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Education

- 2017 PhD, Computer Science, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2013 MS, Computer Science, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2008 BS, Symbolic Systems (Honors), Minor in Mathematics, Stanford University.

Research Interests

Computational oncology, natural language processing, machine learning.

Publications

Conference and Journal Proceedings

- 2023 Justin Jee, Angela Rose Brannon, Chris Fong, Adrian Lee, Lauren Gray, Karl Pichotta, Anisha Luthra, Monica S. Diosdado, Mohammad S Haque, Jiannan Guo, Jennifer Hernandez, Kavita Garg, Andriy Derkach, Clare Wilhelm, Rohan Singh, Maria E Arcila, Nick Pavlakakis, Stephen Clarke, Sohrab P. Shah, Pedram Razavi, Jorge S Reis-Filho, Marc Ladanyi, Nikolaus Schultz, Jeffrey I. Zwicker, Michael F. Berger, Bob T. Li, Simon Mantha. DNA Liquid Biopsies for Cancer-Associated Venous Thromboembolism Prediction. *Blood*. 2023.
- 2022 Nathaniel C. Swinburne, Vivek Yadav, Julie Kim, Ye R. Choi, David C. Gutman, Jonathan T. Yang, Nelson Moss, Jacqueline Stone, Jamie Tisnado, Vaios Hatzoglou, Sofia S. Haque, Sasan Karimi, John Lyo, Krishna Juluru, Karl Pichotta, Jianjiong Gao, Sohrab P. Shah, Andrei I. Holodny, Robert J. Young, MSK MIND Consortium. Semisupervised Training of a Brain MRI Tumor Detection Model Using Mined Annotations. *Radiology*. 2022.
- 2021 Eric Lehman, Sarthak Jain, Karl Pichotta, Yoav Goldberg and Byron C. Wallace. Does BERT Pretrained on Clinical Notes Reveal Sensitive Data? *Proceedings of the 2021 Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL-21)*.
- 2019 Yonatan Bisk, Jan Buys, Karl Pichotta, and Yejin Choi. Benchmarking Hierarchical Script Knowledge. *Proceedings of the 2019 Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL-19)*.

2018 Wesley Tansey, Karl Pichotta, and James G. Scott. Leaf-Smoothed Hierarchical Softmax for Ordinal Prediction. *Proceedings of the 32nd AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI-18)*.

2016 Karl Pichotta and Raymond J. Mooney. Using Sentence-Level LSTM Language Models for Script Inference. *Proceedings of the 54th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL-16)*.

2016 Karl Pichotta and Raymond J. Mooney. Learning Statistical Scripts With LSTM Recurrent Neural Networks. *Proceedings of the 30th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI-16)*.

2014 Karl Pichotta and Raymond J. Mooney. Statistical Script Learning with Multi-Argument Events. *Proceedings of the 14th Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL 2014)*.

2013 Karl Pichotta and John DeNero. Identifying Phrasal Verbs Using Many Bilingual Corpora. *Proceedings of the 2013 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP 2013)*.

2012 Vladimir Lifschitz, Karl Pichotta and Fangkai Yang. Relational Theories with Null Values and Non-Herbrand Stable Models. *Theory and Practice of Logic Programming*, 12(4-5):565-582. 2012.

Workshop Proceedings

2022 Karl Pichotta and Wesley Tansey. Zero-Shot Prediction of Drug Combination Activity for High-Throughput Screens. 2022 ICML Workshop on Computational Biology.

2016 Karl Pichotta and Raymond J. Mooney. Statistical Script Learning with Recurrent Neural Networks. Workshop on Uphill Battles in Natural Language Processing at EMNLP 2016.

Preprints

2024 Thinh N. Tran, Chris Fong, Karl Pichotta, Anisha Luthra, Ronglai Shen, Yuan Chen, Michele Waters, Susie Kim, Michael F Berger, Gregory Riely, Marc Ladanyi, Debyani Chakravarty, Nikolaus Schultz, and Justin Jee. Machine learning predictions improve identification of real-world cancer driver mutations. bioRxiv. 2024.

Theses

2017 Karl Pichotta. Advances in Statistical Script Learning. PhD Thesis, Department of Computer Science, The University of Texas at Austin. 2017.

