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EDUCATION

Emory University

Ph.D. in Computer Science and Informatics (Incoming)

Atlanta, GA
Expected Aug. 2025 – Expected May 2030

University of California, Irvine

Bachelor of Science in Informatics
Minor in Information and Computer Sciences

Irvine, CA
Sep. 2021 – Expected June 2025

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Researcher

University of California, Irvine
[STAR Lab](#) led by Dr. Gillian Hayes

June 2023 – Present
Irvine, CA

- Analyzing qualitative data from smartwatch user studies to uncover recurring themes and gain actionable insights
- Designing and developed interactive Streamlit dashboards to visualize clusters of **109** distinct themes in order to highlight key contextual and semantic relationships
- Leveraging GPT-3.5's API to automate and refine the extraction of contextually relevant themes from user studies and feedback

Undergraduate Research Intern

University of California, Berkeley
[EPIC Data Lab](#) co-led by Dr. Aditya Parameswaran

June 2024 – Aug. 2024
Berkeley, CA

- Developed an information retrieval system to capture key values (e.g., dates and case IDs) across **490** legal documents totaling **32,849** pages
- Implemented a semantic search-based clustering approach to group legal documents by contextual similarity
- Built interactive user interfaces with React.js and TypeScript to visually present comprehensive document analytics for various stakeholders (e.g., journalists and legal professionals)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Reader

University of California, Irvine
Course: *Information Visualization*

Mar. 2025 – Present
Irvine, CA

- Teaching information visualization techniques for approximately **50** students through regular office hours
- Providing grading support and feedback on student assignments
- Collaborating on continuous updates and enhancements to course materials

Learning Assistant

University of California, Irvine
Course: *Programming with Software Libraries*

Jan. 2023 – Mar. 2023, Mar. 2024 – June 2024, & Mar. 2025 – Present
Irvine, CA

- Teaching Python programming concepts to a cumulative total of **85** undergraduate students across **3** quarters, most of whom were freshmen and sophomores with little to no prior programming experience
- Assisting undergraduate students with the debugging of their Python programs
- Aiding undergraduate students in learning how to use Git

Learning Assistant

University of California, Irvine
Course: *Programming with Software Libraries Accelerated*

Sep. 2023 – Dec. 2023
Irvine, CA

- Taught Python programming concepts to **50** undergraduate students that were primarily third year transfers and freshmen with prior programming experience
- Assisted undergraduate students with the debugging of their Python programs
- Helped undergraduate students transition from their prior programming experiences in languages such as Java and JavaScript to Python

CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIUMS

Eunsang, P., Cibrian, A., **Guzman, D.**, Cibrian, F., Beltran, J., Hayes, G. “Reinforcement Learning from Human Feedback for Thematic Analysis,” [Poster Presentation] University of California, Irvine Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Symposium, Irvine, CA, August 2024

Guzman, D., Lin, Y., Parameswaran, A. “Document Clustering of Police Records: Enhancing Transparency and Accessibility,” [Poster Presentation] University of California, Berkeley Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Symposium, Berkeley, CA, August 2024

Guzman, D., George, M., Beltran, J., Cibrian, F., Hayes, G. “Using Large Language Models to Augment Reflective Thematic Analysis for Semi-Structured Interviews,” [Poster Presentation] National Conference on Undergraduate Research, Long Beach, CA, April 2024

Guzman, D., Beltran, J., Cibrian, F., Hayes, G. “How Can ChatGPT Be Used as a Tool in Qualitative Analysis,” [Oral Presentation] University of California, Irvine Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Symposium, Irvine, CA, August 2023

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

AccessComputing, Student Member Feb. 2025 – Present

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND DISTINCTIONS

University of California Leadership Excellence Through Advanced Degrees Aug. 2023 & Aug. 2024
Awarded: \$8,000 (in total)

2023 Information and Computer Sciences Diversity Conference Scholarship Aug. 2023

UC Irvine Chancellor’s Excellence Scholarship Sep. 2021 – June. 2023

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: C++, Python, Java, TypeScript, JavaScript, HTML, CSS, Sass

Frameworks & Environments: React.js, React Native, Node.js, Angular, Streamlit, Vega-Lite, Ionic, Java Swing

Database Systems: MongoDB, Firebase, MySQL

Developer Tools: Git, Visual Studio Code, Arduino, PyCharm, IntelliJ, Eclipse, L^AT_EX