

# Jason S. Lucas

#### Ph.D Student · Data & Al, Health, & Public Health Informatics Specialist

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"Using artificial intelligence to solve leading cybersecurity, health, and language inclusion problems, I embody the expanding human concept that drives the greatest 21st-century innovations."

### Summary.

With over a decade of expertise in Information Technology and Medical Education, I excel in bridging cutting-edge research with practical applications. At Penn State's PIKE Research Lab and LinDiV NRT fellowship, my role as a Research Assistant leverages my interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary skills in Linguistics, Data Sciences, Artificial Intelligence, Public Health, and Health Informatics. I specialize in developing advanced AI solutions focused on model adaptation, adversarial robustness, language understanding, generation, and inclusivity, particularly in multilingual settings with limited resources. I aim to address the digital language divide by innovating in AI, cybersecurity, and public health, offering tangible solutions for today's global challenges.

### **Education**

### Ph.D. in Informatics (Data Science and AI)

University Park, PA

PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Aug. 2021 - Present

- Topic: Low-Resource Multilingual NLP for Combating Dis/Misinformation
- Advisor: Dr. Dongwon Lee

### MPH (Epidemiology)

St. George's, GD

St. George's University

Jan. 2018 - Aug. 2020

- · Capstone: Effects of Self-Care Apps in Prediabetics in Grenada
- · Advisor: Dr. Emanual Keku

### M.Sc. in Computer Information Systems (Health Informatics)

Boston, MA

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Jan. 2012 - Sep. 2014

### B.Sc. in Information Technology, cum laude

St. George's, GD

St. George's University

Jan. 2007 - May 2010

- Information Systems Project: Azure Medical Web-based Application
- Advisor: Dr. Michael Roberts

#### A.S. in Information Technology

St. George's, GD

T.A. Marryshow Community College

Aug. 2005 - Jul. 2007

#### Graduate Certificate (NSF NRT Linguistic Diversity Across the Lifespan (LINDIV))

University Park, PA

PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Aug. 2022 - Aug. 2024

### **Publications**

[ACL'22] **Jason Lucas**, Limeng Cui, Thai Le, and Dongwon Lee. 2022. **Detecting False Claims in Low-Resource Regions: A Case Study of Caribbean Islands.** In Proceedings of the Workshop on Combating Online Hostile Posts in Regional Languages during Emergency Situations, pages 95–102, Dublin, Ireland. Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL).

[EMNLP '23] **Jason Lucas**, Adaku Uchendu, Michiharu Yamashita, Jooyoung Lee, Shaurya Rohatgi, and Dongwon Lee. 2023. **Fighting Fire with Fire: The Dual Role of LLMs in Crafting and Detecting Elusive Disinformation.** Proceedings of the 2023 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP). Singapore. Association for Computational Linguistics.

[EMNLP '23] Dominik Macko, Robert Moro, Adaku Uchendu, **Jason Samuel Lucas**, Michiharu Yamashita, Matúš Pikuliak, Ivan Srba, Thai Le, Dongwon Lee, Jakub Simko, and Maria Bielikova. 2023. **MULTITuDE: Large-Scale Multilingual Machine-Generated Text Detection Benchmark** Proceedings of the 2023 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP). Singapore. Association for Computational Linguistics.

[Pre-print] Dominik Macko, Robert Moro, Adaku Uchendu, Ivan Srba, **Jason Samuel Lucas**, Michiharu Yamashita, Nafis Irtiza Tripto, Dongwon Lee, Jakub Simko, Maria Bielikova (2024). **Authorship Obfuscation in Multilingual Machine-Generated Text Detection**. arXiv preprint arXiv:2401.07867.

