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THE FUTURE OF AI CAN BE KIND

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🎓 Education

University of Washington   *Seattle, WA*

PHD IN INFORMATION SCIENCE NSF GRFP FELLOW   *Expected Graduation: June 2024*

- Advised by: Emma S. Spiro and Jevin West (Center for an Informed Public)
- Research: AI Education; Machine Learning Fairness; Algorithmic Harm Reduction

University of Rochester   *Rochester, NY*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COGNITIVE SCIENCE WITH HIGH DISTINCTION   *May 2016*

- Focus in Artificial Intelligence and Computer Science

🛠 Skills

Programming Languages	**Python**, **R**, **HTML/CSS**, **JavaScript**, bash, SQL, MongoDB, Java
Frameworks/Libraries/APIs	**scikit-learn**, **pandas**, xgboost, beautiful soup, tensorflow, pytorch-Transformers, pytorch-BERT, nltk, **ggplot**, **PushShift API**, Twitter API, AWS, **Amazon ML**, OpenAI API
Favorite ML Topics	Principal Component Analysis (dimensionality reduction), **Naive Bayes**, feature engineering, information theory, **recommender systems**, gradient descent
UX Research	quantitative and qualitative data collection, **statistical modeling and significance testing**, **NLP** analysis on user comments and reviews, user interviews, **usability testing**, **A/B testing**, research design, prototype engineering and evaluation, **survey design**, product walkthroughs
Web Development	**front end development**, JavaScript, mongodb, wireframing, responsive design, **user experience**, accessibility testing, debugging, evaluating, Amazon S3 and EC2, docker
Miscellaneous	Explaining ML algorithms to non-experts, **data visualization**, non-judgmental social advocacy, **professional learning materials**, **management skills**, workshops and community outreach

💡 Projects/Publications

***How Much Do You Care?*: Empirical Measures of Data Scientist Interest in AI Ethics**   *current work*

YIM REGISTER, DAN SCHNEIDER, EMMA S. SPIRO

Code.org Societal Impact of Generative AI Collaborative Game (link)   *2024*

YIM REGISTER, DAN SCHNEIDER, SARAH JUDD, CODE.ORG CURRICULUM TEAM   *Code.org AI and Machine Learning*

Beyond Initial Removal: **Lasting Impacts of Discriminatory Content Moderation to Marginalized Creators on Instagram**

2024

Yim Register, Izzi Grasso, et al.

CSCW '24 ACM SIGCHI Conference

Attached to "the Algorithm": **Making Sense of Algorithmic Precarity on Instagram (link)**

2023

Yim Register, Lucy Qin, Amanda Baughan, Emma S. Spiro

CHI '23: ACM CHI Conference

From Complaining to Explaining: **Classifying Complaints vs. Explanations of the Instagram Algorithm using NLP Methods and XGBoost**

2023

Yim Register, Nayan Kaushal, Xiaobing Xu, Joseph William Tan Garcia, Dev Wilder, Emma S. Spiro

Directed Research Group Project

AI education matters: Guiding our Future AI Leaders with Joy and Justice (link)

2022

Yim Register, Joseph William Tan Garcia, Nayan Kaushal, Dev Wilder, Xiaobing Xu

SIGAI AI Matters Volume 8 Issue 2

Model AI Assignments 2022 (link)

2022

Todd W. Neller, Jazmin Collins, Daniel Schneider, Yim Register et al.

EAAI '22: AAAI Conference

Developing Self-Advocacy Skills for Facebook Users through Machine Learning Education (link)

2022

Yim Register and Emma S. Spiro

ICWSM '22: AAAI Conference

It is Time for a More Critical CS Education (link)

2020

Amy J. Ko, Alannah Oleson, Mara Ryan, Yim Register, et al.

Communications of the ACM, Vol 63.11

Learning Machine Learning with Personal Data Helps Stakeholders Ground Advocacy Arguments in Model Mechanics (link)

2020

Yim Register and Amy J. Ko

ICER '20: ACM Conference

Data Science for Software Engineers

2019

Yim Register and Greg Wilson

RStudio

🧑‍💻 Experience

Code.org

2021, 2023

Consultant

- collaborated with multiple teams (Curriculum, Professional Learning, and Product Team) to offer skills in AI evaluation, ethics, education, and statistics. Developed lessons, professional learning materials, and consulted on evaluation and design of a generative AI product

NSF Secure and Trustworthy Cyberspace Program(SaTC) Research and Outreach

2023

Researcher

- Designed and implemented outreach materials regarding misinformation, virality, and overall safety of social media specifically aimed for high-schoolers. Engineered a series of web apps as well as interactive games

Directed Research Group: Natural Language Processing

2022

Principal Investigator

- designed and led a directed research group conducting an NLP project about social media algorithmic literacy. collected reddit data to analyse user sentiment and understanding of "the algorithm" on social media

Court Appointed Child Advocate

2020 - 2021

King County CASA

- advocate for children in domestic violence, abuse, and neglect cases in the Family Court System in King County, WA

RStudio

2018

Education Team

- created a series of lessons to teach Data Science to Software Engineers, using software engineering research examples and R code

Computation and Language Lab   *2015-2018*

Lab Manager/Researcher

- Church encoding/lambda calculus cognitive models; MCMC Bayesian inference; computational modeling of adults, children, and primates; Linux admin; studied how our brains behave like AI models (or vice versa)

Patanadek School, Thailand   *2018*

ESL Kindergarten Teacher

- I taught kindergarten before my PhD!