2008 Karl Pichotta. Processing Paraphrases and Phrasal Implicatives in the Bridge Question-Answering System. Undergraduate Honors Thesis, Symbolic Systems Program, Stanford University. 2008.

Posters and Abstracts

2024 Anneliese Markus, Karl Pichotta, Jeffrey Quinn, Jessica White, Christopher Tosh, Jinrui Liu, Erin Coyne, Wesley Tansey. A pan-cancer ex vivo drug screen database for next-generation pharmacogenomics and functional precision oncology. Annual meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR). Poster Presentation. 2024.

2024 Kenneth L. Kehl, Justin Jee, Karl Pichotta, Pavel Trukhanov, Christopher Fong, Michele Waters, Chelsea Nichols, Ethan Cerami, Deb Schrag, Nikolaus Schultz. Shareable artificial intelligence to extract cancer outcomes from electronic health records. ASCO Annual Meeting. Oral Presentation. 2024.

2024 Thinh N. Tran, Chris Fong, Karl Pichotta, Anisha Luthra, Ronglai Shen, Yuan Chen, Michele Waters, Susie Kim, Gregory Riely, Debyani Chakravarty, Nikolaus Schultz, Justin Jee. AI-derived predictions improve identification of real-world cancer driver mutations. Annual meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR). Oral Presentation. 2024.

2024 Christopher Fong, Karl Pichotta, Thinh Tran, Michele Waters, Tom Fu, Mono Pirun, Mirella Altoe, Brooke Mastrogiamomo, Arfath Pasha, Armaan Kohli, Raymond Lim, Tom Pollard, Darin Moore, Benjamin Gross, Avery Wang, Calla Chennault, Ritika Kundra, Ramya Madupuri, Ino de Bruijn, Aaron Lisman, Walid Chatila, Subhi Nandakumar, Doorri Rose, Kenneth Kehl, Deborah Schrag, Michael Berger, Jian Carrot-Zhang, Pedram Razavi, Bob Li, Pete Stetson, Justin Jee, Nikolaus Schultz. Systematic Generation of a Clinicogenomic Harmonized Oncologic Real-world Dataset (MSK-CHORD). Annual meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR). Oral Presentation. 2024.

2024 Paolo Manca, Ayush V. Kris, Henry Walch, Christopher Fong, Justin Jee, Karl Pichotta, Nikolaus Schultz, Walid K. Chatila, Rona Yaeger, Francisco Sanchez-Vega. Genomic and clinical characterization of metastatic patterns using real-world data from a large cohort of colorectal cancer patients. Annual meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR). Poster Presentation. 2024.

2024 Tricia Park, Karl Pichotta, Christopher J. Fong, Nikolaus Schultz, Puneeth Iyengar, Justin Jee, Ed Reznik. Automatic identification of subjective appetite or weight loss in clinician notes empowers studies of cachexia. Annual meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR). Poster Presentation. 2024.

