

New Faculty Hires:



Shiry Ginosar
Assistant Professor
(PhD UC Berkeley)
Computer Perception, including vision, audio,
and other sensory modalities



Kanishka Misra
Research Assistant Professor
(PhD Purdue University)
Computational Linguistics, NLP, Cognitive
Science, evaluation of language models



Zhewei Sun
Research Assistant Professor
(PhD University of Toronto)
NLP, computational linguistics, machine
learning for NLP, computational social
science, language and cognition



Jingyan Wang
Research Assistant Professor
(PhD Carnegie Mellon)
Learning from People, Fairness, Machine
Learning, Statistics



Tianhao Wang
Research Assistant Professor
(PhD Yale)
High-dimensional statistics and learning,
deep learning theory

Research Highlights:

- Student Kumar Kshitij Patel and collaborators received an IJCAI 2024 Distinguished Paper Award
- Prof. Ali Vakilian and collaborators received an AISTATS 2024 Outstanding Student Paper Award
- Students Gene Li and Naren Manoj, Prof. Avrim Blum, and collaborators received an ALT 2024 Outstanding Paper Award
- Student Davis Yoshida and collaborators received an ACL 2024 Outstanding Paper Award
- Students Chung-Ming Chien and Ju-Chieh Chou, Prof. Karen Livescu, and collaborators received an ASRU 2023 Best Student Paper Award
- TTIC faculty and students published in major AI and Theory research venues including ACL, AISTATS, ALT, ASRU, COLT, CoRL, CSLaw, CVPR, EC, ECCV, EMNLP, ESA, FOCS, FORC, ICALP, ICASSP, ICCV, ICLR, ICML, ICRA, IJCAI, IROS, ITCS, NAACL, NeurIPS, RSS, SODA, STOC, and TACL.
- TTIC faculty and students showcased robotics at the Museum of Science and Industry Robot Block Party and engaged in a range of outreach activities
- TTIC is proud to be a member of the IDEAL NSF TRIPODS Phase II institute; TTIC faculty have also received significant funding awards from the NSF, NIH, DARPA, the Simons Foundation, and many corporate sponsors

RAP Placements:

- Emily Diana is now an Assistant Professor at Carnegie Mellon
- Jiawei Zhou is now an Assistant Professor at Stony Brook
- Lingxiao Wang is now an Assistant Professor at NJIT
- Theodor Misiakiewicz is now an Assistant Professor at Yale

2024 PhD Graduates:

- Lingyu Gao (advised by Kevin Gimpel) is now an AI Engineer at ETS
- Ben Lai (advised by Jinbo Xu) is now an AI Fellow at the CZ Biohub Chicago
- Han Shao (advised by Avrim Blum) is now a postdoc at Harvard and will be joining UMD as an Assistant Professor
- Freda Shi (advised by Kevin Gimpel and Karen Livescu) is now an Assistant Professor at U Waterloo
- Shashank Srivastava (advised by Madhur Tulsiani) is now a postdoc at Rutgers and IAS
- Kevin Stangl (advised by Avrim Blum) is now a Research Scientist at HiddenLayer
- Takuma Yoneda (advised by Matt Walter) is now a Research Scientist at Google DeepMind
- Davis Yoshida (advised by Kevin Gimpel) is now a Machine learning Engineer at Continua AI

Congratulations to all our 2024 PhD Graduates!

By the numbers (Fall 2024):

- PhD Students: 39
- Research Assistant Professors and Research Scientists: 13
- Tenured and tenure-track faculty: 13

