

Stephen H. Bach

Curriculum Vitae

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Research I investigate **machine learning** methods for incorporating high-level knowledge into statistical models. My approach is to develop new methods that blend statistical methods with rule-based systems to achieve benefits from each. Topics I have worked on include weak supervision, statistical relational learning, and information extraction.

Positions **Assistant Professor, 2018–Present**

Brown University
Computer Science Department

Visiting Scholar, 2018

Google
Mountain View, CA

Postdoctoral Scholar, 2015–2018

Stanford University
Computer Science Department
Advisor: Christopher Ré

Education

Ph.D., Computer Science, 2015
University of Maryland, College Park

Advisor: Lise Getoor
Dissertation: Hinge-Loss Markov Random Fields and Probabilistic Soft Logic:
A Scalable Approach to Structured Prediction
Committee: Rama Chellapa, Hal Daumé III, Larry Davis, Kevin Murphy
Larry S. Davis Doctoral Dissertation Award

B.S., Computer Science and Mathematics (double major), 2010

Georgetown University
Advisor: Mark Maloof
Magna Cum Laude

Publications

Journal Papers

- S. H. Bach, M. Broecheler, B. Huang, and L. Getoor. Hinge-loss Markov random fields and probabilistic soft logic. *Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR)*, 18(109):1–67, 2017.
- A. J. Ratner, S. H. Bach, H. E. Ehrenberg, J. Fries, S. Wu, and C. Ré. Snorkel: Rapid training data creation with weak supervision. *PVLDB*, 11(3):269–282, 2017. **Best of VLDB 2018**.
- G. Farnadi, S. H. Bach, M. Blondeel, M.-F. Moens, L. Getoor, and M. De Cock. Soft quantification in statistical relational learning. *Machine Learning*, 2017.

Peer-Reviewed Conference Papers

- S. H. Bach, B. He, A. J. Ratner, and C. Ré. Learning the structure of generative models without labeled data. In *International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, 2017.
- H. Lakkaraju, S. H. Bach, and J. Leskovec. Interpretable decision sets: A joint framework for description and prediction. In *ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD)*, 2016.
- S. H. Bach*, B. Huang*, J. Boyd-Graber, and L. Getoor. Paired-dual learning for fast training of latent variable hinge-loss MRFs. In *International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, 2015.

- S. H. Bach, B. Huang, and L. Getoor. Unifying local consistency and MAX SAT relaxations for scalable inference with rounding guarantees. In *Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS)*, 2015. **Selected for oral presentation, 6% of submitted papers (27/442).**
- G. Farnadi, S. H. Bach, M. Blondeel, M.-F. Moens, L. Getoor, and M. De Cock. Statistical relational learning with soft quantifiers. In *International Conference on Inductive Logic Programming (ILP)*, 2015. **Best Student Paper Award.**
- S. H. Bach, B. Huang, B. London, and L. Getoor. Hinge-loss Markov random fields: Convex inference for structured prediction. In *Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence (UAI)*, 2013.
- S. H. Bach, M. Broecheler, L. Getoor, and D. P. O’Leary. Scaling MPE inference for constrained continuous Markov random fields with consensus optimization. In *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS)*, 2012.
- S. H. Bach and M. A. Maloof. A Bayesian approach to concept drift. In *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS)*, 2010.
- S. H. Bach* and M. A. Maloof*. Paired learners for concept drift. In *IEEE International Conference on Data Mining (ICDM)*, 2008.

Demonstrations

- A. J. Ratner, S. H. Bach, H. E. Ehrenberg, and C. Ré. Snorkel: Fast training set generation for information extraction. ACM SIGMOD Conference on Management of Data (SIGMOD), 2017.

