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2010-2015 Postdoctoral Fellow, Columbia University, NY
2009-2010 Research Staff Member, IBM TJ Watson Research Center, Yorktown Heights, NY
2008-2008 Postdoctoral Researcher, IBM TJ Watson Research Center, Yorktown Heights, NY
2002-2008 Graduate Student Research Assistant, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

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International/National/Regional:

2023 Roberts innovation fund
2022 FASEB Early Career Excellence in Science Award
2022 Yale Innovation Summit, 1st Place in Biotech Pitch Contest
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2022 Blavatnik Fellowship for Innovation
2021 Sloan Faculty Fellowship (CS)
2021 NSF CAREER Award (CISE Directorate)

2020	IEEE Machine Learning for Signal Processing, Best Student Paper Award
2019	IEEE Viz Best Workshop Submission, Honorable Mention
2019	University of Michigan, Computer Science, Alumni Merit Award
2018	Damon Runyon-Rachleff Innovation Award, Finalist
2010	IBM Research Division Accomplishment of 2010, DeltaSyn Project
2009	Outstanding Dissertation Award, Electronic Design Automation Association
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2022-present	Specter Fellowship in Neuroscience, Yale School of Medicine
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RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP

The primary focus of my research is on Artificial Intelligence for extracting knowledge from scientific data. Towards this end, I develop methods that build mathematical and geometric priors, as well as signal processing techniques within machine learning frameworks for exploratory analysis of big biomedical data. The problems I work on are motivated by the high-throughput, high-dimensional data that has become ubiquitous in the biomedical and health sciences as a result of breakthroughs in measurement technologies like single cell RNA-sequencing, as well as vast improvements in health record data collection and storage. While these large datasets containing millions of cellular or patient observations hold great potential for understanding the generative state space of the data, as well as drivers of differentiation, disease and progression, they also pose new challenges in terms of noise, missing data, measurement artifacts, and the so-called “curse of dimensionality.” My research has been addressing this issue, by bridging the gap between computational techniques and biomedical understanding by focusing on unsupervised exploration of the structure of the state space revealed by these large datasets using a concept known as manifold learning. Manifold learning involves discovering the low-dimensional, smoothly varying intrinsic structure of heterogeneous populations of cells or patients, since they are often sampled from a coherent developmental or clinical context. In my lab, we develop two types of techniques to learn the data manifold, extract patterns from it, and represent it in various ways for biological and clinical interpretation. These include: graph topological & spectral methods, and geometric deep learning.

My research involves both fundamental contributions to machine learning such as methods for manifold learning, graph signal processing, fast algorithms for diffusion-based earth mover’s distance, and graph density estimation as well as applications. I have developed several innovative and highly used methods in this space to denoise data (MAGIC), visualize data (PHATE, Multscale PHATE), to discover multi granular clusters (diffusion condensation, SAUCIE) and archetypal factors (AAnet), to understand dynamics and trajectories in data (trajectoryNET), etc. These capabilities have been applied to a wide variety of biomedical systems including data pertaining to human embryonic stem cell development, the immune system (type 1 diabetes, and infectious diseases), immunotherapy (clinical trials of anti-PD1 together with radiation), cancer (epithelial to mesenchymal transition in breast cancer, obesity-driven pancreatic cancer), structural biology (RNA folding, and protein optimization), neuronal systems (fMRI data, retinal bipolar cells in connection with macular degeneration, primary cortical neurons during development in connection with autism, connectivity data in c elegans) as well as more recently to electronic health record data (EICU, gastrointestinal bleeding, COVID-19) in order to discover differentiation trajectories, driver genes, emergent subpopulations, and predictive biomarkers of disease.

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Invited Speaking Engagements, Presentations, Symposia & Workshops:

