean's List (all semesters)	2015-2019
HONORS	<b>Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher Award</b> , Computing Research Association	2019
	<b>Graduate Research Fellowship</b> , National Science Foundation	2019
	<b>The Finch Family Fellowship</b> , Stanford University, School of Engineering	2019
	<b>Phi Beta Kappa</b> , Columbia University	2019
	<b>Theodore R. Bashkow Award</b> , Columbia University, Computer Science	2019
	<b>Academic Excellence Award</b> , Columbia University, Computer Science	2019
	<b>Collegiate Award Finalist</b> , National Center for Women and Information Technology	2018
PUBLICATIONS	<b>King's Crown Leadership Award, Innovation and Enhancement</b> , Columbia University	2018
	*indicates co-first authorship.	
	[1] <b>Serina Chang*</b> , Emma Pierson*, Pang Wei Koh*, Jaline Gerardin, Beth Redbird, David Grusky, and Jure Leskovec. <a href="#">Mobility network models of COVID-19 explain inequities and inform reopening</a> . <i>Nature</i> , 2020. Also presented at <i>NeurIPS 2020 ML for Health Workshop</i> and <i>Networks 2021</i> (oral). Coverage in 300+ news outlets, including The New York Times, The Washington Post, Bloomberg, CNN, Fox Business, Wired, NPR, The Telegraph, MIT Technology Review, and Nature News.	
	[2] <b>Serina Chang</b> and Kathleen McKeown. <a href="#">Automatically inferring gender associations from language</a> . <i>EMNLP</i> , 2019. Oral presentation.	
	[3] <b>Serina Chang</b> , Ruiqi Zhong, Ethan Adams, Fei-Tzin Lee, Siddharth Varia, Desmond Patton, William Frey, Chris Kedzie, and Kathleen McKeown. <a href="#">Detecting gang-involved escalation on social media using context</a> . <i>EMNLP</i> , 2018. Oral presentation.	
WORKING PAPERS	[4] Jessica Ouyang, <b>Serina Chang</b> , and Kathleen McKeown. <a href="#">Crowd-sourced iterative annotation for narrative summarization corpora</a> . <i>EACL</i> , 2017. Oral presentation.	
	[1] <b>Serina Chang</b> and Johan Ugander. To recommend or not? A model-based comparison of item-matching processes. 2021.	
	[2] <b>Serina Chang</b> , Mandy L. Wilson, Bryan Lewis, Zakaria Mehrab, Komal K. Dudakiya, Emma Pierson, Pang Wei Koh, Jaline Gerardin, Beth Redbird, David Grusky, Madhav Marathe, and Jure Leskovec. <a href="#">Supporting COVID-19 policy response with large-scale mobility-based modeling</a> . 2021.	
	[3] Kyle Kawagoe*, Mark Rychnovsky*, <b>Serina Chang</b> , Greg Huber, Lucy M. Li, Jonathan Miller, Reuven Pnini, Boris Veytsman, and David Yllanes. <a href="#">How much do superspreaders matter? Epidemic dynamics in inhomogeneous populations</a> . 2021.	
	[4] <b>Serina Chang</b> . <a href="#">Disentangling word association in distributional semantics with WordNet</a> . 2019.	
