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## Education

- 2017–2020 **Ph.D. in Computer Science**, University of California, Irvine, CA, USA.
- Research field: Machine Learning
  - **Thesis:** "*Label-efficient Bayesian Evaluation of Blackbox Classifiers*," under supervision of Prof. Padhraic Smyth
  - Thesis committee: Padhraic Smyth, Mark Steyvers, Stephan Mandt
- 2015–2016 **M.Sc. in Computer Science**, University of California, Irvine, CA, USA.
- Selected Coursework: Probabilistic Graphical Models, Statistical NLP, Deep Generative Models.
- 2011–2015 **B.Sc. in Mathematics**, Fudan University, Shanghai, China.
- **Thesis:** "*Structural Stability of Global Epidemics under Human Travel*," under supervision of Prof. Wei Lin
  - Selected to National Top-notch Talent Program in Mathematics
- 2013 **Exchange student in Mathematics**, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA, USA.

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## Work Experiences

- 2021-Present **Research Scientist**, Facebook Inc. Menlo Park, CA, USA.
- Team: Community Intelligence
  - Projects: TBD
- 2019.06-09 **Software Engineering Intern**, Facebook Inc. New York, NY, USA.
- Team: Place Visit Detection
  - Project: Build machine learning models to detect places visited by users.
- 2018.06-09 **Software Engineering Intern**, Google Inc. Cambridge, MA, USA.
- Team: Google Flights(QPX)
  - Project: Build ranking models for slice itineraries to accelerate itinerary search.

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## Recent Projects

- Human-machine collaboration for image annotation
- Reliable and label-efficient assessment of fairness with Bayesian methods
- Assessment of deep learning models with Bayesian active learning
- Automated diagnosis of Leukemia, with accuracy and interpretability on par with experts
- Cell-level cytometry data analysis with Bayesian trees

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## Selected Publications

- Gavin Kerrigan, **Disi Ji**, Padhraic Smyth, Mark Steyvers. Bounding the Performance of Human-Machine Classifier Ensembles. [in submission]
- **Disi Ji**, Robert Logan, Padhraic Smyth, Mark Steyvers. Active Bayesian Assessment for Black-Box Classifiers. *The 35th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*, 2021. [Conference]
- **Disi Ji**, Padhraic Smyth, Mark Steyvers. Can I Trust My Fairness Metric? Assessing Fairness with Unlabeled Data and Bayesian Inference. *The 34th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2020. [Conference]
- **Disi Ji**, Preston Putzel, Yu Qian, Richard H. Scheuermann, Jack D. Bui, Huan-You Wang, Padhraic Smyth. Optimization of Automated Gating for Clinical Diagnosis using Discriminative Gates. *Cytometry A*, 2019. [Journal]
- **Disi Ji**, Robert Logan, Padhraic Smyth, Mark Steyvers. Bayesian Evaluation of Black-Box Classifiers. *ICML Workshop on Uncertainty and Robustness in Deep Learning*, 2019. [Workshop, Spotlight talk]
- **Disi Ji**, Preston Putzel, Yu Qian, Richard H. Scheuermann, Jack D. Bui, Huan-You Wang, Padhraic Smyth. Learning Discriminative Gating Representations for Cytometry Data. *ICML Workshop on Computational Biology*, 2019. [Workshop]
- **Disi Ji**, Eric Nalisnick, Yu Qian, Richard Scheuermann, Padhraic Smyth. Bayesian Trees for Automated Cytometry Data Analysis. *In Proceedings of Machine Learning for Healthcare (MLHC)*, 2018. [Conference, Oral]
- **Disi Ji**, Eric Nalisnick, and Padhraic Smyth. Mondrian Processes for Flow Cytometry Analysis. *Machine Learning for Health, Workshop at NIPS*, 2017. [Workshop]

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## Invited Talks

- Active Bayesian Assessment for Black-Box Classifiers. *The 35th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*, February 7, 2021. [virtual]
- Can I Trust My Fairness Metric? Assessing Fairness with Unlabeled Data and Bayesian Inference. *The 34th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, December 9, 2020. [virtual]
- Label-efficient Bayesian Assessment of Black-box Classifiers. *University of California, Irvine*, November 18, 2020. [virtual]
- Bayesian Evaluation of Black-Box Classifiers. *ICML Workshop on Uncertainty and Robustness in Deep Learning*, Long Beach, USA, June 14, 2019.
- Bayesian Trees for Automated Cytometry Data Analysis. *Machine Learning for Healthcare (MLHC)*, Palo Alto, USA, Aug 17, 2018.

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## Teaching Experiences

2020 **TA**, Fundamentals of the Design and Analysis of Algorithms, University of California, Irvine, CA, USA.

- 2019 **TA**, Machine Learning, University of California, Irvine, CA, USA.  
2019 **Instructor**, Deep learning with Python, Data Science Initiative Workshop, University of California, Irvine, CA, USA.

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## Academic service

- 2021 **Reviewer**, ICML.  
2020 **PC member**, Uncertainty & Robustness in Deep Learning Workshop, ICML.  
2020 **PC member**, Bayesian Deep Learning Workshop, NeurIPS.

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## Skills

- **Programming Languages:** Python, C++, Matlab, R, bash
- **Applications:** PyTorch, TensorFlow, LaTeX, Git

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## References

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