2024	Math Seminar Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo Michigan
2024	Kavli 20th Anniversary Symposium, New Haven, CT
2024	Tea Talk, MILA, Montreal, CA
2024	Modeling and Computation of Optimal Transport with Applications in Biology, SIAM Annual Conference, Virtual
2024	Helmholz AI Conference, Dusseldorf, Germany
2024	Deep learning in Biology, Fondation des Treilles, Tourtour, France
2024	Single Cell Denmark Conference, Odense, Denmark
2024	Helmholz Bioengineering Conference, Munich, Germany
2024	Computational Biology Seminar, Pasteur Institute, Paris, France
2024	Dagstuhl Seminar: Low dimensional Embeddings of Data, Wadern, Germany
2024	Computational Biology Seminar, Pasteur Institute, Paris, France
2024	Data Science on Graphs (DeGAS) seminar series, virtual
2024	NCI Conference on Emerging Math in Cancer, NIH Campus, Bethesda, MD
2024	CZI conference on AI in Single Cell Biology, Redwood City, CA
2024	Probing disease with single cell genomics conference, Cancun, Mexico
2024	IPAM: Mathematical Approaches to Connectomics, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA
2024	Computational Oncology Seminar, Johns Hopkins, Baltimore, MD
2023	Generative AI in Biology Workshop, NeurIPS, New Orleans, LA
2023	Optimal Transport in ML Workshop, NeurIPS, New Orleans, LA
2023	NIH-FDA IIG Symposium on Immunology, Bethesda, MA
2023	Cold Spring Harbor Lab, Single Cell Analysis, New York
2023	NeuroAI, Montreal, Canada
2023	Single cells, systems biology symposium, Freiburg, Germany
2023	NSF-NIH Joint Workshop in Emerging AI in Biology, Virtual
2023	International Council for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (ICIAM), Tokyo, Japan
2023	Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology, Lyon, France
2023	Applied Math Seminar, University of California, San Diego, CA
2023	AAI Immunology, FASEB award lecture, Washington DC
2023	Danish Single Cell Biology, Copenhagen, Denmark

2023 Harvard, Dept. of Applied Math Seminar, Cambridge, MA
 2023 Vanderbilt, Systems Biology Department, Virtual Seminar
 2022 Broad Institute/MIT EECS Joint Seminar, Cambridge, MA
 2022 Cold Spring Harbor Labs, Cold Springs Harbor, NY
 2022 National Institute for Biological Sciences, Bangalore, India
 2022 Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore India
 2022 Department of Mathematics, UCLA, CA
 2022 Computational Genomics Summer Institute (CGSI), UCLA, CA
 2022 Facebook AI Research (FAIR) Seminar, Virtual
 2022 Atlanta Workshop on Single Cell Omics
 2022 TorBug (Toronto Bioinformatics Users Group) Seminar, University of Toronto, Virtual
 2022 Rencontres Santé Numérique (Digital Health Meeting), University of Montreal, Virtual
 2022 Computational Biology Seminar, Carnegie Mellon University, Virtual
 2022 Helmholtz Institute, Pioneer Campus, HPC Seminar Series
 2022 Applied Math Seminar, Johns Hopkins University, Virtual
 2021 Institute for Cognitive Science, Osnabrueck University, Germany, Virtual
 2021 Mathematical Institute for Data Science, Johns Hopkins, Virtual
 2021 Applied Math Seminar, University College London, Virtual
 2021 Applied Math Seminar, Rochester Institute for Technology, Virtual
 2021 Biostatistics Department Seminar, University of Michigan, Virtual
 2021 Genetics Seminar, University of Washington St. Louis, Virtual
 2021 Human Systems Biology Meeting, Indian Institute of Science, Virtual
 2021 University of North Caroline, Chapel Hill, NC, Virtual
 2021 ELIS (European Lab for Learning and Intelligent Systems) Seminar, Virtual
 2021 Center for Mathematical Sciences and Applications, Harvard, Virtual
 2021 ISMB Representation Learning for Biology (RLB 2021), Virtual
 2021 SIAM conference on Applied and Combinatorial Discrete Algorithms (ACDA 2021)
 2021 Computational Biology Symposium, Harvard Center for Mathematical Sciences and Applications, Virtual
 2021 IDP and Human Genetics Seminar, UCLA, Virtual
 2021 Chan-Zuckerberg Initiative, Seed Networks Computational Meeting, Virtual
 2021 Systems Immunology, Cold Springs Harbor Laboratory, Virtual
 2021 Human Translational Immunology Symposium, Yale, Virtual
 2021 AACR Grantee Club Meeting, Virtual
 2021 Eliciting Structure in Genomics Workshop, IMSI, University of Chicago
 2020 Genome Informatics Conference, Hinxton UK, Virtual
 2020 Systems Immunology and Aging Conference, Jax Labs, Virtual
 2020 European Laboratory for Learning Intelligent Systems (ELLIS), Virtual
 2020 International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), Virtual
 2020 Design Automation Conference (DAC), Virtual
 2020 Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology (ISMB), Virtual
 2020 Intelligent Data Analysis (IDA), Germany, Virtual
 2020 Cold Springs Harbor Laboratory, Systems Biology Conference, Virtual
 2020 Michigan State University, Department of Computational Math and Engineering
 2019 New York Genome Center, New York, NY
 2019 Center for Physics and Biology, Rockefeller University, New York, NY
 2019 Centre hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal (CHUM), Montreal, CA

