# Zijie (Jay) Wang

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# RESEARCH INTERESTS

Machine Learning interpretability, fairness and security, visual analytics, and biomedical image analysis.

# **EDUCATION**

Aug 2019 to Present | Georgia Institute

Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA

Ph.D. in Machine Learning

Advisor: Polo Chau

Sept 2015 to May 2019 | University of Wisconsin - Madison, Madison, WI

Bachelor of Science (B.S.)

Majors: Computer Sciences (Honors), Statistics (Honors), Mathematics

Overall GPA: 3.95/4.00

# RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Dec 2017 to Aug 2019 Madison, WI  ${\it Undergraduate~Researcher~at~Morgridge~Institute~for~Research}$ 

Advisor: Anthony Gitter

CELL IMAGE CLASSIFICATION

- Classify T-cell and breast cancer cell types using fluorescent images
- Compare and analyze various classifiers: logistic regression, fully connected neural network, convolutional neural network and transfer learning
- Interpret feature representations from different learning layers in the transfer learning model

## CELL PAINTING AND DRUG DISCOVERY

- Analyze about 1 million 5-channel cell-painting images of bone tumor cells
- Explore latent space between the image space and chemical molecule space
- Study how to remove batch effects of microscopy images at scale

Feb 2017 to Dec 2017 Madison, WI

 $Research\ Assistant\ {\it at}\ {\it Electrical}\ {\it and}\ {\it Computer}\ {\it Engineering}\ {\it Department}\ {\it Advisor}$ : Yu Hen Hu

VIDEO OBJECT TRACKING

- Study how to track car driver's head position and orientation from low-quality traffic video
- Develop semi-automatic video annotation software with Viola-Jones frontal face detector for training object tracking algorithms

#### FACIAL REENACTMENT

- $\bullet$  Implement real-time face tracking algorithms on iOS devices
- Train a facial reenactment model using GANs and port it to iOS devices

# Paper Under Review

**Zijie J. Wang**, Alex J. Walsh, Melissa C. Skala, Anthony Gitter. *bioRxiv 2019*. Classifying T cell activity in autofluorescence intensity images with convolutional neural networks.

## POSTER PRESENTATION AND TALK

- Zijie J. Wang, Alex J. Walsh, Melissa C. Skala, Anthony Gitter. Classifying T cell activity with convolutional neural networks. (Presented in ISCB GLBIO 2019)
- **Zijie J. Wang**, Alex J. Walsh, Melissa C. Skala, Anthony Gitter. Using Transfer Learning to Classify Breast Cancer Cells with Fluorescence Imaging.(Presented in UW-Madison Undergraduate Symposium 2018)
- **Zijie J. Wang**, Tiffany Heaster, Quan Yin, Alex J. Walsh, Melissa C. Skala, Anthony Gitter. Classifying T cell activity with convolutional neural networks. (Presented in UW–Madison Senior Honors Thesis Symposium 2018)

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Jan 2019 to May 2019 Madison, WI Peer Mentor at UW-Madison Computer Sciences

- Undergraduate teaching assistant for Computer Graphics (CS 559)
- Help professor create course notes and weekly assignments
- Host office hours and answer student questions on Piazza

Jan 2016 to Jan 2017 Madison, WI Tutor at Greater University Tutoring Service

- Instruct peers one-on-one in programming and math problems for three hours weekly
- Lead review sections to help students study for calculus exams

Nov 2016 to May 2017 Madison, WI

Tutor at Division of Diversity, Equity and Educational Achievement

- Mentor undergraduate students in DDEEA programs for Data Structure course
- Design two worksheets and give detailed solutions every week

# AWARDS AND GRANTS

June 2018

#### Honors Senior Thesis Summer Research Grant

A research grant funding students to undertake more demanding and extensive senior thesis research projects

June 2017

#### Welton Summer Sophomore Apprenticeship

A research grant awarded to talented students to participate in actual, cutting-edge research

## Course Projects

Spring 2018

#### **Group Assignment Optimization**

Instructor: Laurent Lessard

- Course project for Introduction to Optimization, selected as the best project
- Design a mixed integer quadratic programming model to help Professor Ben Liblit improve group assignment in his Software Engineering class

Spring 2017

#### Madison Restaurant Yelp Ratings Prediction

Instructor: Hyunseung Kang

- Course project for Applied Regression Analysis, won the in-class Kaggle Challenge
- Use Yelp comment texts to predict the categorical rating
- Explore multiple models including neural network with GloVe word representation

# Programming Skills

Languages: Python, R, Julia, JavaScript, Swift, LATEX, C++, C, SQL Packages: Tensorflow, Keras, D3.js, scikit-learn, OpenCV, CellProfiler