[In Progress] Jason Lucas GREENLAND: multilinGual encodeR dEcodEr transfer Learning for multi and cross-lingual dis/misinformAtioN Detection

[In Progress] Jason Lucas X-GEN: Towards Cross-lingual Generalizable (X-Gen) Automatic Fake News Detection

[In progress] Jason Lucas F3 2.0: Towards Multilingual Personalized Disinformation Attack and Detection

### **Academic Achievements & Awards**

### FELLOWSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS

2024	CRA-WP IDEALS, Computer Research Association Grad Cohort for IDEAL Student Scholarship	Honolulu, HI
2023	NSF Research Traineeship, 2023 NSF NRT Research Research Traineeship Student Scholarship	Tempe, AZ
2023	CRA-WP IDEALS, Computer Research Association Grad Cohort for IDEAL Student Scholarship	Honolulu, HI
2022	NSF LINDIV, Linguistic Diversity Across the Lifespan Graduate Fellowship	University Park, PA
2022	ICLM & Black in AI , International Conference on Machine Learning Diversity & Inclusion Student Scholarship	Baltimore, MD
2022	ACL, Association for Computational Linguistics Diversity & Inclusion Student Scholarship	Dublin, IRL
2021	<b>PSU FEGR</b> , Penn State University Funds for Excellence in Graduate Recruitment Fellowship	University Park, PA
2018	SGU Graduate Fellowship, St. George's University Graduate Fellowship	St. George's, GD
2007	<b>SGU Student Scholarship</b> , St. George's University Undergraduate Student Scholarship	St. George's, GD

#### **AWARDS**

2018	MPH, Chancellor's List for Academic Excellence	St. George's, GD
2012	Job Award, Excellence and Dedication to Objective Structured Clinical Examination	St. George's, GD
2013	<b>B.Sc.</b> , Dean's List for Academic Excellence	St. George's, GD
2013	<b>B.Sc.</b> , Chancellor's List for Academic Excellence	St. George's, GD

### **Presentations and Invited Talks**

### St. George's University, Department of Computers and Technology

St. George's, Grenada

INVITED TALK AND PANELIST ON <FORUM ON OPPORTUNITIES IN EMERGING TECHNOLOGY>

Jan. 2024

- · Expose students to emerging technologies currently being used or explored across different fields.
- Discuss the applications and implications of some of these technologies.

### EMNLP 2023, Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing

Sentosa, Singapore

MAIN CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS PRESENTATION FOR <2023 EMPIRICAL METHODS IN NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING>

Dec. 2023

- · Presented the Paper: Fighting Fire with Fire: The Dual Role of LLMs in Crafting and Detecting Elusive Disinformation.
- Discussed the dual capacity of LLMs for offensive misuse and defensive detection of disinformation.

### St. George's University, Department of Computers and Technology

St. George's, Grenada

INVITED TALK ON <ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND LATEST AI RESEARCH>

Nov. 2023

- Presented on the history of AI to present and latest in AI research
- · Discussed my latest research, Fighting Fire with Fire, highlighting the dual capacity of LLMs for disinformation misuse and detection.

### **National Science Foundation Annual Meeting 2023**

Tempe, AZ

POSTER PRESENTATION FOR < NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION RESEARCH TRAINEESHIP>

Oct. 2023

 Delivered a poster presentation on integrating linguistic, psychological, and AI approaches for native accent variant processing on human language technology

### **National AI Institute for Exceptional Education**

University Park, PA

INVITED TALK FOR < NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AND THE INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION SCIENCES AI RESEARCH INSTITUTES>

Sep. 2023

• Delivered a talk on AI Transforming Education for Children with Speech and Language Pathologies

### **Pan-APA 6th Annual Conference**

University Park, PA

CONFERENCE PRESENTATION FOR <BUILDING A RESILIENT FUTURE FOR AFRICA IN THE POST COVID WORLDE>

Apr. 2023

- · Introduced the first case study on detecting false claims in the Caribbean islands, a low-resource language region.
- Discuss the challenges and future research directions for combating multilingual long-tail fake news.

### **Computing Research Association Grad Cohort Workshop for IDEALS Skills**

Honolulu, HI

LIGHTENING TALK FOR <2023 GRAD COHORT FOR IDEALS LIGHTNING TALK>

Mar. 2023

Delivered a lightning talk on Detecting False Claims in Low-Resource Regions: A Case Study of Caribbean Islands

#### ACI 2022, 60th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics

Dublin, IRL

Workshop Presentation < Combating Online Hostile Posts in Regional Languages during Emergency Situation >

May. 2022

- · Presented the Paper: Detecting False Claims in Low-Resource Regions: A Case Study of Caribbean Islands
- Discussed future work on low-resource language processing to Combat COVID-19 Related Online Hostile Content

# Research Experience

PIKE Research Lab.

