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INTERESTS

Algorithmic game theory and economics, fairness in algorithm design, differential privacy and its applications, computational social science, theoretical machine learning, mathematics of redistricting

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA

2016 - 2021 (expected)

Ph.D., Computer and Information Science

Thesis: Algorithmic Processes and Social Values

Advisor: Aaron Roth

Affiliations: Warren Center for Data & Network Science, Penn Research in Machine Learning, CS Theory Research Group

Colby College Waterville, ME

2012 - 2016

B.A., cum laude, Economics (Honors) and Mathematics

Thesis: Computational Simulation and Analysis of Landscape Conservation Auctions

Advisors: Timothy Hubbard and Sahan Dissanayake

Phi Beta Kappa, William D. Adams Presidential Scholar, Distinction in Economics

Minor: Computer Science

RESEARCH

Authors are listed alphabetically by surname

Geometry of Graph Partitions via Optimal Transport

In SIAM Journal on Scientific Computing, Vol. 42 Issue 5. Oct. 2020 with Tara Abrishami, Nestor Guillen, Parker Rule, Justin Solomon, Thomas Weighill, and Si Wu

Algorithms and Learning for Fair Portfolio Design

Manuscript: https://arxiv.org/abs/2006.07281

with Emily Diana, Travis Dick, Hadi Elzayn, Michael Kearns, Aaron Roth, Saeed Sharifi-Malvajerdi, and Juba Ziani

The Gerrymandering Jumble: Map Projections Permute Districts' Compactness Scores

In Cartography and Geographic Information Science, Vol. 3 Issue 46. May 2020 with Assaf Bar-Natan and Lorenzo Najt

Trade-Offs in Fair Redistricting

In Proceedings of the AAAI/ACM Conference on AI, Ethics, and Society (AIES), 2020

accepted with an oral presentation

Total Variation Isoperimetric Profiles

In SIAM Journal on Applied Algebra and Geometry, Vol. 3 Issue 4. Nov. 2020 with Daryl DeFord, Hugo Lavenant, and Justin Solomon

Equilibrium Characterization for Data Acquisition Games

In Proceedings of the 28th International Joint Conferences on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI), 2019

with Jinshuo Dong, Hadi Elzayn, Shahin Jabbari, and Michael Kearns

The Price of Privacy in the Keynesian Beauty Contest

In Proceedings of the ACM Conference on Economics and Computation (EC), 2019 with Hadi Elzayn

Fair Algorithms for Learning in Allocation Problems

In Proceedings of the ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency (FAT*), 2019

with Hadi Elzayn, Shahin Jabbari, Michael Kearns, Christopher Jung, Seth Neel, and Aaron Roth

Strategic Classification from Revealed Preferences

In Proceedings of the ACM Conference on Economics and Computation (EC), 2018 with Jinshuo Dong, Aaron Roth, Bo Waggoner, and Zhiwei Steven Wu appeared at the Workshop on Learning in the Presence of Strategic Behavior (NeurIPS 2017) as a long oral presentation

OTHER PROJECTS

Diffix Bug Bounty Program Winner

Executed three linear programming reconstruction attack on a supposedly privacy-preserving data analysis product, with Travis Dick and Matthew Joseph.

Coauthored a pair of blog posts on differentialprivacy.org with Aloni Cohen, Sasho Nikolov, and Jon Ullman

Available at https://differentialprivacy.org/reconstruction-theory/, https://differentialprivacy.org/diffix-attack/

GerryChain, Contributor

An open-source Python Markov Chain Monte Carlo sampler to generate ensembles of redistricting plans.

Available at https://github.com/mggg/GerryChain

District-Shortening Flow

An introduction to 'multiscale compactness' using curve-shortening flow.

Available at https://mggg.org/distflow

Redistricting Gridlandia

An gentle interactive introduction to the mathematics of redistricting.

Appeared in *Geometry v. Gerrymandering*, Moon Duchin *Scientific American*, Nov. 2018 Available at https://mggg.org/metagraph

ASSISTANT-SHIPS

Graduate Research Fellow Voting Rights Data Institute, MIT/Tufts Summer 2018 Worked on problems at the interface of mathematics, computing, and statistics with redistricting and voting rights with expert practitioners, faculty, and students from a range of disciplines.

Hosts: Moon Duchin (Tufts Mathematics) & Justin Solomon (MIT CSAIL)

TEACHING & MENTORSHIP

${\bf Voting\ Rights\ Data\ Institute\ Faculty},\ {\bf MIT/Tufts}$

Summer 2019

Co-led independent research groups of undergraduate and graduate students from various disciplinary backgrounds on topics at the intersection of mathematics, computing, and voting rights. Organized and co-taught a series of hands-on workshops introducing students to topics and techniques in optimization.

Independent Study

Michael Ramdatt, Quadratic Voting Analysis (with Bo Waggoner) Spring 2018

Teaching Assistantships

Algorithmic Game Theory (NETS 412), UPenn	Spring 2018
Networked Life (NETS 112), UPenn	Fall 2017
Game Theory (EC 379), Colby College	Spring 2016
Data Structures and Algorithms (CS 231), Colby College	Fall 2015
Computational Thinking (CS 151/152), Colby College	2014-2015

TALKS

Algorithms for Applied Large-Scale Differential Privacy

October 2020

Written Preliminary Exam Presentation

Algorithms, Fairness, and Redistricting

April 2020

Penn CIS Student Colloquium

Trade-Offs in Fair Redistricting

February 2020

AIES

Equilibrium Characterization for Data Acquisition Games

IJCAI

Introduction to the Metagraph of Districting Plans

June 2019

August 2019

Voting Rights Data Institute

Graphs, Geometry, and Gerrymanders

February 2019

University of Toronto Dept. of Mathematics Diet Graduate Seminar

Shape Analysis for Redistricting

February 2019

University of Toronto Dept. of Mathematics Hyperbolic Lunch Seminar

Computational Simulation and Analysis for Landscape Auctions May 2016 Honors Thesis Defense, Colby College Department of Economics

SERVICE

Conference Reviewing

NeurIPS Workshop on Machine Learning for Economic Policy 2020 (PC), AAAI 2020 (PC), ICML 2019, EC 2018

Department

Dean's Doctoral Advisory Board, Summer 2020 COVID-19 Communications Committee, Volunteer for applicant support program for prospective students from groups underrepresented in computing, Student representative on CIS doctoral requirements committee

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Python, C++, Julia, MATLAB, QGIS, Isadora,