- 2019 MILA Quebec Research Institute, Montreal, CA
- 2019 Michigan Institute of Data Science, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2019 CSE Distinguished Alumni Seminar, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2019 Allerton Conference on Computing and Control, Allerton, Illinois
- 2019 Sampling Theory and Applications, 2019, Bordeaux, France
- 2019 IEEE Data Science Workshop, 2019, Minneapolis, MN
- 2019 IEEE Graph Signal Processing Workshop, 2019, Minneapolis, MN
- 2019 Human Immune Project Consortium II, Annual Meeting, Rockville, MD
- 2019 Theory Lunch, Department of Systems Biology, Harvard Medical School
- 2019 Distinguished Seminar, Institute for Computational Medicine, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD
- 2019 Workshop at Bellairs – Single cell and Massively Parallel Approaches, Barbados.
- 2018 Institute for Computational Biomedicine (ICB), Weill Cornell Medicine, NY, NY
- 2018 56th Annual Allerton Conference, Monticello, IL
- 2018 International Conference on Machine Learning, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2018 ISMB, Chicago, Illinois
- 2018 Human Variation and Disease Gordon Research Conference, Biddeford, ME
- 2018 Computational Biology Department, Sloan Kettering Institute, New York, NY
- 2018 Chan-Zuckerberg Initiative, Investigators Meeting, Monterey, CA
- 2018 UCLA-Winter School in Computational Genomics, Los Angeles, CA
- 2018 DOLCIT Seminar, Caltech University, Pasadena, CA
- 2017 BIRS Challenges and Synergies in the Analysis of Large-Scale Biomedical Data, Oaxaca, Mexico
- 2017 Human Cell Atlas Meeting, Weizmann Institute Science, Rehovot, Israel
- 2017 Department of Immunology, Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel
- 2017 Department of Applied Mathematics, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel
- 2017 Department of Electrical Engineering, Technion University, Haifa, Israel
- 2017 Human Cell Atlas Meeting on Computation, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2016 Department of Systems Biology, University of California, San Francisco, CA
- 2016 Connect: Why Networks Matter, Young Scientist Symposium, Institute for Science and Technology, Klosterneuberg, Austria
- 2016 Computational Biology, Young Faculty Seminar, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD
- 2016 Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, NYU Tandon School of Engineering, New York, NY
- 2016 Precision Medicine Conference, Mountainview, CA

TEACHING AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

The primary focus of my research is on developing methods for unsupervised and exploratory analysis of the data. Exploration of the data can be likened to exploring a jungle. There are no maps or labels but there are tools (like swiss-army knives). With the deluge of data that the world is currently immersed in from astronomy, biology, finance, and epidemiology alike, I consider it my passion to make the tools of machine learning and artificial intelligence accessible to all students. Indeed, many software tools are readily downloadable and usable. However, the concepts behind the tools remain inaccessible to those who may not have the right background in a

combination of linear algebra, probability and statistics, algorithms, and optimization theory. I have designed and taught the following courses.

Courses:

Course Title: Geometric and Topological Methods for Machine learning

Listing: Math 322, Applied Math 322, Computer Science 664,

Dates: Fall 2022

Enrollments: N/A

My role: Course designer and co-primary instructor (with Ian Adelstein)

Description: This course provides an introduction to geometric and topological methods in data science. Our starting point is the manifold hypothesis: that high dimensional data live on or near a much lower dimensional smooth manifold. We introduce tools to study the geometric and topological properties of this manifold in order to reveal relevant features and organization of the data. Topics include: metric space structures, curvature, geodesics, diffusion maps, eigenmaps, geometric model spaces, gradient descent, data embeddings and projections, and topological data analysis (TDA) in the form of persistence homology and their associated “barcodes.” Also covered are applications of these methods in a variety of data types.

Course Title: Unsupervised Learning for Big Data

Listing: Computer Science 453/553, Applied Math 553, Computational Biology 555

Dates: Fall Semesters 2016-2021

Enrollments: 31 students (Fall 2016), 18 students (Fall 2017), 46 students (Fall 2018), 27 students (Fall 2019), 74 students (Fall 2020), 82 students (Fall 2021)

My role: Course designer and primary instructor

Description: This course includes topics not normally taught in basic machine learning courses such as dimensionality reduction (including non-linear), data denoising, information theory, optimal transport, graph representation and graph signal processing, as well as self-supervised neural networks. The course includes three problem sets with programming tasks as well as a comprehensive final project in which the student explores their own interests in data science and problems deriving from their datasets of interest. This course has been taken by a wide variety of students ranging from departments such as Genetics, Neuroscience, Forestry and Environmental Science, Astrophysics, Economics, and of course Computer Science (where it is also taken by undergraduates) and Applied Mathematics.