TEACHING & MENTORSHIP	<b>Research mentor</b> , Stanford University	2020-present
	▪ Mentoring 3 students in Prof. Leskovec's lab on research projects related to COVID-19 modeling and mobility	
	<b>Mentor</b> , Stanford Computer Science, Undergraduate Mentoring Program	2020-present
	▪ Mentoring an undergraduate student in Computer Science on research, classes, and career paths	
	<b>Instructor</b> , Girls Who Code, Summer Immersion Program	2019
WORKSHOP ORGANIZER	▪ Served as the primary teacher for a classroom of 20 high school girls	
	▪ Taught a 7-week curriculum including Python, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and Arduino	
<b>Workshop organizer</b> , NYC Digital Humanities Week		2019

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ “Beyond Bechdel: Using Computation to Analyze Gender in Film,” co-organized and co-taught with Kara Schechtman</li> <li>▪ Introduced techniques in natural language processing and data science to analyze movies; provided sample code and data</li> </ul>	
	<b>Instructional assistant</b> , Columbia University, Data Structures in Java (COMS 3134)	2017
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Led discussion sections, held weekly office hours, and graded assignments and exams</li> </ul>	
	<b>Peer tutor</b> , Columbia University, Computer Science Theory (COMS 3261)	2017
<b>INVITED TALKS</b>	OECD-ODISSEI Webinar on Open Data Infrastructure	2021
	Stanford University, Networks (MS&E 135)	2021
	Harvard-BCH Machine Learning Club	2021
	Stanford San Diego Alumni Club, Speaker Event	2021
	NeurIPS, COVID-19 Symposium	2020
	AI Science Spotlight Series	2020
	Placekey Community Seminar	2020
	Stanford University, Stats ML Retreat	2020
	Columbia University, NLP Seminar	2019
	Columbia University, Emerging Scholars Program (COMS 1404)	2018
<b>WORK EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>Software Engineering Intern</b> , Google, Geo Assistant	2018
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Built a new, user-facing feature for Google Search and Assistant</li> <li>▪ Implemented backend to parse queries in Search and optimize accuracy in the feature’s triggering patterns</li> <li>▪ Worked with UX designer and PM to create frontend for the feature</li> </ul>	
	<b>Engineering Practicum Intern</b> , Google, Search Site Reliability Engineering (SRE)	2017
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Improved internal tools for monitoring and tracking requests to Google Now</li> </ul>	
<b>LEADERSHIP</b>	<b>Lean In at Columbia</b> , Columbia University	2016-2019
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Co-President (2017-2018); Senior Advisor (2018-2019)</li> <li>▪ Grew active membership by 5x to reach over 100 committed members attending weekly meetings</li> <li>▪ Founded a mentorship program that connected over 70 students to young professionals in the city</li> <li>▪ Organized the first Lean In at CU conference, sponsored by Microsoft, Facebook, IBM, and others</li> </ul>	
	<b>Womxn in CS (WiCS)</b> , Columbia University	2016-2019
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Academic Chair (2016-2019)</li> <li>▪ Founded WiCS Lightning Talks, a series for student researchers to share their research with student audiences</li> <li>▪ Organized panels with faculty and mentorship events with upperclassmen to help students navigate academics in CS</li> </ul>	
	<b>Intercollegiate Chamber Music Festival (ICMF)</b> , NYC	2017-2019
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Co-founded and co-produced with Cindy Liu and Dean Deng, in collaboration with the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center; the festival has just finished its fourth successful year</li> <li>▪ ICMF is an annual, weekend-long music festival that celebrates the talent and passion of collegiate chamber musicians</li> <li>▪ Events include a performers’ showcase at Lincoln Center, masterclasses with world-renowned artists, and visionary talks with industry leaders</li> </ul>	
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>Music Performance Program (MPP)</b> , Columbia University	2015-2019
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Took lessons in chamber music and piano</li> <li>▪ Selected 3 times to perform in MPP’s end-of-year concert at Carnegie Weill Hall</li> </ul>	
	<b>Precollege Program</b> , Manhattan School of Music (MSM)	2003-2015
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Took lessons in piano, violin, chamber music, orchestra, music theory, and ear training</li> <li>▪ Recipient of the Rosetta Goodkind Scholarship and the Ralph Zola Scholarship</li> <li>▪ Multi-time winner of MSM’s concerto and chamber music competitions</li> <li>▪ Featured on NPR’s <i>From The Top</i> (2012); recipient of the National Young Arts Foundation Merit Award (2013); winner of international piano competitions including American Protege, American Fine Arts Festival, and New York International Artists Association</li> </ul>	