- 2023 Justin Jee, Chris Fong, Karl Pichotta, Thinh Tran, Anisha Luthra, Mirella Altoe, Steven Maron, Ronglai Shen, Si-Yang Liu, Michele Waters, Joseph Kholodenko, Brooke Mastrogioacomo, Susie Kim, A. Rose Brannon, Michael F Berger, Axel Martin, Jason Chang, Anton Safonov, Jorge S. Reis-Filho, Deborah Schrag, Sohrab P. Shah, Pedram Razavi, Bob T Li, Gregory J Riely, Nikolaus Schultz. Automated annotation for large-scale clinicogenomic models of lung cancer treatment response and overall survival. Annual meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR). Oral Presentation. 2023.
- 2023 Thinh N. Tran, Karl B. Pichotta, Si-Yang Liu, Christopher Fong, Anisha Luthra, Brooke Mastrogioacomo, Steven Maron, Deborah Schrag, Sohrab P. Shah, Pedram Razavi, Bob T. Li, Gregory J. Riely, Nikolaus Schultz, Justin Jee. Identification of anti-neoplastic therapy given before initial visit at a referral center using natural language processing applied to medical oncology initial consultation notes. Annual meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR). Poster Presentation. 2023.
- 2023 Justin Jee, Anisha Luthra, Christopher Fong, Karl Pichotta, Thinh Ngoc Tran, Mirella L. Altoe, Alex Miller, Ronglai Shen, Michael F. Berger, Francisco Sánchez-Vega, Steven B. Maron, Anton Safonov, Kenneth L. Kehl, Jorge Sergio Reis-Filho, Deborah Schrag, Sohrab P. Shah, Pedram Razavi, Bob T. Li, Gregory Riely, Nikolaus D. Schultz. Large-scale clinicogenomic models of solid tumor CNS metastasis. ASCO Annual Meeting. 2023.
- 2023 Christopher J. Fong, Michele Waters, Karl Pichotta, Justin Jee, Devika R. Jutagir, David Ma, Tomin Perea-Chamblee, Susie Kim, Kanika Arora, Brooke Mastrogioacomo, Thinh Tran, Steven Maron, Mirella Altoe, Anisha Luthra, Joseph Kholodenko, Arfath Patha, Doorri Rose, Michael F. Berger, Gregory J. Riely, Nikolaus Schultz, Sanna Goyert, Adam Schoenfeld, Francesca Gany, Jian Carrot-Zhang. Understanding genomic and social determinants of cancer immunotherapy outcome across ancestry. Annual meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR). Poster Presentation. 2023.
- 2022 Anisha Luthra, Karl Pichotta, Brooke Mastrogioacomo, Samantha McCarthy, Steven Maron, Jianjiong Gao, Justin Jee, Christopher J. Fong, Nikolaus Schultz. A.I.-Assisted Clinical Data Curation to Determine Genomic Biomarkers of Cancer Metastasis. Annual meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR). Oral Presentation. 2022.

Honors, Awards, & Fellowships

- 2021 Outstanding Reviewer Award, ACL-IJCNLP 2021.
- 2010 Microelectronics and Computer Development (MCD) Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2006 Summer Research Fellowship, Stanford University.
- 2004 Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship.

- 2004 National Merit Scholarship.
- Teaching
- Stanford University
- 2006-2008 Section Leader, Programming Methodology & Programming Abstractions: Fall 2006-
Spring 2008.
- Research and Industry Positions
- 2020- Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Senior Computational Biologist.
ML/NLP for Computational Oncology.
- 2018-2020 Google, Software Engineer.
Semantic parsing for search.
- 2014 Google, PhD Intern.
Machine learning for natural language processing.
- 2012 Google, PhD Intern.
Machine learning for natural language processing.
- 2008-2010 Versay Solutions, Software Engineer.
Voice interfaces; natural language processing for application analytics.
- 2008 SRI Artificial Intelligence Center, Student Associate.
Automatic text summarization.
- 2007 PARC (Palo Alto Research Center) Natural Language Theory and Technology Group,
Research Intern.
Implementation of certain classes of textual entailment in large NLP system.
- 2006 Stanford University Electrical Engineering Department, Research Assistant.
Automatic detection of lightning events from atmospheric data.
- 2005 Motorola, Intern.
Radio network infrastructure software engineering.
- 2004 Motorola, Intern.
Large-scale simulation of communications infrastructure.

Professional Activities

- 2024 Reviewer: npj Precision Oncology, 2025 Pacific Symposium on Biocomputing.
- 2022 Program Committee: ARR 2022.
- 2021 Program Committee: ARR 2021, ACL-IJCNLP 2021, WNU 2021, UnImplicit 2021, BlackBoxNLP 2021. Ethics Committee: NAACL 2021.
- 2020 Program Committee: ACL 2020, NUSE 2020.
- 2019 Program Committee: EMNLP 2019, *SEM 2019, WNU 2019, NAACL 2019.
- 2018 Program Committee: ACL 2018, AAAI 2018, LREC 2018, Gen-Deep18 workshop at NAACL, COLING 2018.
- 2017 Program Committee: ACL 2017, IJCNLP 2017. Secondary Reviewer: EACL 2017, IJ-CAI 2017.
- 2016 Program Committee: COLING 2016, AAAI 2016.
- 2015 Program Committee: EMNLP 2015.
Secondary Reviewer: AAAI 2015.
- 2008 Secondary Reviewer: ICAPS 2008.

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