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Research Interests

Social Computing, Human-Computer Interaction, Computational Social Science

Education

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
Ph.D. in Information Science
Advised by Eric Gilbert

Sept. 2018 - Present

Korea University, Seoul, Republic of Korea
B.B.A. in Business Administration
B.S. in Computer Science and Engineering

Mar. 2013 - Aug. 2018

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA
Undergraduate special student program (non-degree, full-time enrollment)

Sept. 2016 - May 2017

Employment

Airbnb, San Francisco, CA
Research Intern Recipient 2020, Internship deferred due to COVID-19

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
Research Assistant, Teaching Assistant

Sept. 2018 - Present

Publications

Proceedings and Journals

[c4] **Jane Im**, Eshwar Chandrasekharan, Jackson Sargent, Paige Lighthammer, Taylor Denby, Ankit Bhargava, Libby Hemphill, David Jurgens, Eric Gilbert. Still Out There: Modeling and Identifying Russian Troll Accounts on Twitter. *ACM Conference on Web Science (WebSci 2020)*.

[c3] **Jane Im**, Sonali Tandon, Eshwar Chandrasekharan, Taylor Denby, Eric Gilbert. Synthesized Social Signals: Computationally-Derived Social Signals from Account Histories. *ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI 2020)*. Honolulu, HI. April 2020.

[c2] **Jane Im**, Amy X. Zhang, Christopher J. Schilling, David Karger. Deliberation and Resolution on Wikipedia: A Case Study of Request for Comments. *ACM Conference on Computer Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing (CSCW 2018)*. New York, NY. November 2018.

[c1] **Jane Im**, Paul Medlock-Walton, Mike Tissenbaum. App Inventor VR Editor for Computational Thinking. *Computational Thinking in Education Conference (CTE 2017)*. Hong Kong. June 2017.

Posters, Demos, and Workshop Papers

[w2] **Jane Im**, Jeeyoon Hyun, Jill Dimond, Melody Berton, Eric Gilbert. Building Social Platforms around Affirmative Consent. *Moving Forward Together: Effective Activism For Change Workshop at ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI 2020)*. Honolulu, HI. April 2020. Workshop Paper.

[w1] **Jane Im**. Non-consensual Images & Videos and Consent in Social Media. *Sensitive Research, Practice, and Design in HCI Workshop at ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI 2019)*. Glasgow, UK. May 2019. Workshop Paper.

Awards & Scholarships

Rackham Conference Travel Grant 2020
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

School of Information Conference Travel Grant 2018, 2019, 2020
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

2017 Annual Soft Robotics Competitions 1st prize in Design Sept. 2016 - Dec. 2016
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Big Data Analytics Competition 3rd Prize Dec. 2014 - Mar. 2015
SK Telecom, Seoul, Republic of Korea

Korea University Honor Scholarships 2014 spring & fall, 2015 fall
Honors Scholarships, 33% of tuition covered for 2014 spring, 50% of tuition covered for 2015 fall
Best Honors Scholarships, tuition fully covered for 2014 fall

Research Experience

comp.social, University of Michigan Sept. 2018 - Present
Research Assistant

- Currently investigating i) how interpersonal consent can be defined in the context of social platforms and ii) how social platforms can be designed with interpersonal consent at its core.
- Built *Sig*, a Chrome extension that computes and renders synthesized social signals (S3s) on social platforms. S3s are social signals computationally derived from an account's history, and then rendered onto the profile. Unlike conventional signals such as profile bios, S3s use computational summarization to reduce receiver costs of getting information from post history and raise the cost of faking signals (under submission at CHI 2020).
- Built ML models to identify potential Russian trolls on Twitter, using an unbalanced dataset of 2.2K Russian troll accounts released by Twitter and 170K control accounts.

Haystack Group, MIT Apr. 2017 - June 2017
Undergraduate Research (Remotely collaborated until April, 2018)

- Investigated how various factors affect the outcome of Request for Comments (RfC), a deliberative discussion on Wikipedia, by building machine learning models.
- Analyzed interviews with RfC participants to find ways to overcome tensions within the RfC system.

MIT App Inventor, MIT Oct. 2016 - May 2017
Undergraduate Research

- Enabled novice programmers to create modular code in the App Inventor, by developing customized blocks within the system that can execute any functions of an imported API.
- Implemented virtual reality (VR) blocks in the App Inventor to help novice users build VR apps.

Soft Active Materials Lab, MIT
Undergraduate Research

Sept. 2016 - Feb. 2017

- Developed 3D printing based soft robotic hands with stand-alone actuation and control system.
- Implemented the software interface for precise 3D printing for advanced soft materials.

Teaching Experience

SI 539: Web Design, Development, and Accessibility, University of Michigan
Graduate Student Instructor

Winter 2020

- A graduate course providing hands-on approach to learning responsive, accessible front-end programming for Web Design. Topics covered include HTML5, CSS3 (including Bootstrap framework), JavaScript, and the POUR design principles of accessible design.
- Leading 2 discussion sections per week.

SI 339: Web Design, Development, and Accessibility, University of Michigan
Graduate Student Instructor

Fall 2019

- An undergraduate course providing hands-on approach to learning responsive, accessible front-end programming for Web Design. Topics covered include HTML5, CSS3 (including Bootstrap framework), JavaScript, and the POUR design principles of accessible design.
- Led 2 discussion sections per week.

Selected Press

Predictive Model Identifies Wikipedia Arguments that Will Never Get Resolved.
Campus Technology. Dian Schaffhauser. Nov 27, 2018.

A Third of Wikipedia Discussions Are Stuck in Forever Beefs.
Vice Motherboard. Samantha Cole. Nov 7, 2018.

Presentations

Invited Talks

Wikimedia Showcase, Wikimedia Foundation

Sept. 2018

Deliberation and Resolution on Wikipedia: A Case Study of Requests for Comments

Seminar Talks

IAR Seminar, University of Michigan School of Information

Sept. 2018

Deliberation and Resolution on Wikipedia: A Case Study of Requests for Comments

Other Talks

EECS 598 Human-Computer Interaction Guest Presentation, University of Michigan

Apr. 2020

Synthesized Social Signals: Computationally-Derived Social Signals from Account Histories.

PhD Recruitment Flash Talk, University of Michigan School of Information

Feb. 2019

Still Out There: Modeling and Identifying Russian Troll Accounts on Twitter

Academic Mentoring

Paige Lighthammer, University of Michigan (Undergraduate)	Sept. 2018 - Apr. 2019
Jackson Sargent, University of Michigan (Undergraduate)	Sept. 2018 - Apr. 2019
Ankit Bhargava, University of Michigan (Undergraduate)	Sept. 2018 - Apr. 2019
Taylor Denby, University of Michigan (Undergraduate)	Sept. 2018 - Aug. 2019
Sonali Tandon, University of Michigan (Masters)	Sept. 2018 - Apr. 2019
Katherine Mustelier, University of Michigan (Undergraduate)	March. 2020 - current

Service

Review

ACM CHI Late-Breaking Work	2020
ACM CSCW full paper	2019
IEE ICDM full paper	2019

Leadership

Doctoral Executive Committee (DEC)	Fall 2019 - Winter 2020
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Coursework

Data Mining, Doctoral Foundations Seminar, Human-AI Interaction, Human-Computer Interaction, Qualitative Research Methods, Interpretivist Theories in Computer-Supported Cooperative Work/Social Computing, Research Methods

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