Course Title: Deep Learning Theory and Applications

Listing: Computer Science 452/552, Applied Math 552, Computational Biology 663

Dates: Spring Semesters 2019-present

My role: Course designer and primary instructor

Description: Deep neural networks have gained immense popularity within the last decade due to their success in many important machine learning tasks such as image recognition, speech recognition, and natural language processing. This course provides a principled and hands-on approach to deep learning with neural networks. By the end of the course, students will have mastered the principles and practices underlying neural networks including optimization and training methods, design and architecture, generalization theory, loss landscapes, and will have applied deep learning methods to real-world problems including image recognition, natural language processing, and biomedical applications. The course is based on homework, a final exam, and a final project

(either group or individual, depending on the total number enrolled). This course too is enrolled by an extremely wide variety of students.

Course Title: Advanced Topics in Machine Learning and Data Mining

Listing: Computer Science 745, Applied Math 745, Computational Biology Bioinformatics 745

Dates: Spring Semesters 2017-2018

Enrollments: 16 students (Spring 2017), 19 students (Spring 2018)

My role: Co-Designer and Co-Instructor (together with Dr. Guy Wolf and Dr. Alex Cloninger), Taught roughly 5 lectures and guided discussions.

Description: This is a seminar course that specializes in a current topic in machine learning and data mining each year and then builds both background as well as surveyed new developments in the area throughout the semester. In Spring 2017 the course focused on ML methods for biomedical data analysis, and in Spring 2018 the course focused on topics in Deep Learning. The first half of the course involved lectures by instructors, and the second half of the course involved in-depth (2-hour) presentations by student teams focusing on specific subtopics.

Workshops and Summer Programs:

Title: Machine Learning for Single Cell Analysis

Dates: Fall 2019, Winter 2020, Fall 2021

My role: Course designer and primary instructor

Description: This is a 6-day “bootcamp” taught over two weeks focusing on how to understand unsupervised data analysis by way of a new emerging technology in biomedical science that hundreds of labs across the world are using: single cell data. Single cell data usually involves thousands to millions of cells which are measured in tens of thousands of dimensions. This is the quintessential problem of unsupervised learning. However, the labs that generate the data are often not equipped to analyze it. Therefore, our bootcamp consists of 6 succinct lectures that develop intuition on the concepts as well as hands-on computer lab sessions to familiarize students with tools needed to analyze the data. Topics include preprocessing, dimensionality reduction, visualization, denoising, batch normalization, and data generation. An active team of Yale-student TAs are involved in teaching this workshop online. Materials of this bootcamp are available at krishnaswamylab.org/workshop.

Title: NSF Summer Mathematics Research at Yale (SUMRY)

Dates: Summers 2021-2024

My role: Mentor and lecturer of the Applied Math Group in Sumry

Description: Designed an 8-week research REU program for undergraduates studying mathematics on topics at the intersection of deep learning, graphs spectral theory, data geometry and topology. Students have conducted research on topics such as measuring curvature in high dimensional data (Bhaskar et al. NeurIPS 2022), enhancing the power of graph neural networks using geometric scattering (Xu et al. AISTATS 2024), visualizing data that has dynamics (in the form of velocity arrows) (Macdonald et al. MLSP), and examining the space of neural networks trained for specific tasks (in preparation). The mentoring component of this program involved daily meetings with the student group as well as advice in scientific writing, research strategy as well as testing and benchmarking.

Committees:

1. **Department of Genetics, Education Committee:** I am a member of the education committee in the Genetics department and I have contributed to discussions and decisions involving education in Genetics. The education committee has discussed and optimized a wide variety of educational activities in the Genetics department from redesigning the seminar schedule and the way speakers are chosen, to providing postdocs with a venue for speaking (during the lab interaction hours) to scoring in qualification exams. I have participated in all discussions of the committee and gathered opinions from students in the department barring the meetings during my maternity leave in 2017.
2. **Computer Science advisory panel to the University Science Strategy Committee (USSC):** in the 2017-2018 year. This panel also included key figures in Computer Science such as former chair of CS and pioneer in security research Prof. Joan Feigenbaum, current Computer Science chair Prof. Zhong Shao, prominent robotics professor Prof. Brian Scassellati, and world-renowned Natural Language Processing expert Prof. Dragomir Radev. This committee advised the USSC on how to move computer science forward at Yale generally. We a white paper entitled “How can Yale help define and shape our increasingly computational world?” that contained many innovative proposals including the “CS+X” proposal to allow students in any department to combine their major with computer science. For instance X can be economics, political science, biology or even music or art. The idea here is that CS would be integrated as a “vertical theme” to enable these particular domains in the modern world.
3. **Data Science Advisory Committee to the University:** I started to serve on the data science advisory committee in 2021. This committee plans educational and departmental data science activities across the university, and writes white papers that departments will execute over the next 10 years in cross disciplinary data science. Other professors involved include Provost Scott Stroebel, Dean of Engineering Jeff Brock, Sterling Professors Ronald Coifman and Dan Spielman.
4. **Basic Science YSM panel for the Yale Taskforce for AI Task:** Presented and proposed possibilities for the use of AI in advancing basic science both in terms of the research process, as well as in hypothesis generation. Others on the panel included Prof. Steven Kleinstein, Prof. Yuval Kluger, Prof. Tony Koleske and others.