Workshop Papers

- S. H. Bach, B. Huang, and L. Getoor. Rounding guarantees for message-passing MAP inference with logical dependencies. In *NIPS Workshop on Discrete and Combinatorial Problems in Machine Learning (DISCML)*, 2014.
- S. H. Bach, B. Huang, and L. Getoor. Probabilistic soft logic for social good. In *KDD Workshop on Data Science for Social Good*, 2014.
- G. Farnadi, S. H. Bach, M. Moens, L. Getoor, and M. De Cock. Extending PSL with fuzzy quantifiers. In *International Workshop on Statistical Relational Artificial Intelligence (StaRAI)*, 2014.
- S. H. Bach, B. Huang, and L. Getoor. Large-margin structured learning for link ranking. In *NIPS Workshop on Frontiers of Network Analysis: Methods, Models, and Applications*, 2013. **Best Student Paper Award.**
- S. H. Bach, B. Huang, and L. Getoor. Learning latent groups with hinge-loss Markov random fields. In *ICML Workshop on Inferring: Interactions between Inference and Learning*, 2013.
- B. London, S. Khamis, S. H. Bach, B. Huang, L. Getoor, and L. Davis. Collective activity detection using hinge-loss Markov random fields. In *CVPR Workshop on Structured Prediction: Tractability, Learning and Inference*, 2013.
- A. Kimmig, S. H. Bach, M. Broecheler, B. Huang, and L. Getoor. A short introduction to probabilistic soft logic. In *NIPS Workshop on Probabilistic Programming: Foundations and Applications*, 2012.
- B. Huang, S. H. Bach, E. Norris, J. Pujara, and L. Getoor. Social group modeling with probabilistic soft logic. In *NIPS Workshop on Social Network and Social Media Analysis: Methods, Models, and Applications*, 2012.
- A. Memory, A. Kimmig, S. H. Bach, L. Raschid, and L. Getoor. Graph summarization in annotated data using probabilistic soft logic. In *Proceedings of the International Workshop on Uncertainty Reasoning for the Semantic Web (URSW)*, 2012.
- S. H. Bach, M. Broecheler, S. Kok, and L. Getoor. Decision-driven models with probabilistic soft logic. In *NIPS Workshop on Predictive Models in Personalized Medicine*, 2010.

* Equal Contributors

Advising

Shiying Luo

Sc.M., 2019 (expected)

Invited Talks

Programming Statistical Machine Learning with High-Level Knowledge

University of Chicago, Computer Science Department	Apr. 11 2018
Harvard University, Computer Science Department	Apr. 5 2018
Northeastern University, College of Computer and Info. Science	Apr. 3 2018
University of Pennsylvania, Computer Science Department	Mar. 28 2018
Rutgers University, Computer Science Department	Mar. 26 2018
Brown University, Computer Science Department	Mar. 19 2018
University of Massachusetts Amherst, College of Info. and Computer Sciences	Feb. 26 2018
Duke University, Computer Science Department	Feb. 21 2018
Dartmouth College, Computer Science Department	Feb. 16 2018
University of California, Irvine, Computer Science Department	Feb. 13 2018
Purdue University, Computer Science Department	Feb. 8 2018

Snorkel: Creating Noisy Training Data to Overcome Machine Learning's Biggest Bottleneck

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley AI Research Lab	Jul. 10 2017
SIGMOD Workshop on Data Management for End-to-End Machine Learning (DEEM)	May 14 2017

Probabilistic Soft Logic: Scaling Up Logical Reasoning in Statistical Machine Learning

CSLI Workshop on Logic, Rationality, and Intelligent Interaction	Jun. 2 2018
University of California, Santa Cruz, Computer Science Department	Mar. 4 2016
Stanford University, InfoLab, Computer Science Department	Feb. 11 2015
University of California, San Diego, San Diego Supercomputer Center	Feb. 9 2015
Charles River Analytics, Cambridge, MA	Aug. 20 2014

Honors and Awards

Larry S. Davis Doctoral Dissertation Award

2015, Computer Science Department, University of Maryland, College Park

John D. Gannon Award for Outstanding Graduate Student

2013, Computer Science Department, University of Maryland, College Park

Computer Science Award

2010, Georgetown University

Teaching

Learning with Limited Labeled Data

CSCI 2952-C, Brown University

Fall 2018

Professional Activities

Workshop Organizer

2017 NIPS Workshop on Learning with Limited Labeled Data: Weak Supervision and Beyond

National Science Foundation Peer Review Panelist

Division of Information and Intelligent Systems (IIS)

Conference Program Committee / Reviewer

Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS)
International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)
International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)
International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI)
International World Wide Web Conference (WWW)

Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS)
SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD)
Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence (UAI)

Journal Reviewer

ACM Transactions on Knowledge Discovery in Data (TKDD)
Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery
IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering (TKDE)
IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (PAMI)
Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR)
Science Advances
Statistical Analysis and Data Mining

Workshop Program Committee

Automatic Knowledge Base Construction (AKBC)
Data Driven Discovery of Models (D3M)
Knowledge Base Construction, Reasoning and Mining (KBCOM)
Mining and Learning with Graphs (MLG)

September 4, 2018