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CONTACT INFORMATION

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RESEARCH INTERESTS Data visualization, theory and implementation of large data summaries and encodings, human-centered data science, machine learning and scientific visualization for model comprehensibility.

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin—Madison, Madison, Wisconsin, USA

Doctor of Philosophy, Computer Sciences (expected early 2017)

August 2011 - present

- Area of concentration: Data visualization (visual summaries, prescriptive design from description)
- Advisor: Professor Michael Gleicher

Master of Science, Computer Sciences

August 2011 - May 2013

University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, USA

Bachelor of Science, Computer Science & Chemistry (Honors)

**September 2004 – June 2009** 

Honors and Awards Best Poster Award, IEEE Scientific Visualization Conference, 2013

UW Department of Computer Sciences Summer Research Fellowship, 2012

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program, Honorable Mention, 2012

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

**A. Sarikaya**, et al. "Visualizing Co-occurrence of Events in Populations of Viral Genome Sequences," Computer Graphics Forum (Proc. EuroVis '16), 35(3): 151–160, 2016.

**A. Sarikaya**, D. Albers, J. C. Mitchell, and M. Gleicher, "Visualizing Validation of Protein Surface Classifiers," *Computer Graphics Forum* (Proc. EuroVis '14), 33(3): 171–180, 2014.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE UW Graphics Laboratory, Madison, Wisconsin, USA

http://graphics.cs.wisc.edu/

September 2011 – present

Developed a visualization solution (D3.js) to view the performance of protein classifiers that characterize binding activity, supporting comprehensibility and visualization of machine learning methods.

Used Amazon's Mechanical Turk to run user-perceptual studies of graph encodings, and worked on incorporating on-demand WebGL technologies into the lab's repertoire. Currently curating a framework for scatterplot design and generating descriptive knowledge of built visual summaries.

Microsoft Research, Redmond, Washington, USA (mentor: Danyel Fisher)

http://research.microsoft.com/en-us/groups/vibe

May 2015 - August 2015

Developed methods for preprocessing data to focus downstream sequential analysis of log file data.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, Washington, USA

Software Development Engineer in Test II

September 2009 – August 2011

Ensured the stability of the business intelligence component of Windows crash reports; maintained and tested code that processed billions of messages daily; overlooked multi-terabyte databases. Validated the performance and stability of telemetric data marts for Windows 8.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE University of Wisconsin—Madison, Madison, Wisconsin, USA

Teaching Assistant

January 2015 – May 2015

Assisted with Data Visualization (CS 638/838), curating assignments and providing guidance to students (mix of undergraduates and graduate students). Provided tutorials about Tableau Desktop for mock-up use. Maintained class discussions (over 6,000 messages) about readings and assignments.

PROGRAMMING AND SKILLS

JavaScript, WebGL, C#, C++, OpenGL, Java, Python, PHP, TypeScript, (t-)SQL. D3.js, Leaflet.js, Visual Studio, Tableau Desktop, Adobe Photoshop & Illustrator

References

Available on request.

EXTRAS Much more detail of projects and a full CV available online: http://cs.wisc.edu/~sarikaya