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EDUCATION

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

BS IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

BS IN MATHEMATICS

Aug. 2015 – May 2019 (expected)

Minor in Creative Writing

School of Engineering and Applied Science

Cum. GPA: 3.5 / 4.0

Major GPA: 3.6 / 4.0

LINKS

Github:// [samsaranc](#)

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COURSEWORK

Continuous Algorithms

Computer Vision

Graph Theory

Algorithms and Data Structures

Operating Systems

Probability for Computer Science

Linear Algebra

Abstract Algebra I & II

Computational Complexity Theory

Discrete Structures I & II

Software Engineering

SKILLS

PROGRAMMING

Python • C • Java • Shell • Solidity

LaTeX • HTML • SQL

CSS • SAS • Scala • R

SOFTWARE

Git • Mathematica • MATLAB

Django • SAS • GIS • Play Framework

SPOKEN LANGUAGES

Spanish (fluent) • English (native)

MAJOR PROJECTS

THE DEAN'S COUNCIL OF WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY

Founded DCWiT, a SEAS Dean's organization supporting and connecting GW women pursuing STEM fields

HACKITAL

A 500-person hackathon to engage the community in developing tech solutions to mitigate online harassment

RESEARCH

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE RESEARCH | UNDERGRAD RESEARCHER

May 2017 – Present | College Park, MD | Advisor: John Dickerson

- Develop a system using reinforcement learning to ensure diversity and fairness in an automated admissions process. Statistically analyze past admissions data to investigate the possibility of bias in previous decisions.

- Design and implement a system using deep reinforcement learning to choose matching policies for dynamic kidney exchange. Improve a function embedding graphs into fixed-sized vectors that is invariant under graph size.

ONLINE HARASSMENT RESEARCH | UNDERGRAD RESEARCHER

Nov. 2016 – Present | Washington, DC | Advisor: Robert Pless

- Develop classifiers to detect harmful content online from multimodal data. Study online harassment through a university-wide survey, funded by a HackHarassment Grant. Refine the definition of online harassment to improve automatic detection.

LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES RESEARCH LAB | RESEARCH ASSISTANT

May 2016 – May 2017 | Washington, DC | Advisor: Rahul Simha

- Developed a website with for adults to improve their English literacy. Identified high-quality datasets for training NLP algorithms and cleaned them in Python.

WORK EXPERIENCE

MICROSOFT RESEARCH | INTERN, SUMMER 2018

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND COLLEGE PARK | RESEARCHER

June 2017 – August 2017 | College Park, MD

- Did research with John P. Dickerson funded by the National Science Foundation (20/290 apps.) at the Combinatorics and Algorithms for Real Problems REU

GW COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPT. | LEARNING ASSISTANT

August 2016 – Present | Washington, DC

- Assist professors with in-class exercises for Discrete Structures II (S'18), Algorithms & Data Structures (S'17) and Intro to Computer Science (F'16, '17)
- Host office hours and review sessions to assist students with course material

BREAKTHROUGH COLLABORATIVE | CHEMISTRY TEACHING FELLOW

May 2015 – August 2015 | Fort Worth, TX

- Authored and taught Chemistry curriculum, achieving 328% student growth in post-assessment scores at a program for gifted underrepresented students

PUBLICATIONS

- 2017 The Diverse Cohort Selection Problem: Multi-Armed Bandits with Varied Pulls
- 2017 Recognizing Images of Eating Disorders in Social Media (Abstract)

AWARDS

- 2018 Google Lime Scholar
- 2018 GW Undergrad Research Award
- 2017 HackHarassment Grant
- 2017 Tomodachi Kakehashi Scholar
- 2017 Anita Borg Institute Scholar
- Google
- GW OVPR
- Intel & the Born This Way Foundation
- GW School of Engineering & Applied Science
- Grace Hopper Celebration

SOCIETIES

- 2016-Present Vice President
- 2016-Present Mentor
- 2015-2016 Freshman Representative
- GW Assoc. for Computing Machinery
- SEAS Student Peer Advisory Network
- The Assoc. of Queer Women and Allies