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# **Education**

#### 09.2023 - present

#### Ph.D. Student in the Halicioğlu Data Science Institute

University of California, San Diego, CA

- > Advisor : Tauhidur Rahman
- > Research: Applied Machine Learning, Multimodal Learning, Multitask Learning, Digital Health

#### 09.2021 - 05.2023

#### Master of Science in Computer Science

University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, MA GPA: 3.92/4.0

- > Advisor : Ina Fiterau Brostean | ☑ Information Fusion Lab
- > Courses Taken: Advanced Machine Learning, Neural Networks, Probabilistic Graphical Models, Reinforcement Learning, Advanced Natural Language Processing, Advanced IoT

### 09.2017 - 05.2021

#### Bachelor of Science in Computer Science | Bachelor of Science in Mathematics

University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, MA GPA: 3.84/4.0

> Machine Learning and Computing Specializations

# Fellowships, Scholarships, Awards, and Honors

2021 - 2023 Bay State Fellowship | Full Tuition Scholarship

2017 - 2021 Outstanding Undergraduate Course Assistant Award Chancellor's Award. UMass Amherst



### Publications

### 2023

## Personalized Student Stress Prediction with Hierarchical Multitask Learning, Nature Communications (Nat. Commun), Journal

#### Under Review

Yunfei Luo, Iman Deznabi, Abhinav Shaw, Tauhidur Rahman, and Madalina Fiterau Brostean

- > Proposed a novel approach to modeling the Multimodal data, got results that outperform SOTA
- > Modeled personalized and populational characteristics with Multitask Learning and Dynamic Clustering Method respectively
- > Evaluated the performance under cold-start setting, to support the robustness of our method Multi-modal | Fusion Methods | Mental Health | Machine Learning | Neural Networks | Time Series |

#### 2023

# Multi-task Learning on Tasks with Progressive Difficulties for Natural Language Processing, The SIGNLL Conference on Computational Natural Language Learning (CoNLL), Conference

#### **Under Review**

Yunfei Luo, Yuyang Liu, Rukai Cai

> Introducing sub-tasks with progressive difficulties to improve the performance on main task. Inspired by how people learn. Experimented on text classification, sentiment analysis, and argument mining Natural Language Processing | Multi-task Learning | Machine Learning | Neural Networks

#### 2023

### Agent Performing Autonomous Stock Trading under Good and Bad Situations, Al for Agent-Based Modelling (AI4ABM) in International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), Workshop Yunfei Luo, Zhangqi Duan

#### Accepted

> Researched and experimented with different reinforcement learning algorithms to train agents to perform stock trading. The methods are evaluated under scenarios with stable and non-stable market Natural Language Processing | Multi-task Learning | Machine Learning | Neural Networks

# Professional Experience

#### Summer 2022 to now

#### Machine Learning Engineering Intern, Center for Data Science, UMass Amherst

- > Developed platform for Building Segmentation and Damage Assessment based on Satellite Imagery
- > Integrated the Machine Learning pipeline along with User Interface for Imagery Fetching and Labelling
- > Worked as Research Assistant after internship

Computer Vision | Machine Learning | Disaster Response | Software Development | Full-Stack Development |

#### Summer 2020 to 06.2021

#### Data Engineering Intern, Institute for Applied Life Sciences, UMass Amherst

- > Built pipelines for fMRI data preprocessing and statistical analysis
- > Conducted Research and Experiments with Machine Learning models for Stroke Detection: Autoencoders, CNNs, and GANs
- > Worked as Undergraduate Research Assistant after internship

Machine Learning | fMRI | Data Preparation

# Ongoing Research Projects

## Satellite Imagery Based Building Segmentation and Damage Estimation. Machine Learning Research Project 06.2020 - now

> Conducted Research and Experiments with various Finetuning setting and Machine Learning techniques to support selections of final-deployed hyper-parameters and models Multimodal Data | Signal Processing | Mental Health | Machine Learning | Multitask Learning | Time Series

# Student Stress Prediction. Machine Learning Research Project

01 2020 - now

> Wrap up the manuscript, and work on applying the method to other datasets.

Multimodal Data | Signal Processing | Mental Health | Machine Learning | Multitask Learning | Time Series

## Learning to Drop: Regularization, Hyperparameter Tuning, and Feature Selection, All-in-One

09.2020 - 12.2022

- > Proposed a novel parametric Dropout based on Probabilistic Sampling. Searching for Conference/Workshop to submit.
- > Evaluate the method in various tasks: Image Classification, Matrix Missing Value Imputation of Psychological Survey Scores, Musical Genre Classification, and Wearable Sensor based Human Activity Recognition.

Machine Learning | Neural Networks | 🗹 GitHub Link of Imputation of Psychological Survey Scores | 🗗 GitHub Link of Musical Genre Classification



# Teaching Experience

#### Fall 2021 to Spring 2023

#### Graduate Teachinge Assistant, CICS, UMass Amherst

- > CS 311 Introduction to Algorithm in Fall 2021 and Spring 2023
- > CS 5900P Applied Numerical Optimization, and CS 108 Foundation of Data Science in Fall 2022
- > CS 220 Programming Methodology in Spring 2022
- > Held office hours, led weekly discussion sessions, graded course works, answered questions on course forum, attended weekly TA meeting for discussing the progress/improvements of the course

Javascript Algorithms Numerical Optimization Data Science Teaching

### Spring 2020 to Spring 2021

#### Undergraduate Course Assistant, CICS, UMass Amherst

- > CS 240 Reasoning under Uncertainty in Spring 2021, CS 311 Introduction to Algorithms in Fall 2020, CS 220 Programming Methodology in Spring 2020
- > Helped with weekly discussion session, graded course works, and answered questions on Piazza Javascript Algorithms Probability Teaching

# Professional Certifications

## IBM Artificial Intelligence Engineering Professional Certificate

- 2022 Neuroscience and Neuroimaging Specialization Certificate
- 2020 TensorFlow Developer Professional Certificate

# **66** References

#### Madalina Fiterau Brostean

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