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## Education

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### DePauw University

Indiana, USA

*B.A. in Computer Science and Economics (Advisors: Jeff Gropp, Gloria Townsend) | 3.93/4.0 GPA* May 2029

Honors & Programs: Management Fellows Program (Business Honors), Science Research Fellow Program, Information Technology Associate Program (ITAP), Honor Scholar

## Technical Skills

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**Programming** Python, R, C++, Java  
**Machine Learning** Large Language Models, Time-Series Forecasting, Model Evaluation, NLP  
**Data Analysis** Statistical Computing, Quantitative Research, Data Visualization  
**Tools** Git, GitHub, animint2, webshot2, LaTeX, Google Suite, Microsoft Office

## Work Experience

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### Stanford Trustworthy Artificial Intelligence Research Lab

California, USA

*Research Intern (Advisor: Sanmi Koyejo)*

*May 2026 - August 2026*

- Co-authored: Uplifting Human Decision Making in AI Evaluation by Automating Benchmark Validity Analysis. *ICML'2026* workshop on *Combining Theory and Benchmarks (CTB)*
- Developing a **latent-variable measurement model** for adaptive AI **red-teaming** that disentangles model robustness, prompt difficulty, and attacker strength from Attack Success Rate, recovering an attacker-invariant safety score for fair model comparison across three jailbreak benchmarks.

### Stanford Trustworthy Artificial Intelligence Research Lab

Remote, California

*Research Assistant (Advisor: Sanmi Koyejo)*

*June 2023 - September 2025*

- Architected novel **AI evaluation framework** pairing public benchmark design with private test content to prevent data contamination, cutting benchmark gaming by 40% over traditional approaches.
- Built evaluation suite of 10 **NLP** tasks and 31 automated metrics across 50,000+ test samples to measure model performance, bias, and calibration.
- Co-first author: Finetuning and Comprehensive Evaluation of Vietnamese Large Language Models. *NAACL'24*  
*Media cover: The New York Times, Stanford Human-centered AI, Stanford AI Lab Blog Post*

### VNU-HCMUT Artificial Intelligence Lab

Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam

*Research Assistant (Advisor: Tho Quan)*

*March 2023 - May 2025*

- Optimized a **time-series** forecasting pipeline by combining **Transformer neural networks** with **Holt-Winters statistical methods**, cutting prediction error by 15% and improving training efficiency by 60% on complex seasonal datasets.
- First author: Hybrid Transformer and Holt-Winter's Method for Time Series Forecasting. *ICLR'2024* workshop on *Time Series for Health*

### Google Summer of Code: The R Project for Statistical Computing

Remote

*Software Engineering Contributor*

*June 2024 - August 2024*

- Migrated the **animint2 R package** from PhantomJS to **Chrome**, refactoring the **R** visualization pipeline to enable headless browser testing and automated screenshot capture.
- Built an **HTML** multi-plot layout system and **webshot2** screenshot export, added **testthat** cross-platform tests (Windows, Ubuntu, macOS), and ported 50+ interactive visualizations to a GitHub Pages gallery.

## Projects

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### DePause: Campus Mental Health App

Indiana, USA

*Team Leader & Technical Writer*

*2026*

- Built a campus mental health app in **React Native (Expo)**, **TypeScript**, and **Supabase** (PostgreSQL, auth, row-level security) that aggregates anonymous student mood check-ins into a campus-wide view
- Designed a quick mood check-in, a real-time heatmap across 21 buildings, and a recommendation engine of 80+ clinically grounded suggestions, with on-device crisis detection and tiered escalation to support resources.
- Won *2nd place* overall at TigerHacks 2026 Competition, delivering the full application.