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Education

Stanford University 2020 – 2025
Ph.D. in Psychology
Advisor: Tobias Gerstenberg

Massachusetts Institute of Technology 2016 – 2020
B.S. in Mathematics with Computer Science; Brain & Cognitive Sciences

Experience

PhD Research Intern, Allen Institute for Artificial Intelligence Summer 2023
Advisors: Sydney Levine, Xiang Ren

Publications

Journal Articles

Sarah A. Wu and Tobias Gerstenberg (2023). If not me, then who? Responsibility and replacement. *Cognition*, 242, 105646.

Sarah A. Wu^{*}, Rose E. Wang^{*}, James A. Evans, Joshua B. Tenenbaum, David C. Parkes, and Max Kleiman-Weiner (2021). Too many cooks: Bayesian inference for coordinating multi-agent collaboration. *Topics in Cognitive Science*, 13(2), 414-432.

Sarah A. Wu and Edward Gibson (2021). Word order predicts cross-linguistic differences in the production of redundant color and number modifiers. *Cognitive Science*, 45(1), e12934.

Book Chapters

Rose E. Wang^{*}, **Sarah A. Wu**^{*}, James A. Evans, Joshua B. Tenenbaum, David C. Parkes, and Max Kleiman-Weiner (2021). Too many cooks: Bayesian inference for coordinating multi-agent collaboration. In S. Muggleton and N. Charter (Ed.), *Human-like Machine Intelligence*, pp. 152-170. Oxford University Press.

Peer-reviewed Conference Proceedings

Sarah A. Wu, Xiang Ren, and Sydney Levine (2023). Resource-rational moral judgment. *NeurIPS 2023 AI Meets Moral Philosophy and Moral Psychology (MP2) Workshop*.

Sarah A. Wu, Shruti Sridhar, and Tobias Gerstenberg (2023). A computational model of responsibility from counterfactual simulations and intention inferences. *Proceedings of the 45th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*.

Sarah A. Wu, Shruti Sridhar, and Tobias Gerstenberg (2022). That was close! A counterfactual simulation model of causal judgments about decisions. *Proceedings of the 44th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*.

Sarah A. Wu, Shruti Sridhar, and Tobias Gerstenberg (2022). That was close! A counterfactual simulation model of causal judgments about decisions. *Robotics: Science and Systems (RSS) Social Intelligence in Humans and Robots Workshop*.

Sarah A. Wu^{*}, Rose E. Wang^{*}, James A. Evans, Joshua B. Tenenbaum, David C. Parkes, and Max Kleiman-Weiner (2020). Too many cooks: Coordinating multi-agent collaboration through inverse planning. *Proceedings of the 42nd Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*.

Conference Presentations

“Resource-rational moral judgment”

Poster at NeurIPS 2023 AI Meets Moral Philosophy and Moral Psychology (MP2) Workshop

- “A computational model of responsibility from counterfactual simulations and intention inferences”
Poster at 45th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (CogSci), 2023
- “That was close! A counterfactual simulation model of causal judgments about social agents”
Talk at 48th Annual Meeting of the Society for Psychology and Philosophy ((E)SPP), 2022
Poster at 44th Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (CogSci), 2022
Poster at the Robotics: Science and Systems (RSS) Social Intelligence in Humans and Robots Workshop, 2022
- “The role of counterfactual reasoning in responsibility judgments”
Talk at 47th Annual Meeting of the Society for Psychology and Philosophy (SPP), 2021
Poster at 43rd Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (CogSci), 2021
- “Too many cooks: Bayesian inference for coordinating multi-agent collaboration”
Spotlight talk & poster at NeurIPS 2020 Cooperative AI Workshop
- “Word order predicts cross-linguistic differences in the production of redundant color and number modifiers”
Talk at 26th Architectures and Mechanisms for Language Processing (AMLaP), 2020
- “Too many cooks: Coordinating multi-agent collaboration through inverse planning”
Talk at 42nd Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Science Society (CogSci), 2020
Talk at International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multi-Agent Systems (AAMAS), 2020

Invited Presentations

Workshop on Genericity, Stability, and Structural Interactions, Cal State East Bay	2024
CompCogSci Group, University of Edinburgh	2023
Cognitive Tools Lab, UCSD	2023
Computational Vision and Learning Lab, UCLA	2022
Experimental Jurisprudence Workshop, Michigan Law School	2022
Visual Intelligence Lab, UCLA	2022
Social and Cognitive Computational Neuroscience Lab, Boston College	2020

Honors & Awards

Hsieh Family Fellow, Stanford Interdisciplinary Graduate Fellowship (SIGF)	2023 – 2026
Norman H. Anderson Research Fund, Stanford Psychology	2023
Stanford Institute for Research in the Social Sciences Grant	2022
Diverse Intelligences Summer Institute Fellow	2021
Stanford Institute for Research in the Social Sciences Grant	2021
Best Paper Award, NeurIPS Cooperative AI Workshop	2020
Computational Modeling Prize in Higher Cognition, Cognitive Science Society	2020
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship (GRFP)	2020 – 2023
Phi Beta Kappa	2020
Hans Lukas Teuber Award for Outstanding Academics, MIT	2020
Hans Lukas Teuber Award for Outstanding Academics, MIT	2019
Amgen National Scholar	2018

Teaching

Teaching Assistant

Stanford PSYCH 205 Foundations of Cognition	Spring 2023
Stanford PSYCH 251 Experimental Methods	Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023
Stanford PSYCH 252 Statistical Methods for Social & Behavioral Sciences	Winter 2022
Stanford SYMSYS 1 Minds and Machines	Summer 2021
MIT 6.046 Design and Analysis of Algorithms	Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020
MIT 6.036 Introduction to Machine Learning	Fall 2018

Instructor

IIS Curie-Sraffa High School, Milan, Italy (through MIT Global Teaching Labs)

2019

Mentoring

Shruti Sridhar (undergraduate, 2021 –)
Siying Zhang (research assistant, 2022 – 2023)
Gabe Gaw (undergraduate, 2022 – 2023)

Professional Service & Activities

Ad-hoc Reviewing

Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory, and Cognition

Conference Reviewing

2024 CogSci, AAAI Workshops, ICML Workshops
2023 CogSci, NeurIPS Workshops
2022 CogSci, NeurIPS Workshops
2021 CogSci

Conference Organizing

2023 ICML Counterfactuals Workshop

Department & University Service

Stanford Psychology Advising Coach 2023 –
Stanford Psychology FriSem Seminar Organizer 2022 – 2023
Stanford Psychology Faculty Meeting Representative 2020 – 2022
MIT Educational Counselor 2020 –

DEI & Outreach

Stanford Future Advancers of Science & Technology (<https://fast.stanford.edu/>) 2020 –
President 2023 –
Chief Program Officer 2022 – 2023
Director of Mentor Recruitment 2021 – 2022