Wang Boyu

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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Geography, University at Buffalo, United StatesJan 2022 – presentMaster of Science (M.Sc.), Physics, National University of Singapore, SingaporeAug 2013 – May 2015Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.), Physics, National University of Singapore, SingaporeAug 2006 – Dec 2010

Publications

- Chen, Q., Wang, B., & Crooks. A. (2024) Community Resilience to Wildfires: A Network Analysis Approach by Utilizing Human Mobility Data. Computers, Environment and Urban Systems, 110, 102110. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.compenvurbsys.2024.102110
- Wang, B. & Crooks, A. (2023). Agent-Based Modeling of Consumer Choice by Utilizing Crowdsourced Data and Deep Learning (Short Paper). In *Proceedings of the 12th International Conference on Geographic Information Science* (GIScience 2023) https://doi.org/10.4230/LIPIcs.GIScience.2023.81
- Wang, B., Hess, V., & Crooks, A. (2022). Mesa-Geo: A GIS Extension for the Mesa Agent-Based Modeling Framework in Python. In *Proceedings of the 5th ACM SIGSPATIAL International Workshop on GeoSpatial Simulation* (pp. 1-10). https://doi.org/10.1145/3557989.3566157

PEER REVIEW EXPERIENCE

Journal of Open Source Software 2024
Environment and Planning B: Urban Analytics and City Science 2023

WORK EXPERIENCE

University at Buffalo

United States

Graduate Research Assistant

Jan 2022 – present

- Focus on applying machine learning methods in and for agent-based modeling (ABM) and geographic information science (GIScience).
- Contribute to and maintain Mesa-Geo, an open-source GIS extension for the Mesa agent-based modeling framework in Python.

Hewlett Packard Enterprise

Singapore

Senior Data Scientist, APAC Innovation Center

Jan 2020 – Jan 2022

- Work independently in a team of 9 data scientists, conducting use-case driven applied research.
- Implement fusion algorithms to combine object detection results from multiple deep learning models.
- Estimate bounding box size and location based on drone telemetry and camera calibration data.
- $\bullet \ \ Develop\ YOLOv5\ and\ SlowFast\ models\ for\ real-time\ human\ action\ detection\ from\ aerial\ view\ video.$
- $\bullet \ \ Create\ visualizations\ of\ high\ dimensional\ vaccine\ trial\ data\ using\ t-SNE\ and\ GMM\ clustering\ methods.$
- Develop a federated learning use-case on highly imbalanced credit card fraud data, with a comparison of model performance to centralized neural network and XGBoost models.
- Conduct interviews and participate in the hiring of data scientist candidates.

TUMCREATE Ltd.

Singapore

Lead R&D Engineer, Project SPEEDCARGO Oct 2017 – Jan 2020

Software engineering

- Lead the design and development of a core planning service in C++.
- o Define, implement and maintain RESTful API interfacting frontend applications.
- Write CI/CD pipelines using Ansible, Docker and Jenkins.

• Research

- Review and prototype heuristic and meta-heuristic methods of real-world discrete optimization problems.
- Write R and Python packages in C++ interfacing core planning library to facilitate performance analysis.
- o Collect benchmark datasets for performance comparison of different methods.

Management

- Manage the technology development and implementation for one of the three main products.
- o Manage a remote outsourcing team and successfully deliver two minimum viable products.
- Mentor junior software developers and interns.
- o Conduct interviews and participate in the building of team from 4 to 10+ members.

Singapore-MIT Alliance for Research and Technology (SMART) Centre

Singapore

Research Engineer, Center for Environmental Sensing and Modeling (CENSAM)

Sep 2016 - Sep 2017

- Work independently in a team of three researchers, reporting to Research Scientist.
- Research spectrum separation algorithms to identify merged peaks for LED induced fluorescence signals.
- Design and implement a multi-platform desktop C++ GUI application for real-time data processing.
- Build a testing environment to simulate data acquisition using Docker.
- Maintain and support a legacy C++ ARM based embedded application.

Cognizant Technology Solutions

Singapore

Sep 2015 - Sep 2016

Software Engineer

- Perform the role of Agile developer in a Scrum team of 7 people.
- Work in a team of 9 Appian developers on back-end business process management (BPM) application, and collaborate with 10+ front-end Ruby on Rails developers.
- Develop Java plug-ins for Appian applications, and implement the interfacing with other data systems.
- Implement SOAP web services and manage assets in both business layer and persistence layer.
- Write stored procedures, functions and packages with Oracle PL/SQL.
- Troubleshoot software defects and deliver bug fixes.

Apple Inc. Singapore Mar 2013 - Aug 2013

QA Tester

- Involve in user acceptance testing (UAT) of software development projects.
- Execute testing scripts to ensure software functionality, performance, reliability and stability.
- Identify and review with global cross-functional teams on functional, linguistic and localization issues.
- Receive WOW Award: Thinking Outside Of The Box.

AppleCare Advisor Nov 2011 - Feb 2013

- Provide remote first level support to Apple customers.
- Promote Apple hardware, software and service offerings.

Conference Presentations & Talks

- Boyu Wang and Andrew Crooks. "Do People Care About Others' Opinions of Places? Utilizing Deep Learning to Model Peoples' Review Patterns", AAG Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, USA. Mar 25, 2023
- Qingqing Chen, Boyu Wang and Andrew Crooks. "Community Resilience to Wildfires: A Network Analysis Approach by Utilizing Human Mobility Data", AAG Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, USA. Mar 25, 2023
- Boyu Wang and Andrew Crooks. "Mesa-Geo: A GIS Extension for the Mesa Agent-Based Modeling Framework in Python", 5th ACM SIGSPATIAL International Workshop on GeoSpatial Simulation, Seattle, WA, USA. Nov 1, 2022

Honors & Awards

- Best Paper Award, 5th ACM SIGSPATIAL International Workshop on GeoSpatial Simulation (GeoSim 2022)
- Travel Grant Award, 30th ACM SIGSPATIAL International Conference on Advances in Geographic Information Systems (ACM SIGSPATIAL 2022)
- Government-Linked Company Undergraduate Scholarship (SM3), Ministry of Education, Singapore, 2006

Certificates

| DeepLearning.AI Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) Specialization, Coursera | Jan 2022 |
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| DeepLearning.AI TensorFlow Developer Specialization, Coursera | Jan 2021 |
| Dataiku DSS Certified User L2, Dataiku | May 2020 |
| Probabilistic Graphical Models Specialization, Coursera | Apr 2020 |
| Dataiku DSS Certified User L1, Dataiku | Apr 2020 |
| Data Scientist with Python, DataCamp | Jun 2019 |
| Deep Learning Nanodegree, Udacity | Aug 2018 |
| Machine Learning, Coursera | Feb 2016 |
| Appian Certified Application Designer, Appian Corporation | Jan 2016 – Jul 2017 |
| Appian Certified Application Analyst, Appian Corporation | Dec 2015 – Jun 2017 |

SKILLS

Programming R, Python, C++, SQL, MATLAB, Mathematica, Java

Tidyverse, Pandas, Scikit-Learn, Seaborn, PyTorch, Keras, TensorFlow, MLflow, Qt, ROS Frameworks & Packages

PLATFORMS & TOOLS Ansible, Appian, ArcGIS Pro, Bash, Dataiku DSS, Docker, Git, Jenkins, Linux

LANGUAGES English (Fluent), Mandarin (Native)