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ACADEMIC POSITIONS	University of California, Berkeley , Berkeley, CA Assistant Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (50%), UCSF UC Berkeley Joint Program in Computational Precision Health (50%) Microsoft Research , New York, NY Postdoctoral Researcher, Computational Social Science group	2025-present 2024-2025
EDUCATION	Stanford University , Stanford, CA Ph.D., Computer Science <i>Advisors:</i> Jure Leskovec, Johan Ugander; <i>Thesis committee:</i> Dan Jurafsky, Eric Horvitz <i>Dissertation:</i> “Computational Methods for Human Networks and High-Stakes Decisions” Columbia University , New York, NY B.A., Computer Science (major), Sociology (concentration), <i>magna cum laude</i> <i>Advisor:</i> Kathleen McKeown	2019-2024 2015-2019
HONORS	Forbes 30 under 30 (United States, Healthcare) ACM SIGKDD Dissertation Award Google Research Scholar Award Rising Stars in Data Science, University of Chicago and University of California San Diego EECS Rising Stars, Georgia Institute of Technology Future Faculty Symposium Scholar, Cornell University Meta PhD Fellowship, Computational Social Science ACM SIGKDD 2021 Best Paper Award, Applied Data Science Track Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation The Finch Family Fellowship, Stanford University, School of Engineering Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher Award, Computing Research Association Phi Beta Kappa, Columbia University Theodore R. Bashkow Award, Columbia University, Computer Science Academic Excellence Award, Columbia University, Computer Science King’s Crown Leadership Award, Innovation and Enhancement, Columbia University Dean’s List (all semesters), Columbia University	2026 2025 2025 2023 2023 2023 2022 2021 2019 2019 2019 2019 2019 2019 2019 2018 2015-2019

PAPERS

*indicates co-first authorship.

- [22] What Do Large Language Models Know About Opinions?
Erfan Jahanparast, Zhiqing Hong, and **Serina Chang**
Under review
- [21] **Rethinking LLM Human Simulation: When a Graph is What You Need**
Joseph Suh, Suhong Moon, and **Serina Chang**
Under review
- [20] **Valid Survey Simulations with Limited Human Data: The Roles of Prompting, Fine-Tuning, and Rectification**
Stefan Krsteski, Giuseppe Russo, **Serina Chang**, Robert West, and Kristina Gligorić
Under review
- [19] Same Event, Different Truths: How Next-Generation Social Media Platforms Reframe Political Events
Mao Li, Xinyi Chen, and **Serina Chang**
Under review
- [18] **ChatBench: From Static Benchmarks to Human-AI Evaluation**
Serina Chang, Ashton Anderson, and Jake Hofman
ACL 2025 (main)

