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Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology	2016.9 – 2022.5
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Ph.D., Electrical Engineering and Computer Science GPA: 5.0/5.0

Advisors: Regina Barzilay, Tommi Jaakkola

Tsinghua University	2012.9 – 2016.6
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B.Eng., Computer Science and Technology GPA: 93.8/100

Special Pilot CS Class (Yao Class), supervised by Andrew C. Yao (Turing Award 2000)

Research Interests

Natural Language Processing, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Deep Learning

Experience

Google DeepMind	2024.9 – Present
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Research Scientist

Character.AI	2024.7 – 2024.9
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Member of Technical Staff

University of Washington	2022.7 – 2024.7
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Postdoctoral Scholar

Hosts: Yejin Choi, Zaid Harchaoui

Princeton NLP Group	2020.6 – 2020.9
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Visiting Student

Host: Karthik Narasimhan

Facebook AI Research	2018.6 – 2018.8
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Research Intern

Mentor: Marc'Aurelio Ranzato

Microsoft Research Asia	2016.2 – 2016.7
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Research Intern, Knowledge Computing Group

Mentor: Chin-Yew Lin

Microsoft Research Asia	2014.6 – 2014.12
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Research Intern, Visual Computing Group

Mentor: Jingdong Wang

Publications

(* denotes equal contribution)

- **FiLM: Fill-in Language Models for Any-Order Generation**

Tianxiao Shen, Hao Peng, Ruoqi Shen, Yao Fu, Zaid Harchaoui, Yejin Choi
Preprint, 2023.

- **Generating Sequences by Learning to [Self-]Correct**

Sean Welleck*, Ximing Lu*, Peter West, Faeze Brahman, Tianxiao Shen, Daniel Khashabi, Yejin Choi
International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2023.

- **Text Style Transfer with Confounders**

Tianxiao Shen, Regina Barzilay, Tommi Jaakkola
Preprint, 2022.

- **Controlling Directions Orthogonal to a Classifier**

Yilun Xu, Hao He, Tianxiao Shen, Tommi Jaakkola
International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2022. **Spotlight**

- **Blank Language Models**

Tianxiao Shen*, Victor Quach*, Regina Barzilay, Tommi Jaakkola
Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), 2020.

- **Educating Text Autoencoders: Latent Representation Guidance via Denoising**

Tianxiao Shen, Jonas Mueller, Regina Barzilay, Tommi Jaakkola
International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2020.

- **Learning to Make Generalizable and Diverse Predictions for Retrosynthesis**

Benson Chen, Tianxiao Shen, Regina Barzilay, Tommi Jaakkola
Preprint, 2019.

- **Mixture Models for Diverse Machine Translation: Tricks of the Trade**

Tianxiao Shen*, Myle Ott*, Michael Auli, Marc’Aurelio Ranzato
International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2019. **Long talk**

- **Style Transfer from Non-Parallel Text by Cross-Alignment**

Tianxiao Shen, Tao Lei, Regina Barzilay, Tommi Jaakkola
Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2017. **Spotlight**

- **Making Dependency Labeling Simple, Fast and Accurate**

Tianxiao Shen, Tao Lei, Regina Barzilay
North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL), 2016.

Invited Talks

- **Fill-in Language Models**

Guest lecture at UIUC CS 598 Efficiency in NLP, Nov 2023

- **Text Style Transfer with Confounders**

NetMIT, Oct 2021

IBM, Sep 2021

MIT JRP on “Next Generation NLP Technologies for Low Resource Tasks”, Jun 2021

- **Blank Language Models**

AI Time, Dec 2020

Princeton NLP, Aug 2020

MIT Computational Psycholinguistics Lab, Jul 2020

- **Educating Text Autoencoders: Latent Representation Guidance via Denoising**

MIT MLTea, Jul 2020

IIIS-Haihua Frontier Seminar Series, Tsinghua University, Jul 2019

- **Mixture Models for Diverse Machine Translation**

AI Research Week, MIT-IBM Watson AI Lab, Sep 2019

Microsoft Research AI Breakthroughs workshop, Sep 2019

- **Language Style Transfer**

Harvard Applied Statistics Seminar, Mar 2018

NetMIT, Mar 2018

Twitter Cambridge, Dec 2017

Harvard NLP, Nov 2017

Guest lecture at MIT 6.864 Advanced Natural Language Processing, Nov 2017

MIT Machine Learning Tea, Oct 2017

Service

Conference reviewing: NeurIPS 2019, 2021, 2022, ICML 2019, 2020, 2021, ICLR 2021, 2022, AAAI 2019, AISTATS 2022, CoNLL 2020, Workshop on DeepGenStruct at ICLR 2019

Mentoring: Women in Machine Learning workshop at NeurIPS 2017

Skills

Languages and tools: Python, C, C++, Java, MATLAB, LaTeX, Shell, Git, Slurm

Libraries: PyTorch, Tensorflow, JAX, Transformers, Lightning, Jupyter

Selected Awards and Honors

D. E. Shaw Fellowship	2017
WeTech Qualcomm Global Scholarship	2015
Finalist, Top-Grade Scholarship (10 best undergraduate students a year), Tsinghua University	2015
12.9 Scholarship, Tsinghua University	2015
Chinese Team Candidate (top 6), International Olympiad in Informatics (IOI)	2012
Best Female Contestant, Silver Medal, Chinese National Olympiad in Informatics (NOI)	2011