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## Experience

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### Machine Learning Engineer - Cohere

Toronto, ON  
Fall 2020 - Present

### Machine Learning Intern - Facebook Reality Labs

Worked on codec avatars. Worked remotely from Toronto

Pittsburgh, PA  
Summer 2020

### Machine Learning Intern - Microsoft Research

Worked on joint generative models of images and text.

Advisor: Nate Kushman

Cambridge, UK  
Summer 2018

## Education

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### University of Toronto

PhD - Department of Computer Science, Vector Institute

Advisors: David Duvenaud and Quaid Morris

2016 - 2020

### University of Toronto

MSc - Department of Computer Science

Advisor: Quaid Morris

2014 - 2016

### McGill University

BSc - Major Anatomy and Cell Biology, Minor Computer Science

2010 - 2014

## Research Papers

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Cremer, C. & Kushman, N. **On the Importance of Learning Aggregate Posteriors in Multimodal Variational Autoencoders.** AABI 2018.

Cremer, C., Li, X. & Duvenaud, D. **Inference Suboptimality in Variational Autoencoders.** ICML 2018.

Cremer, C., Morris, Q. & Duvenaud, D. **Reinterpreting Importance-Weighted Autoencoders.** ICLR Workshop 2017.

## Conference Reviewing and Organization

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Co-organizer - ICML Workshop on Invertible Neural Nets and Normalizing Flows (INNF+)	2020
Reviewer - Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) (top 50% reviewer)	2019
Co-organizer - ICML Workshop on Invertible Neural Nets and Normalizing Flows (INNF)	2019
Reviewer - International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)	2019
Reviewer - Symposium on Advances in Approximate Bayesian Inference (AABI)	2018
Reviewer - Journal of Machine Learning (JMLR)	2018

## Talks and Posters

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Inference Suboptimality in Variational Autoencoders. Talk given at the International Conference on Machine Learning. 2018

Deconvolving gene expression profiles for tumor populations with prior frequency information. Genome Informatics Poster. 2015

Classification of bladder cancer grade and subtype identification. Bladder Cancer Symposium. Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto. 2014

## Awards and Grants

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Ontario Graduate Scholarship	Fall 2017
Cecil Yip Doctoral Research Award	Fall 2016
SGS Conference Grant	Fall 2015

## Teaching Assistant Positions

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Learning to Search (CSC2547)	Fall 2019
Intro to Machine Learning (CSC411/2515)	Fall 2015,2017,2018
Statistical Methods for Machine Learning (STA414/2104)	Winter 2017
Intro to Artificial Intelligence (CSC384)	Fall 2016
Intro to Computer Science (CSC148)	Summer 2016
Intro to Computer Programming (CSC108)	Fall 2014

## Research Lab Internships

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<b>Networks and Systems Lab</b>	University of Toronto
Altered the firmware of wireless adapters to achieve lower delay in large dense networks. Advisor: Peter Marbach	Summer 2014
<b>McPherson Lab</b>	McGill University
Used cell biology techniques to study proteins involved in cancer.	Summer 2013
<b>Sjostrom Lab</b>	McGill University
Analyzed neuronal synaptic plasticity through the reconstruction of neocortical circuits.	Summer 2012