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## EDUCATION

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### The University of Texas at San Antonio

PH.D. IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

2021-2025 (expected)

– GPA: 3.94

– Supervisors: Dr. Yuanxiong Guo and Dr. Kim-Kwang Raymond Choo

### University of Florida

M.S. IN ELECTRICAL & COMPUTER ENGINEERING

2019-2021

– GPA: 3.85

### Wuhan University of Science and Technology

B.ENG. IN ELECTRONIC & INFORMATION ENGINEERING

2015-2019

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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HEALTHCARE IS, RESPONSIBLE AI, MACHINE LEARNING, BIOMEDICAL INFORMATICS

## PUBLICATIONS

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### JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- [J1] Analyzing the Impact of Personalization on Fairness in Federated Learning for Healthcare.  
**Tongnian Wang**, Kai Zhang, Jiannan Cai, Yanmin Gong, Kim-Kwang Raymond Choo, and Yuanxiong Guo  
*Journal of Healthcare Informatics Research (JHIR)*, 2024. (Impact Factor: 4.3)
- [J2] Applications of Federated Learning in Mobile Health: Scoping Review.  
**Tongnian Wang**, Yan Du, Yanmin Gong, Kim-Kwang Raymond Choo, and Yuanxiong Guo  
*Journal of Medical Internet Research (JMIR)*, 2023. (Impact Factor: 7.4)

### CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- [P1] Enabling Privacy-Preserving Prediction for Length of Stay in ICU — A Multimodal Federated Learning-based Approach.  
**Tongnian Wang**, Yuanxiong Guo, Kim-Kwang Raymond Choo  
*In Proceedings of the 31st European Conference on Information Systems, ECIS 2023.*
- [P2] Analyzing the Impact of Personalization on Fairness in Federated Learning for Healthcare (Short).  
**Tongnian Wang**, Kai Zhang, Jiannan Cai, Yanmin Gong, Kim-Kwang Raymond Choo, and Yuanxiong Guo  
*In Proceedings of the 11th IEEE International Conference on Healthcare Informatics, ICHI 2023.*
- [P3] UTSA-NLP at RadSum23: Multi-modal Retrieval-Based Chest X-Ray Report Summarization.  
**Tongnian Wang**, Xingmeng Zhao, Anthony Rios  
*In Proceedings of the 22nd Workshop on Biomedical Language Processing (BioNLP), ACL 2023.*

- [P4] BabyStories: Can Reinforcement Learning Teach Baby Language Models to Write Better Stories?  
Xingmeng Zhao, **Tongnian Wang**, Sheri Osborn, Anthony Rios  
*In Proceedings of the BabyLM Challenge at the 27th Conference on Computational Natural Language Learning, CoNLL 2023.*

## UNDER REVIEW & IN PREPARATION

- [R1] Improving Expert Radiology Report Summarization by Prompting Large Language Models with a Layperson Summary.  
Xingmeng Zhao, **Tongnian Wang**, Anthony Rios  
*Under review: The 2024 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP).*
- [R2] Online Client Scheduling and Resource Allocation for Efficient Federated Edge Learning.  
Zhidong Gao, Zhenxiao Zhang, Yu Zhang, **Tongnian Wang**, Yanmin Gong, Yuanxiong Guo  
*Under review: IEEE Transactions on Wireless Communications.*
- [R3] FairPFL: Mitigating Health Disparities with Fairness-Aware Personalization in Federated Learning.  
**Tongnian Wang**, Yuanxiong Guo, Kim-Kwang Raymond Choo, Yanmin Gong  
*Soon to be submitted to: Decision Support Systems (DSS).*
- [R4] Personalized Blood Glucose Level Predictions and Dysglycemia Interventions.  
**Tongnian Wang**, Yuanxiong Guo, Kim-Kwang Raymond Choo, Yanmin Gong, Yan Du  
*Work in progress. Target at: Information Systems Research (ISR).*
- [R5] Federated Learning for Enhancing Large Language Models in Personalized Healthcare.  
*Early-stage work in progress.*

## PRESENTATIONS & TALKS

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**“Mitigating Health Disparities with Fairness-Aware Personalization in Federated Learning”**

– AMCIS 2024, Salt Lake City, UT 2024

**“Analyzing the Impact of Personalization on Fairness in Federated Learning for Healthcare”**

– IEEE International Conference on Healthcare Informatics (ICHI), Houston, TX 2023

**“Enabling Privacy-Preserving Prediction for Length of Stay in ICU — A Multimodal Federated-Learning-based Approach”**

– The European Conference on Information Systems (ECIS), Kristiansand, Norway 2023

– 2023 INFORMS Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ 2023

– SURF Conference, San Antonio, TX 2023

**“UTSA-NLP at RadSum23: Multi-modal Retrieval-Based Chest X-Ray Report Summarization”**

– Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), Toronto, Canada 2023

– Los Datos Conference, San Antonio, TX 2023

## TEACHING EXPERIENCES

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Instructor, **IS 2053 Programming Languages I with Scripting**, UTSA Alvarez College of Business  
– Spring 2024, 3.81/5.00 (Class size: 34, in-person)  
– Spring 2025, Scheduled to teach (in-person)

Instructor, **IS 1413 Excel for Business Information Systems**, UTSA Alvarez College of Business  
– Fall 2024, Scheduled to teach (online)

## AWARDS & HONORS

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2024 **Ph.D. Student of the Year Award (\$1000)**, UTSA Alvarez College of Business  
2023, 2024 **Ph.D. Excellence Fund Awards (\$1500)**, UTSA Alvarez College of Business  
2023, 2024 **Graduate School Professional Development Awards (\$750)**, UTSA  
2019-2021 **Achievement Award Scholarship (\$1500)**, UF Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering  
2019 **Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award**, WUST, China  
2016-2018 **Top Grade Scholarship**, WUST, China

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

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### REVIEWER

2023-2024 IEEE International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems (ICDCS)  
ACM Transactions on Knowledge Discovery from Data  
Journal of Medical Internet Research (JMIR)  
JMIR Journals: Public Health and Surveillance, Medical Informatics, Mental Health,  
Formative Research, AI  
Operations Research for Health Care

### MEMBERSHIP

2023-now Association for Information Systems (AIS), INFORMS, IEEE

## SKILLS & MISCELLANY

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**Computer Languages:** Python, R, Java, Git, LaTeX.  
**Databases:** MySQL, PostgreSQL.  
**Data Science:** Pandas, SciPy, Seaborn, Matplotlib.  
**Machine Learning:** Pytorch, TensorFlow, Keras, Scikit-learn.  
**Natural Language Processing:** NLTK, Hugging Face Transformers.  
**Systems/Hardware:** Ubuntu, GPU (Nvidia), CUDA.  
**Hobbies:** Tennis, Pickleball, Hiking, Road trip, Piano.

## REFERENCES

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