MENTORING

I strive to create an active and nurturing research environment in my laboratory where students and researchers from all levels (undergraduates, medical students, Ph.D. students, postdocs, clinical fellows and associate researchers) come together to work on a wide variety of problems in biomedical and genomic data science. I specifically encourage openness and out-of-the-box thinking by myself setting the tone and listening to anyone’s ideas at any level and then providing them with scientific and computational resources, mentorship or collaborators to carry for their ideas. I also involve lab member in several unique activities designed to enhance their research productivity and creativity:

- i) I set up a number of different forums in addition to the canonical lab meetings and weekly one-on-one meetings. These include hackathons, when the entire lab comes together for 2-day stretches to work intensively on a computational problem involving the analysis of biomedical data. Last year our hackathon resulted in a key project in the lab called MELD (Manifold Enhancement of Latent Dimensions) which can be used enhance comparisons on data collected on the same system under different treatment conditions.
- ii) I seek opportunities for my lab members to attend a wide variety of scientific events and meetings outside the lab including biological (e.g. Single Cell Genomics Conference, AACR conference) and computer science conferences (NIPS, ICML), workshops, external hackathons such as the Data Hack

Yale (<http://datahack.yale.edu/>) which my graduate student Scott Gigante and undergraduate student Adam Ericksen won first place in 2018 and Cytohack (www.cytohack.org) conducted by the Broad Institute in Cambridge, MA.

- iii) Active lab slack channels where lab members can discuss any topic of research at any time, whether it is to ask questions, post results, share research news or brainstorm ideas. I notice that our lab slack is active nearly 24-7.
- iv) We have begun a “blog” as well as a help slack such that we can give advice to other researchers who are interested in learning about data science or our particular data science tools.
- v) Our lab spearheaded the effort to start an open problems in single cell analysis effort, together with Helmholtz institute in Germany as well as Chan-Zuckerberg Initiative Biohub. This effort is intended as a community-contributed effort to collect problems (i.e., tasks), methods, datasets as well as metrics for scoring benchmarks in a scalable automated platform for benchmarking methods for single cell analysis. As part of this effort, we had a jamboree in May which was joined by 50 individuals from across the world and already involved contributions in tasks such as clustering, dimensionality reduction, trajectory inference, multimodal data integration, etc. Further, we proposed a coding competition based on the multimodal data inference task to NeurIPS 2021, which was accepted in their competition track and is under way presently.
- vi) I have advised my mentees in innovation and entrepreneurship efforts, guiding two groups of my students in applications to the Yale Blavatnik Innovation Fund as well as the Nucleate Bio incubation programs. Currently my student groups are finalists for both in the 2022 competition.
- vii) I also advise a large number of undergraduates in their senior thesis, often tutoring them in prevalent theories, brainstorming project ideas, and directing their efforts fruitfully in their chosen topics.

Current Lab Members

Postdoctoral Members:

Name of trainee: Dhananjay Bhaskar

Position and period of mentorship: Postdoctoral Researcher and Yale Boehringer-Ingelheim Fellow June 2021-present

Research project: Topological data analysis for biomedical data, graph representation and generation for drug discovery

Graduate Students:

Name of Trainee: Chen Liu

Position and period of mentorship: Graduate student in Computer Science, Fall 2023-present

Research Project: Biomedical imaging and segmentation, EHR data forecasting

Name of Trainee: Danqi Liao

Position and period of mentorship: Graduate student in Computer Science, Fall 2023-present

Research Project: Biomedical imaging and segmentation, RNA-degradation prediction

Name of Trainee: Xingzhi Sun

Position and period of mentorship: Graduate student in Computer Science, Fall 2023-present

Research Project: Single cell dynamics, hypergraph scattering

Name of Trainee: Siddharth Visawanath

Position and period of mentorship: Graduate student in Computer Science, Fall 2023-present

Research Project: Geometric Scattering for molecule generation, metabolic network modeling

Publications: RECOMB, PMLR

Name of trainee: Kevin Bijan Givenchian

Research Project: Cancer vaccine optimization, and immunogenicity prediction from sequence

Position and period of mentorship: M.D./Ph.D. student, 2020-present

Undergraduates:

Name of trainee: Kincaid Macdonald

Position and period of mentorship: Undergraduate Student in Applied Math; May 2018-present

Research project: Geometric scattering in neural networks

Publications: MLSP 2021

Name of trainee: Andrew Benz

Position and period of mentorship: Undergraduate Student in Computer Science; August 2018-present