- [17] [Language Model Fine-Tuning on Scaled Survey Data for Predicting Distributions of Public Opinions](#)
 Joseph Suh*, Erfan Jahanparast*, Suhong Moon*, Minwoo Kang*, and **Serina Chang**
 ACL 2025 (main)
 Also presented at American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR) Conference 2025 (oral)
 and the Social Sim and NLPOR Workshops at COLM 2025
- [16] [LLMs generate structurally realistic social networks but overestimate political homophily](#)
Serina Chang*, Alicja Chaszczewicz*, Emma Wang, Maya Josifovska, Emma Pierson, and Jure Leskovec
 ICWSM 2025
 Also presented at IC²S² 2024 as **Plenary Talk** (2.8% of submissions)
- [15] [Learning production functions for supply chains with graph neural networks](#)
Serina Chang, Zhiyin Lin, Benjamin Yan, Swapnil Bembde, Qi Xiu, Chi Heem Wong, Yu Qin, Frank Kloster, Xi Luo, Raj Palleti, and Jure Leskovec
 AAAI 2025 (oral, 4.9% of submissions)
 Also presented at Stanford Graph Learning Workshop 2023 and Stanford Causal Science Conference 2023
- [14] [Artificial intelligence for modelling infectious disease epidemics](#)
 Moritz U. G. Kraemer*, Joseph L.-H. Tsui*, **Serina Chang***, Spyros Lytras, Mark P. Khurana, Samantha Vanderslott, Sumali Bajaj, Neil Scheidwasser, Jacob Liam Curran-Sebastian, ..., and Samir Bhatt
Nature 2025
- [13] [Measuring vaccination coverage and concerns of vaccine holdouts from web search logs](#)
Serina Chang, Adam Fournier, and Eric Horvitz
Nature Communications 2024
 Also presented at KDD 2023 Workshop on Epidemiology Meets Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery (oral); KDD 2023 Workshop on Data Science for Social Good (oral); IC²S² 2024 (oral)
- [12] [Inferring dynamic networks from marginals with iterative proportional fitting](#)
Serina Chang*, Frederic Koehler*, Zhaonan Qu*, Jure Leskovec, and Johan Ugander
 ICML 2024
 Also presented at *Learning on Graphs* 2023
- [11] [Estimating geographic spillover effects of COVID-19 policies from large-scale mobility networks](#)
Serina Chang, Damir Vrabac, Jure Leskovec, and Johan Ugander
 AAAI 2023
 Also presented at KDD 2022 Workshop on Data-driven Humanitarian Mapping and Policymaking (oral); IC²S² 2022
- [10] [Computational analysis of 140 years of US political speeches reveals more positive but increasingly polarized framing of immigration](#)
 Dallas Card, **Serina Chang**, Chris Becker, Julia Mendelsohn, Rob Voigt, Leah Boustan, Ran Abramitzky, and Dan Jurafsky
PNAS 2022
 Also presented at *Conference on New Directions in Analyzing Text as Data* (TADA) 2021 (oral)
- [9] [To recommend or not? A model-based comparison of item-matching processes](#)
Serina Chang and Johan Ugander
 ICWSM 2022 (oral)
 Also presented at IC²S² 2021 (oral)
- [8] [Data-driven real-time strategic placement of mobile vaccine distribution sites](#)
 Zakaria Mehrab, Mandy Wilson, **Serina Chang**, Galen Harrison, Bryan L. Lewis, Alex Tellionis, Justin Crowe, Dennis Kim, Scott Spillman, Kate Peters, Jure Leskovec, and Madhav Marathe
 IAAI 2022
- [7] [Supporting COVID-19 policy response with large-scale mobility-based modeling](#)
Serina Chang, Mandy Wilson, Bryan Lewis, Zakaria Mehrab, Komal K. Dudakiya, Emma Pierson, Pang Wei Koh, Jaline Gerardin, Beth Redbird, David Grusky, Madhav Marathe, and Jure Leskovec
 KDD 2021 (oral)
Best Paper Award, Applied Data Science Track (1 out of 705 submissions)

- [6] [Mobility network models of COVID-19 explain inequities and inform reopening](#)
Serina Chang*, Emma Pierson*, Pang Wei Koh*, Jaline Gerardin, Beth Redbird, David Grusky, and Jure Leskovec
Nature 2021
Also presented at Networks 2021 (oral); NeurIPS 2020 COVID-19 Symposium (invited talk); NeurIPS 2020 Machine Learning for Health Workshop
Coverage in 650+ news outlets, including *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*; ranked as #3 most online impact among 901 similar-age papers published by *Nature* ([metrics](#))
- [5] [Epidemic dynamics in inhomogeneous populations and the role of superspreaders](#)
Kyle Kawagoe*, Mark Rychnovsky*, **Serina Chang**, Greg Huber, Lucy M. Li, Jonathan Miller, Reuven Pnini, Boris Veysman, and David Yllanes
Physical Review Research 2021
- [4] The socioeconomic mobility gap: disparities in the COVID-19 pandemic
Maya Josifovska, **Serina Chang**, and Jure Leskovec
Presented at IC²S² 2021
- [3] [Automatically inferring gender associations from language](#)
Serina Chang and Kathleen McKeown
EMNLP 2019 (oral, short paper)
- [2] [Detecting gang-involved escalation on social media using context](#)
Serina Chang, Ruiqi Zhong, Ethan Adams, Fei-Tzin Lee, Siddharth Varia, Desmond Patton, William Frey, Chris Kedzie, and Kathleen McKeown
EMNLP 2018 (oral, long paper)
- [1] [Crowd-sourced iterative annotation for narrative summarization corpora](#)
Jessica Ouyang, **Serina Chang**, and Kathleen McKeown
EACL 2017 (oral, short paper)

