

# YUJIAN LIU

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Large language model trustworthiness and security, diffusion models

## EDUCATION

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**University of California, Santa Barbara**, Santa Barbara, CA Sep 2022 - Now  
*Ph.D. student in Computer Science*, advised by **Prof. Shiyu Chang**

**University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**, Ann Arbor, MI Sep 2018 - May 2022  
*M.S. in Computer Science*, advised by **Prof. Lu Wang** and **Prof. Rada Mihalcea**  
*B.S. in Computer Science, Minor in Mathematics*  
GPA: 4.00/4.00

**Shanghai Jiao Tong University**, Shanghai, China Sep 2016 - Aug 2018  
*B.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering*  
GPA: 3.75/4.00

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**MIT-IBM Watson AI Lab**, Cambridge, MA Jun 2024 - Sep 2024  
*Research Intern*  
Primary mentor: Dr. Yang Zhang

**Adobe Research**, San Jose, CA Jun 2023 - Sep 2023  
*Research Intern*  
Primary mentor: Dr. Tong Yu

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Conference Publications

- [1] **Yujian Liu**, Yang Zhang, Tommi Jaakkola, and Shiyu Chang. “Revisiting Who’s Harry Potter: Towards Targeted Unlearning from a Causal Intervention Perspective”. **EMNLP, 2024**. [paper] [code].
- [2] Jiabao Ji, **Yujian Liu**, Yang Zhang, Gaowen Liu, Ramana Rao Kompella, Sijia Liu, and Shiyu Chang. “Reversing the Forget-Retain Objectives: An Efficient LLM Unlearning Framework from Logit Difference”. **NeurIPS, 2024**. [paper] [code].
- [3] Bairu Hou, **Yujian Liu**, Kaizhi Qian, Jacob Andreas, Shiyu Chang, and Yang Zhang. “Decomposing Uncertainty for Large Language Models through Input Clarification Ensembling”. **ICML, 2024, Oral** [paper] [code].
- [4] **Yujian Liu**, Yang Zhang, Tommi Jaakkola, and Shiyu Chang. “Correcting Diffusion Generation through Resampling”. **CVPR, 2024, Highlight**. [paper] [code].
- [5] Qiucheng\*, **Yujian Liu\***, Handong Zhao, Trung Bui, Zhe Lin, Yang Zhang, and Shiyu Chang. “Harnessing the Spatial-Temporal Attention of Diffusion Models for High-Fidelity Text-to-Image Synthesis”. **ICCV, 2023**. [paper] [code].
- [6] Qiucheng Wu, **Yujian Liu**, Handong Zhao, Ajinkya Kale, Trung Bui, Tong Yu, Zhe Lin, Yang Zhang, and Shiyu Chang. “Uncovering the Disentanglement Capability in Text-to-Image Diffusion Models”. **CVPR, 2023**. [paper] [code].
- [7] **Yujian Liu**, Xinliang Frederick Zhang, Kaijian Zou, Ruihong Huang, Nicholas Beauchamp, and Lu Wang. “All Things Considered: Detecting Partisan Events from News Media with Cross-Article Comparison”. **EMNLP, 2023**. [paper].

- [8] **Yujian Liu\***, Laura Biester\*, and Rada Mihalcea. “Improving Mental Health Classifier Generalization with Pre-Diagnosis Data”. **ICWSM, 2023**. [paper]
- [9] **Yujian Liu\***, Xinliang Frederick Zhang\*, David Wegsman, Nicholas Beauchamp, and Lu Wang. “POLITICS: Pretraining with Same-story Article Comparison for Ideology Prediction and Stance Detection”. **NAACL-Findings, 2022**. [paper] [code].

## Preprints

- [1] **Yujian Liu**, Yang Zhang, Tommi Jaakkola, and Shiyu Chang. “Revisiting Who’s Harry Potter: Towards Targeted Unlearning from a Causal Intervention Perspective”. **arXiv, 2024**. [paper] [code].
- [2] **Yujian Liu**, Jiabao Ji, Tong Yu, Ryan Rossi, Sungchul Kim, Handong Zhao, Ritwik Sinha, Yang Zhang, and Shiyu Chang. “Augment before You Try: Knowledge-Enhanced Table Question Answering via Table Expansion”. **arXiv, 2024**. [paper] [code].
- [3] Chung Hoon Hong, Yuan Liang , Sagnik Sinha Roy, Arushi Jain, Vihang Agarwal, Ryan Draves, Zhizhuo Zhou, William Chen, **Yujian Liu**, Martha Miracky, Lily Ge, Nikola Banovic, and David Jurgens. “Audrey: A Personalized Open-Domain Conversational Bot”. **arXiv, 2020**. [paper].

## TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP

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### Teaching

- **Teaching Assistant** at University of California, Santa Barbara Fall 2024, 2023  
Introduction to Deep Learning (CMPSC 190I)
- **Teaching Assistant** at University of California, Santa Barbara Fall 2022  
Machine Learning (CMPSC 165B)
- **Teaching Assistant** at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Winter 2022  
Introduction to Natural Language Processing (EECS 487)
- **Teaching Assistant** at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Winter 2021  
Applied Machine Learning for Affective Computing (EECS 498)

### Mentorship

- Early Research Scholars Program (University of California, Santa Barbara) Fall 2023-Spring 2024  
Undergraduate students: Lindsey Wen, Riya Gupta, Peiyang Song, Ethan Solomon  
Project: Uncertainty in large language models
- Early Research Scholars Program (University of California, Santa Barbara) Fall 2022-Spring 2023  
Undergraduate students: Liliana Nguyen, Hugo Lin, Shamita Gurusu, Edwin Yee, Wesley Truong  
Project: Automatic prompt generation for diffusion models
- Yifan Ke (Undergraduate at University of California, Santa Barbara) Fall 2022-Spring 2023  
Project: Pruning for vision transformers

## SELECTED AWARDS

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James B. Angell Scholar, University of Michigan: March 2020  
 University Honors, University of Michigan: Fall 2018 - Winter 2020  
 University of Michigan College of Engineering Dean’s Honor List: Fall 2018 - Winter 2020  
 SJTU Undergraduate Scholarship: Dec 2017