Research project: Neural networks for data anomaly detection, FMRI data analysis

Name of trainee: Katherine Du

Position and period of mentorship: Undergraduate Student in Applied Math; August 2016-present

Research project: Modeling cell-cell communication

Name of trainee: Michal Girasimiuk

Position and period of mentorship: Undergraduate Student in Applied Math; August 2016-present

Research project: Modeling patient data with manifold forests

Name of trainee: Tom Wallenstein

Position and period of mentorship: Undergraduate Student in Applied Math; August 2016-present

Research project: Reinforcement learning in FMRL

Former Lab Members

Former postdoctoral trainees:

Name of trainee: Guy Wolf, PhD

Position and period of mentorship: Associate Research Scientist; 2018-2019, Gibbs Fellow; 2015-2018

Research focus: Data geometry and harmonics

Current Position: Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics/MILA, University of Montreal, CA

Name of trainee: David van Dijk , PhD

Position and period of mentorship: Associate Research Scientist December 2017-September 2019

Research focus: Manifold Learning for single-cell data

Current Position: Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, Yale University

Name of trainee: Kevin Moon

Position and period of mentorship: Postdoctoral Researcher; August 2016-August 2018

Research focus: Data Visualization with Manifold Learning

Current Position: Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Utah State University, UT

Name of trainee: Feng Gao

Position and period of mentorship: Postdoctoral Researcher; September 2019-present

Research project: Analysis of Spatial Transcriptomics and Imaging Data

Current Position: Postdoctoral Researcher at Columbia University, New York, NY

Name of trainee: Jiexi Huang

Position and period of mentorship: Postdoctoral Researcher; September 2019-present

Research project: Modeling Dynamics in Data with Neural Networks, multiscale visualization of clinical data
publications: ICML 2020, Nature Biotechnology 2021

Current position:

Name of trainee: Holly Steach

Position and period of mentorship: Postdoctoral Fellow; October 2021-May 2024

Research project: Directed graph neural networks for metabolics and cellular communication

Publications: Applied and Harmonic Analysis, PMLR, RECOMB

Current Position: Senior Scientist at Arsenal Biosciences

Name of trainee: Edward De Brouwer

Position and period of mentorship: Postdoctoral Researcher March 2023-April 2024

Research project: Data visualization, EHR data analysis

Publications: NeurIPS, under review at Journal of Surgery

Current position: Senior Scientist at Genentech

Name of trainee: Scott Youtlen

Position and period of mentorship: Postdoctoral Researcher January 2023-2024

Research project: Computational Cancer and Developmental biology

Publication: In revision at Cancer Discovery

Current position: Associate Research Scientist in the Giraldez Lab at Yale University

Former doctoral trainees:

Name of Trainee: Aarthi Venkat

Position and period of mentorship: Graduate student in Computational Biology 2020-present

Research Project: Unsupervised learning of cellular data manifolds

Awards: Gruber Fellowship, Cancer Biology Training Grant

Publications: ICASSP, Genome Research, Trends in Immunology, Under review in Cancer Discovery

Current Position: Eric and Wendy Schmidt Fellow at Harvard University/Broad Institute

Name of Trainee: Daniel Sumner Magruder

Position and period of mentorship: Graduate student in Computer Science Fall 2021-present

Research project: Neural network design based on insights from neuroscientific data

Publications: NeurIPS, LOG, Developmental Cell

Current position: Postdoctoral Researcher, Yale Dept of Neurology

Name of trainee: Egbert Castro

Position and period of mentorship: Graduate Student. In Computational Biology; Fall 2018-present

Research project: Graph Convolutional Neural Networks for Protein Data

Publications: IEEE Big Data, Nature Scientific Reports, Nature Machine Intelligence,

Current Position: CEO of Ascent Bio, Incubated at the Merck Accelerator

Name of trainee: Dennis Shung

Position and period of mentorship: Graduate Student in Investigative Medicine/Clinical Fellow; Fall 2019-present

Research project: Neural networks for dynamic risk modeling, patient representation, and prediction

Publications: Nature Scientific Reports, Gastroenterology

Awards: K-23 Diabetes, Digestive, and Kidney Diseases Extramural Research, American Gastroenterology Association Research Scholar Award, Dostanovic Award

Current Position: Faculty at Yale University

Name of trainee: Matt Amodio

Position and period of mentorship: Graduate Student in Computer Science; September 2017-present

Research project: Generative Neural Networks

Publications: ICML 2018, Arthritis and Immunology 2018, Journal of Immunology 2018, CVPR 2019, Nature Methods 2020, Cell Patterns 2021, IJCAI 2021

Awards: Jeopardy Champion

Current Position: Eric and Wendy Schmidt Fellow, Broad Institute of Harvard and MIT

