# Tian-Yi Zhou (she/her)

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RESEARCH **INTERESTS**  Deep learning theory, statistical learning theory, approximation theory, anomaly detection, functional data analysis, computational social science

**EDUCATION** 

Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA

Ph.D. in Machine Learning, GPA: 4.00/4.00

August 2020 - May 2025 (expected)

- H. Milton Stewart School of Industrial and Systems Engineering (ISyE)
- Advisor: Xiaoming Huo
- Minor in Operations Research

The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR

Sep 2016 - June 2020

**B.Sc. in Statistics**, First Class Honors

• Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science

University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

Jan 2019 - June 2019

Exchange Student, Major in Statistics

**PUBLICATIONS** 

Classification of Unbounded Data generated by Gaussian Mixture Models via Deep ReLU Networks. (2024)

Tian-Yi Zhou, Xiaoming Huo.

Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR) 25(190): 1-54, 2024.

 ARC(Algorithms & Randomness Center)-ACO(Algorithms, Combinatorics, and Optimization) Fellowship, Georgia Tech (2023)

Learning Ability of Interpolating Deep Convolutional Neural Network. (2024)

Tian-yi Zhou, Xiaoming Huo.

Applied and Computational Harmonic Analysis (ACHA) 68 (2024): 101582.

- Second Place, The 13th American Institute of Mathematical Sciences (AIMS) Student Paper Competition (2023)
- Selected to present at Association for Women in Mathematics (AWM) Research Symposium (2023) (1 out of 35 female PhD students selected nationwide)
- Runner-up, Alice and John Jarvis Ph.D. Student Paper Competition, Georgia Tech (2022)

Approximation and nonparametric estimation of functions over high-dimensional spheres via deep ReLU networks. (2023)

Namjoon Suh, Tian-Yi Zhou, Xiaoming Huo. ICLR 2023.

Gone with the weed: incidents of adolescent marijuana use in the United States, 1976-2021. (2023) Gu, Jiaxin, Xin Guo, Xiaoxi Liu, Yue Yuan, Yushu Zhu, Minheng Chen, Tian-Yi Zhou, Qiang Fu. Annals of Epidemiology 88 (2023): 23-29.

Modified Poisson Regression Analysis of Grouped and Right-censored Counts. (2021)

Qiang Fu, **Tian-yi Zhou**, Xin Guo.

Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series A 184(4): 1347-1367.

#### **PREPRINTS**

# Optimal Classification-based Anomaly Detection by Neural Networks: Theory and Practice in Cybersecurity. (2024+)

**Tian-Yi Zhou\***, Matthew Lau\*, Jizhou Chen, Wenke Lee, Xiaoming Huo. Submitted to a Journal.

# Approximation of RKHS Functionals by Neural Networks. (2024+)

Tian-Yi Zhou, Namjoon Suh, Guang Cheng, Xiaoming Huo.

Under revision at Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR).

# Drink like a Man? Modified Poisson Analysis of Adolescent Binge Drinking in the US, 1976–2022. (2024+)

Jiaxin Gu, Minheng Chen, Xin Guo, Yushu Zhu, **Tian-Yi Zhou**, Yue Yuan, Qiang Fu. **Under revision** at **Social Science & Medicine**. (manuscript available upon request)

# HONORS AND AWARDS

Margaret and Stephen Kendrick Research Fellowship, Georgia Tech
 (Awarded annually to one Ph.D. student for research in machine learning and analytics)

PhD mentoring service award, Georgia Tech 2023-2024

Selected to Present at Cornell Young Researchers Workshop

Selected to present at Association for Women in Mathematics (AWM) Research Symposium 2023

 Second Place in Student Paper Competition, The 13th American Institute of Mathematical Science (AIMS) Conference

Selected Participant, FutureBAProf Workshop, Tippie College of Business, University of Iowa

 ♣ ARC-ACO Fellowship, Georgia Tech
 2023

P Runner-up, Alice and John Jarvis Ph.D. Student Paper Competition, Georgia Tech 2022

Stewart Fellowship, Georgia Tech 2020-2021

Overseas Research Fellowship, Columbia University

(Supported by: Faculty of Science, The University of Hong Kong) 2019

Wong Shek Yung Student Enrichment Award, The University of Hong Kong 2019

Dean's Honors List, The University of Hong Kong 2016-2017, 2017-2018

Dean's Honors List, University of California, Los Angeles Spring 2019

#### TRAVEL AWARDS

Travel Award for attending "Statistics in the Age of AI" conference

2024

SIAM Travel Award (Special W. Randolph Fund Recipient)

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2024

2023

2023

The 13th AIMS Conference Travel Award (Supported by NSF)

2023

Graduate Student Travel Award, College of Engineering and Student Government Association, Georgia Tech 2023

# RECENT INVITED

# Seminar Talk at the Department of Mathematics

TALKS University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR

December 2024 (scheduled)