Penn State University

GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Aug. 2021 - Present

- Research Project: SysFake, SocialGPT, FCFC
- **Description**: I lead research projects and collaborate with internal and international researchers. My research encompasses NLG, NLU, LLM, Transfer Learning, Adversarial ML, DL, and Data Scrapping.
- Advisor: Dongwon Lee
- Projects: : C-Transfer, F3, X-GEN, GREENLAND

# **Teaching Experience**

### **IST 140: Introduction to Application Development**

Penn State University

**GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT** 

Aug. 2021 - Dec.

- Teaching assistant for an introductory course in programming principles using Java
- Assisted students in using IntelliJ and understanding programming concepts
- Graded assignments/exams and held office hours for student support

#### IST 210: Organization of Data

Penn State University

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT

Aug. 2021 - Dec.

- · Teaching assistant for database course teaching fundamental concepts
- · Assisted students in using Microsoft SQL, conceptualizing concepts, and practical skills
- Graded assignments/exams and held office hours for student support

### **BPM II: Basic Principles of Medicine**

St. George's University

Jan. 2021 - Jun.2021

INSTRUCTOR

- Served as a lecturer for Introduction Biomedical Informatics
- Developed exam questions and conducted office hours for student support

### PUBH 302: Public Health

St. George's University

Aug. 2020 - Jun.2021

INSTRUCTOR

- Served as a lecturer for Introduction to Health Informatics
- Developed exam questions and conducted office hours for student support

### **COMP 420: Database Systems**

St. George's University

Aug. 2010 - Dec. 2011

ADJUNCT ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

• Served as a lecture for an advanced database system course

- Developed exam questions and course material
- Lectured and conducted practical labs sessions
- Graded assignments/exams and provided feedback
- Conducted office hours for student support

### Ministry of Education, Gov. Grenada

CERTIFIED TEACHER I

**Information Technology** 

Aug. 2010 - Jul. 2011

- Taught Information Technology at The Anglican High School
- Developed exam questions and class materials
- Managed IT lab and conducted practical labs sessions
- Graded assignments/exams and provided feedback
- Take students' attendance and manage a class cohort

### **COMP 420: Database Systems**

St. George's University

FACILITATOR

Aug. 2009 - May 2010

• Undergrad tutoring and small group facilitation

# **Professional Experience**

### GRADUATE RESEARCH/TEACHING ASSISTANT. ASSISTANTSHIP

Pennsylvania, PA Aug. 2021 - Current

- Develop novel research directions and lead projects.
- Assist with course management and teaching responsibilities.
- Develop novel NLP and machine learning approaches.
- Collaborate with national and international research leaders/institutions.
- Mentor research interns.

**Penn State University** 

Coalfire Greenwood, CO

CYBERSECURITY CONSULTANT. INTERNSHIP

- Learn PCI SSC reporting essentials
- · Participate in client-facing security assessments.
- Document PCI DSS compliance findings
- Collaborate on PCI process improvements.
- Project: Use Wireshark & DevTools for data encryption checks.

### St. George's University

St. George's, GD
Dec. 2011 - July. 2021

May. 2023 - August. 2023

INSTRUCTOR/DEMONSTRATOR/ADJUNCT PROFESSOR. FACULTY

- Headed B-line division and managed teams across the Clinical Skills Department
- Administered B-Line SimCapture platform across the School of Medicine
- Developed training material and trained users across clinical medicine education
- Mentored colleagues and interns
- · Taught undergraduate and graduate-level courses in IT, Medicine, and Public Health

### LIME (Cable & Wireless Communications)

Greenwood, CO

May. 2023 - August. 2023

IT INTERN . INTERNSHIP

- Assist with troubleshooting and resolving IT issues
- Support software and hardware installations
- · Document IT processes and incident reports
- · Collaborate with the IT team on projects and tasks

# Service and Leadership

### **Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing**

University Park, PA Aug. 2023 - PRESENT

EMNLP'23 Conference Volunteer

- Provide technical support for the main conference
- Poster presentations support and coordination
- Participant registration and check-in

### Penn State Pan-African Professional Alliance

University Park, PA Aug. 2023 - PRESENT

IT OFFICER

- · Set IT goals and lead initiatives
- Manage organization website
- Direct IT operations for organization's events and activities
- Support organization's president and executive members