Name of trainee: Manik Kuchroo

Position and period of mentorship: Medical Student; April 2018-present, Graduate Student in Neuroscience: May 2019-present

Research project: Coarse graining and multiscale clustering, applications to cancer biology

Publications: IEEE Big Data 2019, Nature Biotechnology, MLSP 2021

Awards: NIH F32 Award

Current Position: Resident at Mass General Hospital (Physician-Scientist Track)

Name of trainee: Alexander Tong

Position and period of mentorship: Graduate Student in Computer Science; June 2018- present

Research project: Learning latent data structures with Deep Learning

Publications: Intelligent Data Analysis 2019, ICML 2020, ICML 2021, MLSP 2020, MLSP 2021

Awards: Best student paper award MLSP 2020

Current Position: Postdoctoral Researcher at MILA/Montreal with Prof. Yoshua Bengio, to be Assistant Professor at Duke University

Name of trainee: William Chen

Position and period of mentorship: Medical Student; October 2015-2020

Research project: Modeling Sample State Space with Earth Mover's Distance

Publications: Nature Methods 2020

Current Position: Resident at University of California, San Francisco Hospital

Name of trainee: Scott Gigante

Position and period of mentorship: Graduate Student in Computational Biology; October 2017-2021

Research project: Visualizing data using data geometry

Publications: NeurIPS 2019, SAMPTA 2019, SAMPTA 2019, Nature Biotechnology 2019

Awards & honors: Gruber Fellowship, First Place Data Hack Yale, Honorable Mention IEEE Viz

Current position: Immune AI

Name of trainee: Daniel Burkhardt

Position and period of mentorship: Graduate Student; April 2016-2021

Research project: Single cell compositional and distributional analysis

Publications: Current Opinions in Systems Biology 2016, Nature Biotechnology 2019, IEEE Data Science Workshop 2019, Nature Biotechnology 2021

Awards & Honors: F32 NIH Graduate Research Fellowship, Data Science Workshop Travel Award, Best Poster Award at Genetics Departmental Retreat, Carolyn Slayman Prize in genetics

Current Position: Cellarity

Name of trainee: Jay Stanley

Position and period of mentorship: Graduate Student; April 2017- 2020

Research project: Using Graph Signal Processing in Biomedical Data

Current Position: Postdoctoral Researcher, Program for Applied Mathematics, Yale University

Former undergraduate trainees:

Name of trainee: Krishnan Srinivasan

Position and period of mentorship: Undergraduate Student in Computer Science; August 2017-January 2018

Research project: Deep Autoencoders for Data Processing

Current Position: Graduate Student, Stanford

Name of trainee: Alex Strzalkowski

Position and period of mentorship: Undergraduate Student in Applied Math; August 2017-May 2018

Research project: Processing Image-based Biomedical Data

Current Position: Graduate Student, Princeton

Name of trainee: David Darrow

Position and period of mentorship: High School Student; August 2017-present

Research project: Batch normalization of data using Signal Processing

Current Position: Undergraduate Student, MIT

Name of trainee: Gabriel Dolston

Position and period of mentorship: Undergraduate Student in Applied Math; August 2018-May 2019

Research Project: Vertex Frequency Clustering of Graphs with Signals

Current Position: Graduate Student, Princeton

Thesis Committees

Molecular Cellular and Developmental Biology: Gaddareth Higgs

Interdisciplinary Neuroscience Program: Kailong Peng, Emily Siff

Clinical Psychology Program: Erica Busch

Genetics: Danielle Miyagishima, Mark Noble, Mattheo Morales

Biomedical Engineering: Zhuo Chen, Amanda Alexander

Computer Science: Xiangru Tang

Computational Biology/Bioinformatics: Jake Sumner, Anna Su

Qualifying Committees

Computational Biology Bioinformatics: Vimig Socrates

Interdisciplinary Neuroscience Program: Kailong Peng, Antonio Fonesca

Genetics: Syndi Barish, Nicholas Dias, Sydney Muchnik, Atreyo Pal, Evan Geller, Mattheo Morales, Mackenzie Noon

Senior (Undergraduate) Thesis Advising

Computer Science Students: Tucker Hart, Tom Wallenstein, Jeffrey Wang, Jeffrey Zhou, Lucas Corey, Anie Gao, Leonardo Gomez, Anushka Acharya

Applied Math Students: Nikita Klemenko, Adam Eriksen, Abhinav Godhavarthi, Sam Leone, Marcus Hodgson

