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CURRENT POSITION

Messaging Productt ML Team, Meta Platforms Inc. <i>Research Scientist</i> (Manager: Chaorong Chen) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Improve user engagement on Messenger.	Menlo Park, CA, USA 06/2019—Present
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EDUCATION

University of Maryland <i>Ph.D. in Computer Science</i> Dissertation: Connecting Documents, Words, and Languages using Topic Models Co-Advisors: Prof. Philip Resnik and Prof. Jordan Boyd-Graber Dissertation Defended on May 9, 2019. Advanced to Candidacy on May 3, 2018. <i>M.Sc. in Computer Science</i>	College Park, MD, USA 08/2014—08/2019 08/2014—05/2017
Tsinghua University <i>B.Eng. in Computer Science & Technology</i> Honor: Excellent Bachelor's Thesis Award	Beijing, China 08/2009—07/2013

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

CLIP Lab, University of Maryland <i>Graduate Research Assistant</i> (Advisors: Philip Resnik and Jordan Boyd-Graber) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bayesian methods and computational linguistics in computational social science.	College Park, MD, USA 01/2015—05/2019
IAR Team, Tsinghua University <i>Undergraduate Research Assistant</i> (Advisor: Hua Xu) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Micro-blog user clustering using latent Dirichlet allocation.Hierarchical emotion classification and emotion component analysis on Chinese micro-blog posts.	Beijing, China 02/2013—03/2014
Artificial Intelligence Lab, Stanford University <i>Undergraduate Visiting Researcher</i> (Advisor: Andrew Ng) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Matlab library of basic matrix operations implemented in CUDA.Time-series modeling using deep learning.	Stanford, CA, USA 06/2012—08/2012
Information Retrieval Team, Tsinghua University <i>Undergraduate Research Assistant</i> (Advisor: Shaoping Ma) <ul style="list-style-type: none">Impact analysis of Sina Weibo users using PageRank.	Beijing, China 10/2011—12/2011

WORK EXPERIENCE

YouTube Engineering Team, Google Inc.

Software Engineering Intern (Mentor: Yundi Qian)

Mountain View, CA, USA

05/2018—08/2018

- YouTube video comments ranking using deep learning.

Comcast Labs

Research Intern (Mentor: Ferhan Ture)

Washington, DC, USA

05/2017—08/2017

- Representation learning of closed captions.

Data Science Team, FiscalNote Inc.

Data Science Intern (Mentor: Vladimir Eidelman)

Washington, DC, USA

06/2016—08/2016

- Authorization and citation link prediction between US statutes and regulations.
- Sentiment analysis and support/oppose classification on US regulation comments.

PUBLICATIONS

Weiwei Yang, Jordan Boyd-Graber, and Philip Resnik. **A Multilingual Topic Model for Learning Weighted Topic Links Across Corpora with Low Comparability**. Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing and International Joint Conference on Natural Language Processing (**EMNLP-IJCNLP**), 2019, Hong Kong SAR, China.

Weiwei Yang, Jordan Boyd-Graber, and Philip Resnik. **Adapting Topic Models using Lexical Associations with Tree Priors**. Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (**EMNLP**), 2017, Copenhagen, Denmark.

Lingzi Hong, **Weiwei Yang**, Philip Resnik, and Vanessa Frias-Martinez. **Uncovering Topic Dynamics of Social Media and News: The Case of Ferguson**. International Conference on Social Informatics (**SocInfo**), 2016, Bellevue, WA, USA.

Weiwei Yang, Jordan Boyd-Graber, and Philip Resnik. **A Discriminative Topic Model using Document Network Structure**. Association for Computational Linguistics (**ACL**), 2016, Berlin, Germany.

Weiwei Yang, Jordan Boyd-Graber, and Philip Resnik. **Birds of a Feather Linked Together: A Discriminative Topic Model using Link-based Priors**. Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (**EMNLP**), 2015, Lisbon, Portugal.

PRESENTATIONS

[Talk] **A Multilingual Topic Model for Learning Weighted Topic Links Across Corpora with Low Comparability**. Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing and International Joint Conference on Natural Language Processing (**EMNLP-IJCNLP**), Hong Kong SAR, China, November 5, 2019.

[Poster] **Adapting Topic Models using Lexical Associations with Tree Priors**. Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (**EMNLP**), Copenhagen, Denmark, September 10, 2017.

[Talk] **A Discriminative Topic Model using Document Network Structure**. Association for Computational Linguistics (**ACL**), Berlin, Germany, August 8, 2016.

[Poster] **Birds of a Feather in the Same Nest: A Discriminative Topic Model using Block-based Priors.** Mid-Atlantic Student Colloquium on Speech, Language, and Learning (**MASC-SLL**), Philadelphia, PA, USA, April 1, 2016.

[Poster] **Birds of a Feather Linked Together: A Discriminative Topic Model using Link-based Priors.** Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (**EMNLP**), Lisbon, Portugal, September 19, 2015.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Department of Computer Science, University of Maryland College Park, MD, USA
Graduate Teaching Assistant (Instructor: Evan Golub) Fall 2014
CMSC131 Object-Oriented Programming

Department of Computer Science & Technology, Tsinghua University Beijing, China
Undergraduate Teaching Assistant (Instructor: Junhui Deng) Spring 2011
30240184 Data Structures and Algorithms

HONORS AND AWARDS

Second Prize, Ghost Hunter Competition, Tsinghua University	05/2020
Dean's Fellowship, University of Maryland, College Park	09/2014
Excellent Bachelor's Thesis Award, Tsinghua University	06/2013
Scholarship for Progress in Study, Tsinghua University	09/2011
Memorial Award, Sohu Cup Artificial Intelligence Program Competition	05/2011
Group Champion, Ma Yuehan Cup Chess Competition, Tsinghua University	04/2010

SERVICES

Reviewer/External Reviewer

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|---|------------------------|
| • Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) | 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 |
| • Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP) | 2015, 2018, 2020 |
| • AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) | 2020 |
| • Conference on Computational Natural Language Learning (CoNLL) | 2018, 2019 |
| • North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL) | 2019 |
| • International Conference on Computational Linguistics (COLING) | 2018 |
| • Mid-Atlantic Student Colloquium on Speech, Language, and Learning (MASC-SLL) | 2018 |
| • European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL) | 2017 |

Student Volunteer

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| • Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) | 2016 |
| • Admission Office of Tsinghua University, Zhejiang Branch | 2013 |

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Python, Java, C/C++, L^AT_EX, Matlab