Talk: "Classification of Unbounded Data by Gaussian Mixture Models

via Deep ReLU Networks"

# Joint Meeting of the New Zealand, Australian and American Mathematical Societies

Auckland, New Zealand December 2024 (scheduled)

Talk: "Optimal Unsupervised Anomaly Detection by Neural Networks: Theory and Practice in Cybersecurity"

## Seminar Talk at the Department of Mathematics

Universität Bayreuth, Bayreuth, Germany

November 2024 (scheduled)

Talk: "Optimal Unsupervised Anomaly Detection by Neural Networks: Theory and Practice in Cybersecurity"

#### **SIAM Seminar**

Georgia Institute of Technology

November 2024 (scheduled)

Talk: "Optimal Unsupervised Anomaly Detection by Neural Networks: Theory and Practice in Cybersecurity"

## **INFORMS Annual Meeting 2024**

Seattle, WA

October 2024 (scheduled)

Talk: "Classification of Unbounded Data by Gaussian Mixture Models via Deep ReLU Networks"

#### ML@GT Student Conference

Georgia Institute of Technology

August 2024

Talk: "Optimal Unsupervised Anomaly Detection by Neural Networks: Theory and Practice in Cybersecurity"

#### Statistics and Data Science Seminar

University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia

July 2024

Talk: "Optimal Unsupervised Anomaly Detection by Neural Networks: Theory and Practice in Cybersecurity"

## ACTION AI Institute Annual Review and Knowledge Expo (Lightening talk & Poster)

UC Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, California

June 2024

Talk: "Optimal Unsupervised Anomaly Detection by Neural Networks: Theory and Practice in Cybersecurity"

# "Statistics in the Age of AI" conference (poster)

The George Washington University, Washington, DC

May 2024

Talk: "Classification of Unbounded Data generated by Gaussian Mixture Models via Deep ReLU Networks"

### **Analysis and Data Science Seminar**

SUNY Albany, Albany, NY

April 2024

Talk: "Classification of Unbounded Data generated by Gaussian Mixture Models via Deep ReLU Networks"

# Southeast Applied and Computational Mathematics Workshop

Georgia Institute of Technology

April 2024

Talk: "Approximation of RKHS Functionals by Neural Networks"

#### SIAM Conference on Parallel Processing for Scientific Computing (PP24)

Baltimore, MD

March 2024

Talk: "Classification of Unbounded Data generated by Gaussian Mixture Models via Deep ReLU Networks"

#### **SIAM Seminar**

Georgia Institute of Technology

October 2023

Talk: "Classification of Unbounded Data generated by Gaussian Mixture Models via Deep ReLU Networks"

**Cornell Young Researchers Workshop 2023 (Poster)** 

October 2023 Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

Poster: "Learning Ability of Interpolating Deep Convolutional Neural Network"

The 2023 Association for Women in Mathematics (AWM) Research Symposium

Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta, GA September 2023

Talk: "Learning Ability of Interpolating Deep Convolutional Neural Network"

Algorithms & Randomness Center (ARC) Colloquium

Georgia Institute of Technology September 2023

Talk: "Classification of Unbounded Data by Gaussian Mixture Models

via Deep ReLU Networks"

10th International Congress on Industrial and Applied Mathematics (ICIAM 2023)

Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan August 2023

Talk: "Learning Ability of Interpolating Deep Convolutional Neural Network"

The 13th American Institute of Mathematical Science (AIMS) Conference

Wilmington, NC June 2023

Talk: "Learning Ability of Interpolating Deep Convolutional Neural Network"

**TEACHING** Graduate Teaching Assistant, ISyE, Georgia Tech ISyE/CEE 3770 Statistics and Applications EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science,

The University of Hong Kong Spring 2020

STAT 2601 Statistics and Probability I

"Survival Cantonese" Tutor, Center of Development and Resources for Students,

2016-2017 The University of Hong Kong

Conduct 1-to-1 Cantonese tutoring sessions for non-local students

PROFESSIONAL

**Reviewer:** 

Conferences: NeurIPS, ICLR, AISTATS **SERVICE** 

Journals: Bernoulli, Journal of Complexity, Journal of Approximation Theory

**Institutional Service:** 

Co-organisor, ISyE Student Seminar, Georgia Tech 2024-2025

2023 Co-organisor, SIAM Seminar, Georgia Tech

Secretary, SIAM Student Chapter, Georgia Tech 2023, 2024

2023 Reviewer, President's Undergraduate Research Awards, Georgia Tech

Co-organisor, "Machine Learning + Dynamics" Seminar, School of Mathematics, Georgia Tech 2023

Ph.D. Mentor, ISyE Ph.D. peer mentoring program, Georgia Tech 2022-2023, 2023-2024

Outreach:

Volunteer, Georgia Science Olympiad State Tournament, Atlanta, GA 2023

Exam Writer and Grader, AP Statistics competition, Georgia Tech 2023

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Fall 2020, Spring 2021