Math Students: Andrew Benz, Ellie Shang, Charles Xu

Molecular Cellular Developmental Biology: Katherine Du

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

NIH

2022	Panelist for National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) R01 on Leveraging Existing ADRD Data Resources Special RFA
2019	Ad-Hoc Member, Study Section on Genomics Computational Biology and Technology (GCAT)
2019-2022	External Program Consultant, Extracellular RNA Communication, National Institute for Drug Abuse (NIDA)
2021	Ad-Hoc Member, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) DDK-C Subcommittee.
2010	Co-chair of Post-CMOS VLSI Track, Technical Program Committee, Great Lakes Symposium on VLSI Design
2011	Co-chair of Technical Program Committee, International Workshop on Bio-Design Automation
2010-2015	Technical Program Committee, Design Automation and Test in Europe
2013-2015	Technical Program Committee, Cancer Panomics Conference
2013	Organizer and TPC co-chair, Modeling of Biological Systems Workshop

2014-2015	Technical Program Committee, Design Automation Conference
2014-2016	Technical Program Committee, International Conference on Computer-Aided Design
2016-present	Technical Program Committee, RECOMB, Regulatory Genomics
2016-present	Technical Program Committee, Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)
2016-present	Technical Program Committee, International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)
2018-present	Technical Program Committee, Reviewer, International Conference on Representation Learning (ICLR)
2020-2021	Technical Program Committee, AAAI Artificial Intelligence Conference
2020-2021	Technical Program Committee, Area Chair, Machine Learning for Computational Biology (MLCB)
2022-2023	Technical Program Committee, Area Chair, Learning on Graphs (LOG)
2023	General chair, Sampling Theory and Applications (SAMPTA)
2024	Program Chair, Learning on Graphs (LOG)

Peer Review Groups for Conferences

Journal Service:

Reviewer for Nature Methods, BMC Bioinformatics, Elife, PLOS Computational Biology, Nature Communications, Cell, Science, Nature Biotechnology

Editorial Board Member:

Genome Research, Cell Patterns (2020-2023), E-Life

Professional Organizations:

2008-2010 IEEE Council on Design Automation (CEDA) Technical Activities Committee
 2008-2012 ACM Special Interest Group on Design Automation (SIGDA)
 2001-present Eta Kappa Nu honor society
 2016-present Human Cell Atlas Consortium Member

Meeting Planning/Participation

2013	Co-organizer and Program Chair, Modeling of Biological Systems (MOBS), co-located with the Design Automation Conference, Austin, Texas
2019-2020	Organizing Committee of Learning Representations of Life Workshop, NeurIPS
2019-2020	Organizer and Instructor of Machine Learning for Single Cell Analysis Workshop, Sponsored by Yale SEAS, Genetics Dept.
2020	Organizing Committee of Topological Data Analysis and Beyond Workshop, NeurIPS
2021	Organizing committee of ACM-BCB, Workshop on Methods for Single Cell Analysis
2021	Organizing committee of Geometric and Topological Representation Learning, ICLR
2021	Co-organizer of ICERM Workshop on Data Geometry and Topology
2023	General Chair of Sampling Theory and Applications
2023	Co-organizer of New Frontiers in Graph learning, NeurIPS 2023
2024	Co-organizer of Joint Math Meetings Special Session on Geometry and Topology in Biomedical data
2024	Program Chair of Learning on Graphs

Research Organization Efforts

2021-2022 Organizer of NeurIPS competition on Multi-modal single cell data integration

2021 Started the Open problems in single cell analysis effort with CZI (openproblems.bio)

Service - Yale University:

University Committees:

2017-2018	Member of CS Advisory Panel for University Science Strategy Committee
2017, 2021	Computational Biology Bioinformatics program Admissions Committee
2019	Faculty Search Committee, Microbial Sciences Institute, Department of Genetics
2021	Yale-Boehringer Ingelheim Fellowship Selection Committee
2021	Computational Biology Bioinformatics program Admissions Committee
2021	Wu-Tsai Institute Membership Committee
2021-2022	Data Science advisory committee
2021	Wu-Tsai Institute Working group for Neurocomputation and Machine Learning
2021-2022	Faculty Search Committee, Wu-Tsai Institute
2021	Faculty Search Committee, Department of Biomedical Engineering, Yale University
2021-present	Educational Committee, Dept. Genetics
2021-Present	Yale-BI Partnership Steering Committee
2022	Steering Committee, Yale Institutes for Foundations of Data Science
2023	Faculty Search Committee, CS Dept.
2023	Faculty search committee, Biostatistics-Data Science, YPH
2023	Computational Biology Bioinformatics, Faculty Search Committee
2023	Dept. CS, Teaching and Curriculum Committee
2023	Basic Science Panel for YTAI, YSM

Medical School Committees:

2016-present	Education Committee for the Department of Genetics, Yale University
2016-2018, 2021	Faculty Search Committee, Department of Genetics, Yale University
2017-2018	Faculty Search Committee, Department of Immunobiology, Yale University
2021-2022	Faculty Search Committee for Associate Dean of Biomedical Informatics