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EDUCATION

Duke University

North Carolina, USA

PhD in Computer Science

Expected May 2025

Research Area: Vaccine Misinformation, Natural Language Processing

Duke University

Expected May 2023

MS in Computer Science

Courses: Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Algorithmic Design and Analysis, Probabilistic Machine Learning, Adversarial Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing, Advanced Natural Language Processing, Operating Systems

GPA: 3.61

Northeastern University

Boston, USA

BS in Computer Engineering, Minor in Mathematics

May 2020

Graduate courses: Machine Learning & Pattern Recognition, Natural Language Processing, Data Visualization

GPA: Major 3.92, Cumulative 3.86 (*Summa Cum Laude*)

Awards: Huntington 100, PEAK Research Fellow, Honors Scholarship, Dean's List (all semesters)

- Graduated in 3 years from a 5-year university

WORK EXPERIENCE

Datalab Research Group

Boston, USA

Data Engineer

Jun 2019 – Jan '20

- Independently led a research project on table union search and the schema inference problem for open data.
- Proposed a research project for investigating summary statistics of hidden state representations, motivated by proof-of-concept analysis of computer vision data and the color spectrum
- Implemented LSH-Ensemble database algorithm into GUI for use by non-technical journalists / data scientists
- Supported Postdocs and PhD candidates in the lab with various research tasks under time pressure
- Read and presented research papers to the group regarding ML algorithms for database schema repair

Student Value Fund

Boston, USA

Voting Member, Analyst

Sep 2018 – Dec '19

- Pitched equities for the fund's ~\$215,000 AUM according to a long-term, value-only strategy
- Interacted directly with C-level management of companies for guidance in model building
- Built pipeline for brand-loyalty investigation, analyzing millions of social media comments
- Built several DCF models, Performed multiples analyses

LiveStories Inc.

Seattle, USA

Data Science Intern

Jun – Aug 2018

- Researched demographics and crime using several ML models for use in product developed by the startup
- Built ML pipeline to predict changes in crime hotspots for a given city, integrated with startup's database
- Scraped and collected financial data (under high time pressure) for a data portal developed for a client
- Improved accuracy by 3.6 percentage points through hyper-parameter tuning
- Achieved 92% precision and 88% recall in predicting crime hotspots using gradient boosting

Buana Capital Equities

Jakarta, Indonesia

Research Analyst Intern

Summers 2016, '17

- Co-wrote the company's bi-annual Strategy Report
- Authored weekly macroeconomic reports sent to all clients
- Covered the Brexit referendum and its impact on South-East Asian Markets

Come Let's Dance (NGO) **Kampala, Uganda**
Project Lead | Medical Outreach *Oct 2015, '16*

- Supervised a team of 18 to carry out temporary medical clinics in rural and urban settings, serving 400+ persons
- Communicated with donors and sought donations of medicines and medical supplies
- Planned and managed temporary clinic operations, considering recommendations of doctors and nurses

Nightlife Events Planning **Jakarta, Indonesia**
Principal Investor and Chief of Operations *Sep 2016 – May '17*

- Organized live ticket-based events with hundreds to thousands of participants at night clubs
- Secured funding through co-investors, shifted business to a cash-light model, and turned profit in one month
- Collected approx. \$20,000 USD in revenue per event, with an average 36% gross profit margin

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Young Trustee Selection Committee **Durham, USA**
Board Member *Dec 2022 – present*

- Search for and select a student for a seat at the Duke Board of Trustees

DACC: Duke Advanced-degree Consulting Club **Durham, USA**
Co-President *Aug '21 - present*

- Grew pro-bono services from ~4 clients per year (~20 consultants) to 24 clients (120+ consultants)
- Increased the club scope from 2 to 4 independent initiatives through a complete organizational restructuring into SBUs and expansion of the executive board
- Rebranding campaign and complete restructuring of organization into strategic business units
- Created internal resources and tooling to
- Grew case competition arms

Project Lead *Jan 2020 – May 2020*

- Directly managing a consulting team of 4 to construct a user-growth strategy for a social media company
- Conduct customer needs research through interviews, medium scale surveys, and focus groups

Graduate and Professional Student Government **Durham, USA**
Computer Science Department Rep. | Doctoral-student Affairs Committee *Sep 2020 – present*

- Voting member for issues relevant to the graduate student body, budgetary changes, bylaws
- Negotiated agreement with CFOs of the 7 schools at Duke for 15% increase in PhD stipends
- Sat on the Doctoral-student Affairs Committee

Hiring Committees, Duke University **Durham, USA**
Board Member | for hiring the following positions:

- Associate Dean of Graduate Student Affairs *Jun 2022*
- Assistant Director of Career Center *May 2022*
- Graduate Program Coordinator of Computer Science *Jun 2021*

Title IX Office, Northeastern U. **Boston, USA**
Board Chair | Student Conduct Board *Jan 2019 – May '20*

- Chaired cases of misconduct (e.g., sexual assault, stalking) related to Title IX investigations
- Decided on responsibility and appropriate sanctions according to investigative reports and official hearing statements, deliberated with members on the board
- Deliberated with board to reach require unanimous consent according to investigative reports and official hearing statements

College of Engineering Advisory Board **Boston, USA**
Student Representative *Feb 2018 – Oct '19*

- Advocated for policy and curriculum changes in the electrical and computer engineering department

SAIL Initiative (Student Assessed Integrated Learning) **Boston, USA**
Advisory Board Member *Oct 2017 – May '18*
• Advised SAIL leadership on integration with their technology initiative aimed to better measure learning

Living Community Council **Boston, USA**
Council Member *Sep 2017 – April '18*
• Organized events around Boston to engage and connect a 55-person community

