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EDUCATION

North Carolina State University Raleigh, NC
Ph.D. Computer Science *Aug 2019 - Jul 2024*

- Advisor: *Dr. Tim Menzies*
- Dissertation: *Guidelines for the Application of Neural Technologies in Software Analytics (or: How to Do More with Less in SE)*

PES University Bangalore, India
B.E. Computer Science – Advisor: Dr. Snehanshu Saha *Aug 2015 - May 2019*

EMPLOYMENT

LexisNexis Legal & Professional Raleigh, NC
Senior Data Scientist I *May 2024 - Present*

- **Performance improvements:** Improved customer-facing product runtime by 24.8% and reduced peak memory usage duration by 21.3%.
- **Drafting improvements:** Helped improve complaint drafting results by 115% and motion drafting by 28.4% of usefulness.
- **Workflow improvement:** Led initiative to use Bayesian optimization for prompt tuning.
- **Innovation:** Developed fast passage filtering approach based on contrastive loss and tabu search.
- **Technology:** Python, Litestar, React, TypeScript, Tailwind

North Carolina State University Raleigh, NC
PhD Student *Aug 2019 - Jul 2024*

- **State-of-the-art hyper-parameter optimization:** Proposed a novel hyper-parameter optimization method that outperforms prior SOTA and is 36.4% faster.
- **Better, faster deep learning for SE:** Improved defect prediction by up to 123% (F-1 score), code smell detection by up to 30% (AUC), issue lifetime prediction by up to 76% (accuracy), automated microservice partitioning by up to 285% (modularity) compared to prior SOTA.
- **Semi-supervised learning:** Achieved state-of-the-art results (up to 100% improvement in AUC) on static code warnings analysis using 10% of the labels.
- **Teaching:** Teaching assistant for 830 students in total, over 5 semesters, for CSC 230 (C and Software Tools), CSC 510 (Software Engineering), and CSC 591/791 (Automated Software Engineering)

Amazon New York, NY / Bellevue, WA
Software Dev Engineer Intern *May 2023 - Aug 2023*

- Implemented profile locks for Prime Video on Echo Show devices.
- **Technology:** React Native, TypeScript

Software Dev Engineer Intern *May 2022 - Jul 2022*

- Developed a full-stack system to publish announcements in scorecards used by delivery service partners (DSPs).
- **Technology:** React/Redux, TypeScript, Redux Saga, DynamoDB, Java Spring

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

See full list on Google Scholar.

1. **Yedida, R.**, & Menzies, T. (2025). Is Hyper-Parameter Optimization Different for Software Analytics? *IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering, doi: 10.1109/TSE.2025.3550103.*

2. Baldassarre, M. T., Ernst, N., Hermann, B., Menzies, T., & **Yedida, R.** (2023). (Re)use of Research Results (is Rampant). *Communications of the ACM, 66(2), 75-81.*

3. **Yedida, R.**, Kang, H. J., Tu, K., Lo, D., & Menzies, T. (2023). How to Find Actionable Static Analysis Warnings: A Case Study with FindBugs. *IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering, 49(4), 2856-2872.*

4. **Yedida, R.**, Krishna, R., Kalia, A., Menzies, T., Xiao, J., & Vukovic, M. (2023). An Expert System for Redesigning Software for Cloud Applications. *Expert Systems with Applications, 219, 119673.*

5. **Yedida, R.**, Menzies, T. (2022). How to Improve Deep Learning for Software Analytics (a case study with code smell detection). In *2022 IEEE/ACM 19th International Conference on Mining Software Repositories (MSR).*

Funding

$5,000, Google Cloud Academic Research Grant, Feb 2022

Service to Profession

Guest Editor, IEEE Software SI: The Impact of AI on Productivity and Code 2025; ASEj SI: Replications and Negative Results (RENE) 2025; EMSE SI: Replications and Negative Results (RENE) 2025

Co-Chair, ASE 2025 Workshop on Intelligent Software Engineering; ASE 2024 Workshop on Replications and Negative Results (RENE)

PC Member, ICSE 2026; AI Foundation Models and Software Engineering (FORGE) 2024; ICSME Artifact Evaluation Track, 2021-2023; ASE Artifact Evaluation Track, 2022; International Conference on Modeling, Machine Learning, and Astronomy (MMLA), 2019

Reviewer, EMSE 2021, 2025; ASEj 2025; AAAI 2025; NeurIPS 2023; ICML 2024-2025; ICLR 2024-2025; NCAA 2023-2025; TMLR 2024; Neural Processing Letters 2023-2024; Artificial Intelligence Review 2023; Journal of Big Data, 2023; ASE 2023; IEEE SSCI 2020

Honors and Awards

Mar 2025 - Present - Google Developer Expert (2025) - ML and GCP

Oct 2022 - Mar 2025 - Google Cloud Champion Innovator - Cloud AI/ML

Feb 2022 - Google Cloud Research Innovator

Relevant Projects

RAG Agent for Zotero Oct 2024 - Present
Rust, SQLite *GitHub*

WIP: Building a PDF parser and a RAG agent for academic papers by linking to the user's Zotero library.

RAISE Aug 2020 - Present
Python, Keras *GitHub :: PyPI*

Sole developer for a PEP8-compliant, ML Python package used by our research lab and others for replicable results. Downloaded 49k times.

Google/Meta Data Mining Feb 2021 - May 2021
Python, Keras *GitHub*

Data science project to use Google Takeout and Meta user data to suggest products to advertise to a user from Amazon best-sellers using DistilGPT-2, and achieved 0.6 F-1 score.

Novel Drug Repurposing Hypotheses Oct 2019 - Feb 2020
Python, PyTorch *GitHub*

Identified novel drug repurposing hypotheses using text mining of radio transcripts, and verified results using a knowledge graph.

Personalized Chatbot May 2019 - May 2019
Python, Keras *GitHub*

Fine-tuned a GPT-2 345M model on 730k messages from Telegram logs to create a personalized chatbot.

Skills

Languages: Python, TypeScript, Java, Rust, C++, Gleam

Frameworks: Flask, Keras, PyTorch, Node.js, React

Databases: MySQL, MongoDB, DynamoDB

Cloud: Google Compute Engine, S3, Google Cloud Storage, EC2