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## Research Interests

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- Trustworthy & Responsible AI
- Natural Language Processing (NLP)
- AI Ethics & Safety
- Large Language Models (LLMs)

## Education

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**University of Virginia** Charlottesville, VA  
*Ph.D. in Computer Science* 2019 – 2025  
Advisors: [David Evans](#), [Yangfeng Ji](#)

**Chang Gung University** Taoyuan, Taiwan  
*B.S. in Information Management* 2014 – 2018

## Experience

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**University of Virginia** Charlottesville, VA  
*Graduate Research Assistant* Apr 2019 – Aug 2025

- Conducted research on trustworthy NLP—robustness, bias & fairness, and censorship.
- Published five peer-reviewed papers as first author, and presented research at conferences
- Mentored five undergraduate students, providing guidance on their research projects

**Microsoft** Redmond, WA  
*Research Intern – Cryptography and Privacy Group* Feb 2022 – May 2022

- Worked with a multidisciplinary research team to investigate privacy leakage and copyright implications of code generation models
- Implemented membership inference and training data reconstruction attacks
- Proposed several mitigation methods to improve the current pipeline

**Institute for Information Industry** Taipei, Taiwan  
*Machine Learning Intern – Cybersecurity Technology Institute* Jun 2018 – Dec 2018

- Analyzed trends in security vulnerabilities and exposures on Twitter
- Built binary classifiers for the Secbuzzer System to identify security-related Tweets
- Developed Sec2Vec embedding method.

**Chang Gung University** Taoyuan, Taiwan  
*Undergraduate Research Assistant* Jul 2017 – Jun 2018

- Assisted in IoT security research project
- Programmed device authentication and Raspberry Pi sensors for capturing environmental data

## Awards & Honors

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UVA Engineering Dean’s Scholar Fellowship (2019 – 2024)  
Student member of IEEE HKN Gamma Pi Chapter at UVA (2021)  
Chang Gung University Presidential Awards (Top 3% of class): 2016 Fall, 2017 Spring, and 2017 Fall  
First runner-up of Chang Gung University English Speech Contest (2014)

## Publications

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**Hannah Cyberek**, Yangfeng Ji, David Evans. [Unsupervised Concept Vector Extraction for Bias Control in LLMs](#). In *Proceedings of the 2025 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)*, Nov 2025.

**Hannah Cyberek**, David Evans. [Steering the CensorShip: Uncovering Representation Vectors for LLM “Thought” Control](#). In *Conference on Language Modeling (COLM)*. Oct 2025.

**Hannah Cyberek**, Yangfeng Ji, David Evans. [Do Prevalent Bias Metrics Capture Allocational Harms from LLMs?](#) In *Proceedings of the Fifth Workshop on Insights from Negative Results in NLP*. May 2025

**Hannah Cyberek**, Yangfeng Ji, David Evans. [Addressing Both Statistical and Causal Gender Fairness in NLP Models](#). In *Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics: NAACL 2024*. Jun 2024.

**Hannah Cyberek**, Yangfeng Ji, David Evans. [Balanced Adversarial Training: Balancing Tradeoffs Between Oversensitivity and Undersensitivity in NLP Models](#). In *Proceedings of the 2022 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)*. Oct 2022.

**Hannah Cyberek**, Yangfeng Ji, David Evans. [Finding Friends and Flipping Frenemies: Automatic Paraphrase Dataset Augmentation Using Graph Theory](#). In *Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics: EMNLP 2020*. Nov 2020.

**Hannah Cyberek**, Yangfeng Ji, David Evans. [Pointwise Paraphrase Appraisal Is Potentially Problematic](#). In *Proceedings of the 58th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics: Student Research Workshop*. Jul 2020.

## Talks

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Invited Talk: “Debiasing Can Be Complementary,” *The AI and Machine Learning Seminar at UVA*, Nov 2023

Guest Lecture: “Adversarial Attacks and Defenses for NLP Models,” *UVA CS6501/CS4501 Data Privacy*, Sep 2022

## Selected Projects

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**Countering Censorship in Instruction and Reasoning LLMs**  [GitHub](#)  2025

- Examined LLM censorship mechanisms through internal representations and uncovered a distinct type of censorship in reasoning LLMs (e.g., DeepSeeek-R1)
- Developed a method for detecting and controlling the level of censorship in LLM outputs
- Built a demo app with Gradio and deployed models with Docker on HuggingFace endpoints

**Bias Mitigation using Representation Engineering**  [GitHub](#)  2024

- Proposed a method that finds “steering vectors” to control model outputs related to a specific concept
- Demonstrated the effectiveness of our method in reducing gender bias in model predictions

**Improving Adversarial Robustness in NLP Models**  [GitHub](#)  2021 – 2022

- Demonstrated robustness tradeoffs in NLP models arise from common adversarial training methods
- Proposed a new adversarial training method with minimal tradeoffs in model robustness

## Leadership Experience

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*Co-Lead* – Causal Learning Reading Group at UVA

Summer 2023

*President* – Taiwanese Graduate Student Association at UVA

2022 - 2023

## Teaching Experience

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*Graduate Teaching Assistant* – CS6501/4501 Data Privacy (Fall 2022), CS6501 AI for Social Good (Fall 2021), CS6501 Natural Language Processing (Spring 2021), DS5001 Exploratory Text Analytics (Fall 2020)

*Undergraduate Teaching Assistant* – Python Programming (Spring 2018)

## Professional & Public Service

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Reviewer: NLPCC 2021, IJCNLP-AAACL 2023, NeurIPS SoLaR Workshop 2023, NAACL Insights Workshop 2025, ACL Rolling Review 2023-now

Volunteer: IEEE-HKN High School Outreach Program (2021)

## Skills

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**Programming:** Python, HTML/CSS, JavaScript

**Frameworks/Tools:** Pytorch, HuggingFace, Git, Jupyter Notebook, FastAPI, Docker

**Libraries:** Transformers, Pandas, Scikit-Learn, NumPy, SciPy, Plotly, Matplotlib, Gradio

**Languages:** English, Mandarin Chinese