### Graduate Student Association in Information Sciences & Technology

University Park, PA Nov. 2022 - Aug. 2023

PRESIDENT

- Led an executive team of 3 members and 170+ graduate students at Penn State
- Revised organization's mission and vision towards strategic change
- Conducted mass mixed-method student survey to assess needs, gaps, and college climate
- · Analyze data using thematic analysis and descriptive statistics, and generate students' feedback report
- Advocated for students by presenting findings to the college deans, program directors, and administrative staff

### **NSF LINDIV Graduate Research Training Program**

University Park, PA Aug. 2022 - Jan. 2023

OUTREACH COORDINATOR

- Coordinated outreach for the NSF LINDIV Graduate research training program 2022
- Led a team of 7 to execute a STEM career day workshop, ENVISION, supporting young women

Grenada Red Cross St. George's, GD

IT OFFICER

Jul. 2020 - Jun. 2021

- · Led information technology initiatives
- Mentor and supervise interns
- Oversee web development
- Support the president

### Fit For Life: Youth Development Program

St. George's, GD Jun. 2010 - Jun. 2017

DIRECTOR AND CO-FOUNDER

• Partnered with Fit For Life to develop a free youth development program for marginalized youths

- Mentored youths ages 7-27 to develop leadership, social and professional skills
- Trained next-generation dancers and youth leaders

# Skills\_

FEBRUARY 10, 2024

JASON S. LUCAS · CURRICULUM VITAE

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**Programming Languages** Python, JAVA, SQL, LaTeX, HTML5, CSS, PHP, R, C++

PyTorch, Tensorflow, Transformers, Pandas, Numpy, Scikit-learn, LLM, NLG, NLU **Machine Learning Tools** 

**Data Scrapping** Twitter API, Selenium, Tesseract

> **Platforms** VS Codes, Epi Info, GeoDa, PyCharm IDE, IntelliJ IDE, Google Colab, Google Cloud

Professional Health Informatics, Epidemiology, Database, Presentation, Critical Thinking, Artificial Intelligence, Data Science

## Information System Projects

St. George's University St. George's, GD

TELEMEDICINE & VIRTUAL HOSPITAL TEACHING PROJECT

Sept. 2020

· Led team to gather functional requirements, and make strategic recommendations

- Execute the appropriation, piloting, testing, and implementation telemedicine technology
- Provided comprehensive training to clinical educators and skillfully administered the go-live, resulting in a successful outcomes.

St. George's University St. George's, GD

ONLINE CLINICAL EVALUATION EXERCISE PROJECT

Mar 2019

- Spearheaded the creating, testing, piloting, training, and executing the online objective structured clinical examination
- · Led team to re-engineer OSCE exam-flow and integrated with in-house platforms, done nowhere else in the world
- Prevented organization disruptions, aided smooth online transition that saved St. George's University an estimated 2M+ dollars

St. George's University St. George's, GD

OSCE MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Aug. 2017

- Led OMI requirements gathering for students, faculty, and standardized patients
- Oversaw testing and implementation of curated technologies for 32 additional clinical simulation rooms
- Supported medical education delivery for 4000+ students
- Delivered successful project within a tight timeframe while ensuring optimal outcome

St. George's University St. George's, GD

**B-LINE EXPANSION PHASE I PROJEC** 

Aug. 2014

 Led the outfitting 8 additional Clinical Examination rooms with clinical equipment, B-Line Medical equipment, and other educational supporting technologies

### References\_

Ph.D Advisor - Dongwon Lee, Ph.D., The Pennsylvania State University

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Ph.D Mentor - Adaku Uchendu, Ph.D., MIT Linchon Lab

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Undergrad Dean and Mentor - Theodore M. Hollis, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, St. George's University

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M.Sc. Graduate Advisor and Mentor. - Vladimir Brusic, Ph.D., BEng(Mech), MEng(Biomed), GDip(CompSci), MApp-Sci(InfoTech), MBA, Boston

University

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Supervisor, (Ass. Dean and Chair) - Dolland Noel, M.D., FACP, St. George's University

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MPH Graduate Advisor and Mentor - Emanuel Keku, M.A, MSPH, M.D., FACP, St. George's University

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