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Ph.D., Machine Learning

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Swarthmore College

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Publications & Manuscripts

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- **Springer, Jacob M.**; Kotha, Suhas; Fried, Daniel; Neubig, Graham; Raghunathan, Aditi. Repetition Improves Language Model Embeddings. ICLR 2025.
- **Springer, Jacob M.**; Nagarajan, Vaishnavh; Raghunathan, Aditi. Sharpness-Aware Minimization Enhances Feature Learning. ICLR 2024.
- Kotha, Suhas.; **Springer, Jacob M.**; Raghunathan, Aditi. (2023). Understanding Catastrophic Forgetting in Language Models via Implicit Inference. ICLR 2024.
- Jones, Haydn T; **Springer, Jacob M**; Kenyon, Garrett T; Moore, Juston. If You've Trained One You've Trained Them All: Inter-Architecture Similarity Increases With Robustness. Conference on Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence. 2022. (Oral)
- **Springer, Jacob M**; Mitchell, Melanie; Kenyon, Garrett T. A Little Robustness Goes a Long Way: Leveraging Robust Features for Targeted Transfer Attacks. Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS). 2021.
- **Springer, Jacob M**; Mitchell, Melanie; Kenyon, Garrett T. Uncovering Universal Features: How Adversarial Training Improves Adversarial Transferability. ICML 2021 Workshop on Adversarial Machine Learning. 2021. (Shorter version of above.)
- **Springer, Jacob M**; Mitchell, Melanie; Kenyon, Garrett T. Adversarial Perturbations Are Not So Weird: Entanglement of Robust and Non-Robust Features in Neural Network Classifiers. Preprint. 2021.
- **Springer, Jacob M**; Reinstadler, Bryn Marie; O'Reilly, Una-May. STRATA: Simple, Gradient-Free Attacks for Models of Code. 3rd Workshop on Adversarial Learning Methods for Machine Learning and Data Mining @ KDD. 2021.
- **Springer, Jacob M**; Kenyon, Garrett T. It's Hard for Neural Networks To Learn the Game of Life. International Joint Conference on Neural Networks (IJCNN). 2021.
- Wang, Daniel A; Strauss, Charles MS; **Springer, Jacob M**; Thresher, Austin; Pritchard, Howard; Kenyon, Garrett T. Sparse MP4. IEEE Southwest Symposium on Image Analysis and Interpretation (SSIAI). 2020.
- **Springer, Jacob M**; Strauss, Charles S; Thresher, Austin M; Kim, Edward; Kenyon, Garrett T. Classifiers based on deep sparse coding architectures are robust to deep learning transferable examples. Preprint. 2018.
- **Springer, Jacob M**; Feng, Wu-chang. Teaching with Angr: A Symbolic Execution Curriculum and CTF. USENIX Workshop on Advances in Security Education (ASE). 2018.

Professional & Research Experience

Carnegie Mellon University

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August 2022 – Present

Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory

Machine Learning & Computational Neuroscience Research

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- Advised by Una-May O'Reilly

Portland State University

Computer Security Education Research

- Advised by Wu-chang Feng

Los Alamos, NM

June 2018 – December 2021

Cambridge, MA

June 2020 – August 2020

Portland, OR

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Awards & Achievements

- Hertz Fellowship, Finalist, 2023
- NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, 2022
- Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, 2020
- Finalist, National Merit Scholarship, 2017