INVITED TALKS		
	UC Berkeley Demography Brown Bag Series	2026
	UVA Workshop on Social Contagions, Artificial Intelligence, and Democracy (Keynote)	2025
	NeurIPS Workshop on LLM Persona Modeling (Keynote)	2025
	Conference on AI and Statistics, ISU and National Institute of Statistical Sciences (Plenary)	2025
	WHO Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence Innovation Forum	2025
	UC Berkeley EECS Colloquium	2025
	EPINEXT: Next-gen Methods for Data-Rich Epidemic Models (satellite of CCS2025)	2025
	UC Berkeley Biostatistics Seminar	2025
	Frontiers in Computational Health, Berkeley, CA	2025
	CHI 2025 Panels, “Opportunities and Challenges of Applying LLM-Simulated Data to HCI Studies”	2025
	Princeton, Machine Behavior (COS 598B)	2025
	UCSF, Deep Learning for Biological and Clinical Research (BMI/BioE 212)	2025
	Stanford, AI Agents and Simulations (CS 222)	2024
	MIT, Initiative on Digital Economy (IDE) Seminar	2024
	Learning on Graphs Conference, NYC Meetup	2024
	UC Berkeley, Computational Precision Health Doctoral Seminar	2024
	CMU, AI and Emerging Economies (Course 94-894)	2024
	Cornell Tech, Urban Data (INFO 5430)	2024
	Public Health Insight Podcast	2024
	Oxford, Networks Seminar	2024
	Stanford, Big Data Methods for Behavioral, Social, and Population Health Research (EPI 270)	2024
	CMU School of Computer Science, Machine Learning Department	2024
	UC Berkeley, EECS Department & Computational Precision Health	2024
	University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Department of Computer Science	2024
	AAAI'24 Workshop on Graphs and More Complex Structures for Learning and Reasoning	2024
	University of Washington, Paul G. Allen School of Computer Science & Engineering	2024
	Microsoft Research NYC, Computational Social Science	2024
	Columbia Business School, Decision, Risk, and Operations Division	2024
	Cornell, Departments of Computer Science & Information Science	2023

Johns Hopkins, Department of Computer Science	2023
MIT, Department of Political Science & Schwarzman College of Computing	2023
NYU Stern School of Business, Department of Technology, Operations, and Statistics	2023
Learning on Graphs Conference, Stanford Meetup	2023
Northeastern, Network Science Institute Seminar	2023
Cornell Tech, Applied Data Science: Decision-Making Beyond Prediction (ORIE 5355)	2023
Stanford, Graph Learning Workshop	2023
Columbia, Analysis of Networks and Crowds (COMS 6998)	2023
Cornell Tech, Data Science for Social Change (CS 6382)	2023
NSF Predictive Intelligence for Pandemic Prevention (PIPP), PandEval Research Team	2023
NIH National COVID Cohort Collaborative (N3C), Machine Learning Seminar	2023
Stanford, Algorithmic Fairness Seminar	2023
Stanford, Networks (MS&E 135)	2023
Meta, Computational Social Science Seminar	2023
Stanford, Introduction to Computational Social Science (MS&E 231)	2022
Stanford, Fundamental Concepts in MS&E (MS&E 302)	2022
OECD-ODISSEI Webinar on Open Data Infrastructure	2021
Data Science Connect Conference	2021
March for Science Podcast	2021
PathCheck Global Health Innovators Seminar	2021
Diaries of Social Data Research Podcast	2021
NeurIPS, COVID-19 Symposium	2020
AI Science Spotlight Series	2020
Global Pervasive Computational Epidemiology Seminar	2020
The Octavian Report Podcast	2020
Placekey Community Seminar	2020
Stanford, Stats ML Retreat	2020

