Benjamin Feuer

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Education

New York University

M.S. & Ph.D. in Computer Science, expected graduation May 2025.

- Advised by Chinmay Hegde.

Columbia University M.F.A. in Screenwriting

Wesleyan University B.A. in Film History

Recent Publications

New York, NY 2021–Present

New York, NY 2008–2012

Middletown, CT 2002–2006

- B Feuer, R T Schirrmeister, V Cherepanova, C Hegde, F Hutter, M Goldblum, N Cohen, C White. <u>TuneTables: Context</u> Optimization for Scalable Prior-Data Fitted Networks. *NeurIPS*, 2024
- B Feuer, J Xu, N Cohen, P Yubeaton, G Mittal, C Hegde. SELECT: Large-Scale Benchmark of Data Curation Strategies for Image Recognition. *NeurIPS*, 2024
- B Feuer, C Yang, Z Jubery, Z K. Deng, A Nakkab, M Z Hasan, S Chiranjeevi, K O Marshall, N Baishnab, A K Singh, A Singh, S Sarkar, N Merchant, C Hegde, B Ganapathysubramanian. <u>Arboretum: A Large Multimodal Dataset Enabling AI for</u> <u>Biodiversity.</u> *NeurIPS (Spotlight), 2024*
- B Feuer, Y Liu, C Hegde, J Freire. <u>ArcheType: A Novel Framework for Open-Source Column Type Annotation using Large Language Models</u>. *VLDB*, 2024
- D McElfresh, S Khandagale, J Valverde, V Prasad C, B Feuer, C Hegde, G Ramakrishnan, M Goldblum, C White. <u>When Do</u> <u>Neural Nets Outperform Boosted Trees on Tabular Data?</u> *NeurIPS*, 2023

Selected Publications

- C White, S Dooley, M Roberts, A Pal, B Feuer, S Jain, R Shwartz-Ziv, N Jain, K Saifullah, S Naidu, C Hegde, Y LeCun, T Goldstein, W Neiswanger, M Goldblum. <u>LiveBench: A Challenging, Contamination-Free LLM Benchmark</u>. *Under Review*, 2024
- B Feuer, A Joshi, M Pham, C Hegde. <u>Distributionally Robust Classification on a Data Budget</u>. *Transactions in Machine Learning Research*, 2023
- B Feuer, A Joshi, M Cho, K Jani, S Chiranjeevi, ZK Deng, A Balu, A K Singh, S Sarkar, N Merchant, A Singh, B Ganapathysubramanian, C Hegde. Zero-Shot Insect Detection via Weak Language Supervision, The Plant Phenome Journal (2024), AAAI Workshop on AI for Agriculture and Food Sciences (AIAFS), 2023 (Oral)
- B Feuer, N Cohen, C Hegde. <u>Scaling TabPFN: Sketching and Feature Selection for tabular prior-data fitted networks</u>. *NeurIPS Table Representation Learning Workshop*, 2023
- B Feuer, C Hegde. Exploring Dataset-Scale Indicators of Data Quality. NeurIPS ATTRIB Workshop, 2023

• A Nakkab, B Feuer, C Hegde. LiT-Tuned Models for Efficient Species Detection, AAAI Workshop on AI for Agriculture and Food Sciences (AIAFS), 2023 (Oral)

Awards and Honors

The Deborah M. Rosenthal Award (Best CS Qualifying Exam), New York University	2024
SOE Scholarship, Summer Scholars, New York University	2021
Faculty Honors, Columbia University	2012
Merit Scholar, Columbia University	2008
Cum Laude, Wesleyan University	2006
Honors Thesis, Wesleyan University	2006

Teaching

Recitation Leader at New York University		
Discrete Mathematics	Fall 2021, Spring 2022	
- Lead lectures for groups of 20-25 students, prepared and distributed course materials, graded	d homework and exams	
Number Theory	Spring 2022	
Adjunct Faculty at Ramapo College		
World Cinema Analysis	Fall 2018 - Spring 2021	
- Created syllabus, taught undergraduates, judged student film competitions, career and acade	mic advising	
Adjunct Faculty at Montclair State University		
Screenwriting	Fall 2019 – Spring 2021	
 Created syllabus, taught undergraduates 		
Adjunct Faculty at Curry College		
Comedy Writing	Fall 2013 – Spring 2014	
- Created syllabus, taught undergraduates, advised on student films		
Preceptor at Columbia University		
American Film History, Screenwriting	Spring 2011 – Fall 2011	
 Created syllabus, taught undergraduates, lead discussion sections 		

Service

Reviewing ICLR, TMLR: 2025, NeurIPS, ICLR (DMLR Workshop)): 2024

Professional Experience

Arthur Research Fellow New York, NY (hybrid) Summer 2024

- Series B Startup; AI observability platform, including the world's first LLM firewall
- Conducted original research into failure modes of LLM-judges for alignment benchmarking

Covalent

Research Intern

- Y-Combinator & Wharton-backed startup focused on group matching, similar to Lunchclub
- Improved core app functionality for group and individual matching using BERT transformer embeddings

Arizona State University

Tempe, AZ Summer 2020

Summer 2021

- Research Consultant
 - Implemented an algorithm to compute the NDVI index of seedlings based on infrared imagery from a Raspberry Pi
 - Project was awarded an \$1.6 Mn SBIR grant from the Dept. of Energy in 2021

Filmmaker

Independent Filmmaker

Los Angeles, CA and New York, NY Spring 2012-Spring 2021

San Francisco, CA (remote)

- Fundraised, directed, produced and marketed 1 feature and 4 short films budgeted up to \$1 Mn USD
- Hired and managed hundreds of contract employees.
- Oversaw intl. sale and distribution deals with 1091 Pictures, Shorts.TV
- Co-created 100+ hours of visual and written content for Amazon Prime, YouTube, Disney, HBO, and wide-release theatrical exhibition, featuring Helen Mirren, Zachary Quinto, Dennis Quaid, Julia Roberts, Lucas Hedges, Gabrielle Union and Bill Irwin.
- Film festivals include Clermont-Ferrand, Telluride, Berlin Independent Film Festival, and Outfest