📊 Teaching ───

Data Science II: Machine Learning   *2021 - 2024*

Course co-teacher   *University of Washington*

- taught ML algorithms like KNN, regression, k-means, PCA, PageRank, Naive Bayes, collaborative filtering, cross validation, random forest

Calling BS: Data Reasoning in a Digital World (read more)   *2023*

Head Teaching Assistant   *University of Washington*

- led weekly sessions about combating misinformation online, as well as spotting how people lie with statistics or incorrect data visualizations

Information Management Introduction to Data Science   *Summer- Autumn 2020*

Course Curriculum co-designer   *University of Washington*

- worked alongside Emma S. Spiro and *Construct* to create online course materials for the introductory Data Science series

Center for an Informed Public Misinfo Day at UW   *2020, 2023*

Interactive Activities for Students   *University of Washington*

- Outreach activities for highschoolers to learn about misinformation online

Informatics Design Methods   *2018*

Teaching Assistant   *University of Washington*

- led students through a quarter-long informatics design project for Community Service

Information Management Web Programming   *2018*

Teaching Assistant   *University of Washington*

- taught HTML, JavaScript, CSS, and GitHub to Information Management Master's students

🏆 Awards ───

Center for an Informed Public (CIP) Innovation Grant   *2023*

Grant Award

National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship   *2019-2022*

Fellowship

CS Hero CSEdWeek Award   *2023*

Award

Top Scholar Award   *2018*

Scholarship

National Organization for Women Susan B. Anthony Award for Activism *2017*

Award

💬 Invited Talks ───

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Berlin Model United Nations Conference (BERMUN) 2023   *2023*

Mental Health, Social Media, and Empowerment: Navigating Client Experiences with Information Online

CERTIFIED SPEAKER PROBONO COUNSELING WORKSHOP (TRAINING THERAPISTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND MISINFORMATION)   *2023*

CSEdWeek CS Hero Panel

SPEAKING ON EXPERIENCES OF TRAUMA-INFORMED DATA SCIENCE EDUCATION AND CS EDUCATIONAL FOR ALL   *2023*

Boys and Girls Club Learn and Earn Program

SPEAKING WITH HIGHSCHOOLERS ABOUT A FUTURE CAREER IN A.I., FIELDING QUESTIONS ABOUT MY RESEARCH AND ENCOURAGING COMPASSIONATE DATA SCIENCE   *2021*

Mechanism Design 4 Social Good Working Group MD4SG

DISCUSSING SELF-ADVOCACY RESEARCH AS WELL AS FUTURE WORK ON FACEBOOK SELF-ADVOCACY FOR DATA SCIENCE NOVICES, AND HOW WE CAN EMPOWER USERS OF SOCIAL MEDIA TO RESIST ALGORITHMS   *2020*

Toronto Data Workshop

DISCUSSING SELF-ADVOCACY RESEARCH AS WELL AS FUTURE WORK ON FACEBOOK SELF-ADVOCACY FOR DATA SCIENCE NOVICES, AND HOW WE CAN EMPOWER USERS OF SOCIAL MEDIA TO RESIST ALGORITHMS   *2020*

LGBTQ Pride Speaker for Qualtrics

COVERING TOPICS OF ALGORITHMIC BIAS FOR QUALTRICS ENGINEERS, INCLUDING "RAINBOW WASHING" AND OTHER WAYS THAT MACHINE LEARNING PERPETUATES HARM ON SOCIAL MEDIA   *2020*

Data Science for Software Engineers: busting software myths with R

RSTUDIO::CONFERENCE *Lightning Talks*   *2020*

⭐ Mission Statement

I believe that everyone has a special story to tell, and these stories can help us to implement more compassionate and empowering technology. I work at the intersections of machine learning, trauma-informed computing, and computer science education. I believe in putting AI ethics into practice with a series of comprehensible, practical, and actionable steps. I also believe that anyone can be inspired to care about the AI Ethics landscape, through drawing on their personal experiences and building empathy for others. Together, we all represent different points of intervention in promoting more ethical AI, and it is my mission to empower you to discover what you care about most.