WORK EXPERIENCE	AI Advisor , United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)	2024
	▪ Served as AI Advisor on “Project Vision: AI Unveils Tomorrow”, which seeks to use AI to analyze how countries are responding to impending risks (e.g., climate change, pandemics, democratic backsliding) and adapting their development strategies	
	Research Intern , Microsoft Research	2022-2024
	▪ Developed graph ML methods to mine search logs and derive public health insights. See Chang, Fourney, and Horvitz, “Measuring vaccination coverage and concerns of vaccine holdouts from web search logs”, <i>Nature Communications</i> (2024).	
	Software Engineering Intern , Google, Geo Assistant	2018
	▪ Built a new, user-facing feature for Google Search and Assistant; implemented changes from backend to frontend	
	Engineering Practicum Intern , Google, Search Site Reliability Engineering (SRE)	2017
	▪ Improved internal tools for monitoring and tracking requests to Google Now	
TEACHING	Instructor , UC Berkeley, Machine Learning and Human Behavior (CS294-286)	2025
	▪ This is a new graduate-level CS course that I created with projects, paper readings, and paper presentations	
	▪ Course material explores the intersection of ML and human behavior, including modeling human behaviors with ML, algorithmically infused societies (e.g., recommender systems), and human-AI interaction	
	Head course assistant (CA) , Stanford University, Machine Learning with Graphs (CS224W)	2021
	▪ Managed team of 9 CAs and class of around 300 students; oversaw lecture slides, assignments, exams, and final projects	
	▪ Course material covers the foundations and state-of-the-art of machine learning with graphs, including representation learning, graph neural networks, reasoning over knowledge graphs, and algorithms for large-scale networks	
	Instructor , Girls Who Code, Summer Immersion Program	2019
	▪ 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	
	Instructional assistant , Columbia University, Data Structures in Java (COMS 3134)	2017
	▪ Led discussion sections, held weekly office hours, and graded assignments and exams	
	Peer tutor , Columbia University, Computer Science Theory (COMS 3261)	2017

ADVISING	Advising as Faculty, UC Berkeley <i>PhD:</i> Joseph Suh (Berkeley EECS, co-advised with John Canny), Zhiqing Hong (Berkeley visiting student from Rutgers CS) <i>Master's:</i> Jessie Li (Berkeley Biostatistics) <i>Undergraduate:</i> Murari Ganesan, Erfan Jahanparast, Steven Luo, Jonathan Ngai (Berkeley)
	Research mentees during PhD, Stanford University <i>PhD:</i> Alicja Chaszczewicz (Stanford CS), Jordan Troutman (Stanford CS) <i>Master's:</i> Damir Vrabac (Stanford CS) <i>Undergraduate:</i> Zhiyin Lin, Daisuke Masuda, Emma Wang, Benjamin Yan (Stanford); Maya Josifovska (UCLA)
SERVICE	
	Organization
	Co-Organizer, NeurIPS Workshop on Behavioral Machine Learning 2024
	Co-Organizer, KDD Workshop on Epidemiology meets Data Mining and Knowledge discovery 2024
	Program Chair, Machine Learning for Health (ML4H) 2023
	Co-Organizer, KDD Workshop on Data Science for Social Good 2023
	Panel Moderator, KDD Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) Day 2023
	Faculty Search Committee, Stanford Data Science and School of Engineering 2023
	Organizer, NYC Digital Humanities Week, Using Computation to Analyze Gender in Film 2019
	Journal reviewer
	Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS) 2025
	The New England Journal of Medicine AI (NEJM AI) 2024
	Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS) 2024
	Science Advances 2023
	Nature Human Behaviour 2022
	American Journal of Sociology 2021
	ACM Transactions on Spatial Algorithms and Systems 2021
	npj Urban Sustainability 2021
	Conference reviewer
	Machine Learning for Health, Area Chair 2025
	AAAI, Special Track on AI for Social Impact, Senior Program Committee 2025
	ACL Rolling Review 2025
	UIST 2025
	WWW 2025
	AAAI 2025
	Machine Learning for Health 2024
	International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC ² S ²) 2024
	KDD, epiDAMIK Workshop 2024
	AAAI 2024
	EMLNP 2024
	Machine Learning for Health 2023
	ACL Rolling Review 2023
	ICWSM 2023
	KDD, epiDAMIK Workshop 2023
	KDD, Data Science for Social Good Workshop 2023
	ACL Rolling Review 2022
	Machine Learning for Health 2022
	ACL, NLP for Positive Impact Workshop 2022
	KDD, epiDAMIK Workshop 2022
	ACL-IJCNLP 2021
	Machine Learning for Health 2021
	ACL, NLP for Positive Impact Workshop 2021
	ICLR, AI for Public Health Workshop 2021

Mentorship

Machine Learning for Health (ML4H), Career Mentorship Program	2025
IJCNLP-AACL Student Research Workshop, Mentor	2025
International Conference for Computational Social Science (IC ² S ²), Mentor	2024
Stanford Computer Science, CURIS (undergraduate summer research), Mentor	2023
Machine Learning for Health (ML4H), Career Mentorship Program	2023
Stanford Computer Science, Undergraduate Mentoring Program	2022
Stanford Engineering, Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, Mentor	2021