

# 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	<b>Georgia Institute of Technology</b> , Atlanta, GA <b>Ph.D. in Machine Learning</b> August 2020 - May 2025 (expected) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• H. Milton Stewart School of Industrial and Systems Engineering (ISyE)</li><li>• Advisor: Xiaoming Huo</li><li>• Minor in Operations Research</li></ul> <b>The University of Hong Kong</b> , Hong Kong SAR Sep 2016 - June 2020 <b>B.Sc. in Statistics, First Class Honors</b> <b>University of California, Los Angeles</b> , Los Angeles, CA Jan 2019 - June 2019 Exchange Student, Study Mathematics and Statistics	
PUBLICATIONS	<b>Classification of Unbounded Data Generated by Gaussian Mixture Models via Deep ReLU Networks.</b> (2024) Tian-Yi Zhou, Xiaoming Huo. <b>Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR) 25(190): 1–54, 2024.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">ARC(Algorithms &amp; Randomness Center)-ACO(Algorithms, Combinatorics, and Optimization) Fellowship, Georgia Tech (2023)</a></li></ul> <b>Learning Ability of Interpolating Deep Convolutional Neural Network.</b> (2024) Tian-yi Zhou, Xiaoming Huo. <b>Applied and Computational Harmonic Analysis (ACHA) 68 (2024): 101582.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Second Place, The 13th American Institute of Mathematical Sciences (AIMS) Student Paper Competition (2023)</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Selected to present at Association for Women in Mathematics (AWM) Research Symposium (2023) (1 out of 35 female PhD students selected nationwide)</a></li><li>• <a href="#">Runner-up, Alice and John Jarvis Ph.D. Student Paper Competition, Georgia Tech (2022)</a></li></ul> <b>Approximation and Non-parametric Estimation of Functions over High-dimensional Spheres via Deep ReLU Networks.</b> (2023) Namjoon Suh, Tian-Yi Zhou, Xiaoming Huo. <b>International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) 2023.</b> <b>Gone with the Weed: Incidents of Adolescent Marijuana Use in the United States, 1976–2021.</b> (2023) Gu, Jiaxin, Xin Guo, Xiaoxi Liu, Yue Yuan, Yushu Zhu, Minheng Chen, Tian-Yi Zhou, Qiang Fu. <b>Annals of Epidemiology 88 (2023): 23-29.</b> <b>Modified Poisson Regression Analysis of Grouped and Right-censored Counts.</b> (2021) Qiang Fu, Tian-yi Zhou, Xin Guo. <b>Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series A 184(4): 1347-1367.</b>	

## 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.

Under review at Annals of Applied Statistics .

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

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

Under revision for 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 2023-2024  
(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 2023
- 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 2023
- Selected Participant, FutureBAProf Workshop, Tippie College of Business, University of Iowa 2023
- 🏆 ARC-ACO Fellowship, Georgia Tech 2023  
(Institute-wide scholarship to support research in high-impact cross-disciplinary data science)
- 🏆 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) 2024
- 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 TALKS

- Seminar Talk at the Department of Mathematics**  
University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR December 2024 (scheduled)  
Talk: "Approximation of RKHS Functionals by Neural 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 generated 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"

	<b>Cornell Young Researchers Workshop 2023 (Poster)</b> Cornell University, Ithaca, NY Poster: "Learning Ability of Interpolating Deep Convolutional Neural Network"	October 2023
	<b>The 2023 Association for Women in Mathematics (AWM) Research Symposium</b> Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta, GA Talk: "Learning Ability of Interpolating Deep Convolutional Neural Network"	September 2023
	<b>Algorithms &amp; Randomness Center (ARC) Colloquium</b> Georgia Institute of Technology Talk: "Classification of Unbounded Data by Gaussian Mixture Models via Deep ReLU Networks"	September 2023
	<b>10th International Congress on Industrial and Applied Mathematics (ICIAM 2023)</b> Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan Talk: "Learning Ability of Interpolating Deep Convolutional Neural Network"	August 2023
	<b>The 13th American Institute of Mathematical Science (AIMS) Conference</b> Wilmington, NC Talk: "Learning Ability of Interpolating Deep Convolutional Neural Network"	June 2023
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<b>Graduate Teaching Assistant</b> , ISyE, Georgia Tech <i>ISyE/CEE 3770 Statistics and Applications</i>	Fall 2020, Spring 2021
	<b>Undergraduate Teaching Assistant</b> , Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science, The University of Hong Kong <i>STAT 2601 Statistics and Probability I</i>	Spring 2020
	<b>"Survival Cantonese" Tutor</b> , Center of Development and Resources for Students, The University of Hong Kong <i>Conduct 1-to-1 Cantonese tutoring sessions to international students</i>	2016-2017
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	<b>Reviewer:</b> <b>Conferences:</b> NeurIPS, ICLR, AISTATS <b>Journals:</b> Journal of the American Statistical Association (JASA), Bernoulli, Journal of Complexity, Journal of Approximation Theory	
	<b>Institutional Service:</b> Co-organisator, ISyE Student Seminar, Georgia Tech	2024-2025
	Co-organisator, SIAM Seminar, Georgia Tech	2023
	Secretary, SIAM Student Chapter, Georgia Tech	2023, 2024
	Reviewer, President's Undergraduate Research Awards, Georgia Tech	2023
	Co-organisator, "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
	<b>Outreach:</b> Volunteer, Georgia Science Olympiad State Tournament, Atlanta, GA	2023
	Exam Writer and Grader, AP Statistics competition, Georgia Tech	2023
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