Roshan - Iranian and Afghani Refugee Educational Center **Jakarta, Indonesia**
Volunteer Organizer *Feb 2016 – May '17*
• Recruited and led volunteers to teach English to refugee children ages 5-14
• Budgeted, planned, and operated field trips and weekend activities for the school children

INTERNATIONAL TRAINING

Israel-Palestine & International Conflict Training **Israel & Palestine**
Interviewer | Investigative Trip *Mar 2020*
• Discussed Palestinian perspectives with the spokesperson of the PA and president of Fatah
• Visited and interviewed Israeli citizens in settlements in the West Bank (areas A, B, and C)
• Interviewed several domain experts (law, history, religion, military) regarding the ongoing conflict

Universidad de Santiago **Santiago, Chile**
Study Abroad *Jun 2018*
• Intensive, project-based course in Biomedical Imaging and Signal Processing
• Immersive course in Chilean history, culture, and traditions

Engineers without Borders **Lwengo, Uganda (remote)**
Electrical Team & PMEL Team | Uganda Water Program *Sep 2017 – May '18*
• Led process of finding sponsorship in-country through locally invested NGOs
• Assessed and updated current electrical system for water pump
• Updated AutoCAD designs of implemented valve vaults from water distribution system
• Worked with translators to design surveys and interviews for post-implementation PMEL

Wine to Water (NGO) **El Higüerito, Dominican Republic**
Trainee | Sustainable Water Purification *Mar 2018*
• Manufactured water filters and processed a year's worth of necessary materials
• Prepared presentations for communities in water and sanitation hygiene (WASH)

Global Issues Network Conference **Bali, Indonesia**
Workshop Presenter and Attendee | Environmental Conservation *Mar 2016*
• Led a workshop on *Volunteer Service Trips without the Tourism*, focused on turning volunteer trips into training opportunities for young students to benefit domestic community service programs.

Education Systems, Culture Exchange **China**
Participant *Feb 2013*
• Engaged students in Xi'an, Guanzho, and Beijing regarding their educational system across all ages
• Engaged in dialogues with students and teachers from diverse set of schools within the country: from Olympic Preparation Schools to Kindergartens to Public High Schools

MISCELLANEOUS JOBS

Event Temps Catering - Bartender *Jan - Sep 2019* **Boston, USA**
Northeastern University - Research Assistant *Jan - Jun 2019* **Boston, USA**
Disability Resource Office, Northeastern U. - Note-taker *Jan 2018 – May '19* **Boston, USA**

OTHER VOLUNTEERING

COVID Vaccination Clinic	<i>Feb – Mar 2021</i>	Durham, USA
Community Servings Soup Kitchen	<i>Feb 2018 – Oct '19</i>	Boston, USA
Habitat for Humanity	<i>Jan – Apr 2016</i>	Jakarta, Indonesia

SKILLS

Programming Languages: Python, SQL, C/C++, MATLAB, Verilog
Software/Applications: Excel, SolidWorks, Simulink, PSpice, SPSS, Bloomberg Terminal
Foreign languages: *Fluent in* Swedish, English *Proficient in* Indonesian, Spanish

PUBLICATIONS

VaxConcerns: a better taxonomy for vaccine concerns

Rickard Stureborg, Bhuwan Dhingra, Jun Yang, Lavanya Vasudevan
In Preparation.

Exploring the effect of frequency resolution in FNet

Gregory Szumel, Ghazal Khalighinejad, **Rickard Stureborg**, Samuel Wiseman
Under Review.

Learning the Legibility of Visual Text Perturbations

Dev Seth, **Rickard Stureborg**, Danish Pruthi, Bhuwan Dhingra
Under Review.

Interface Design for Crowdsourcing Hierarchical Multi-Label Text Annotations

Rickard Stureborg, Bhuwan Dhingra, Jun Yang
CHI 2023.

Method for measurement of collagen monomer orientation in fluorescence microscopy

Rodrigo Alzola, Jose Delpiano, Anuj Gajjar, **Rickard Stureborg**, Seyed Mohammad Siadat, Jeffrey W. Ruberti
Charles A. DiMarzio
SPIE, 2021

Integrating machine learning with MATLAB and simulink in an introductory robotics class

Julius Marpaung, **Rickard Stureborg**, John K Kimani
ASEE-NE, 2020
(3rd place in Best Faculty / Professional Papers Category)

Artificial Neural Networks for Total Beginners

Rickard Stureborg
Towards Data Science, 2019

Conv Nets for dummies: an intuitive approach

Rickard Stureborg
Towards Data Science, 2019

TEACHING

Database Systems *Aug – Dec 2021*

Class size: 316 students

- Built the class project template, grading sheets, timelines, etc from scratch (still in use each year)
- Held 3 hours of office hours each week with attendance of ~15-40 students

Technical and Social Analysis of Information and the Internet *Jan – May 2021*

Class size: 297 students

- Held office hours and generated grading criteria

MENTORING

Dev Seth (Undergraduate, full-time)	20 months, 2022
Aakash Kothapally (Undergraduate, full-time)	9 months, 2021
Lei Guo (MS)	18 months, 2022
Harish Yerra (Undergraduate)	3 months, 2021
Anni Chen (Undergraduate)	4 months, 2021
James Liao (Undergraduate, full-time)	3 months, 2021
Isabella Mellody (Undergraduate, full-time)	3 months, 2021
Qianqian Che (MS)	10 months, 2021
Dongfan Zhang (MS)	10 months, 2021
Qingying Luo (MS)	10 months, 2021
Josh Geden (Undergraduate)	1 month, 2021