David Kristjanson Duvenaud

Professional Experience Vector Institute
Founding Member

September 2017 – present

University of Toronto

July 2016 – present

Assistant Professor, Computer Science and Statistics Canada Research Chair in Generative Models

Harvard School of Engineering and Applied Sciences

Sept 2014 – June 2016

Postdoctoral Fellow, Intelligent Probabilistic Systems group

Worked with Prof. Ryan P. Adams on Bayesian optimization, deep learning, molecular modeling, and variational inference.

Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems

Summer 2012

Visiting Researcher, Schölkopf group

Worked with Phillip Hennig on stochastic quasi-Newton optimization, model-based ordinary differential equation solvers, and nonparametric inference methods.

Google Research

Summers 2010 and 2011

Software Engineering Intern, Video Content Analysis team

Used machine vision to solve YouTube video classification problems at scale. Contributed to Dist-Belief, a close-to-the-metal distributed deep learning framework, and precursor to TensorFlow.

Invenia 2006 – present

 $Co ext{-}Founder$

Recruited, trained and supervised five research assistants, plus consultants. Wrote, presented and was awarded several research grants. Led two research contracts applying machine learning methods to energy forecasts. These projects led to the deployment of automated forecasting systems for several major utilities. Invenia currently has a full-time staff of 35.

EDUCATION

University of Cambridge, Machine Learning Group

2010 - 2014

Ph.D., Engineering

Advisors: Carl Rasmussen and Zoubin Ghahramani

Thesis: Automatic model construction with Gaussian processes

University of British Columbia, Laboratory for Computational Intelligence 2008 – 2010

M. Sc., Computer Science Advisor: Kevin P. Murphy

Thesis: Multiscale conditional random fields for machine vision

University of Manitoba

2001 - 2006

B. Sc. Hons., Computer Science. First class honours.

Grants and Awards

NVIDIA	Compute the Cure Cancer Research Grant: \$250,000	2017
Tier II (Canada Research Chair: \$500,000	2017
NSERC	Discovery Grant: \$140,000	2017
NSERC	Postdoctoral Fellowship: \$80,000 (declined)	2014
Cambrid	lge Commonwealth Trust Scholarship: £36,000	2010
NSERC	Postgraduate Scholarship: \$42,000	2010
Vanier (Canada Graduate Scholarship: \$100,000 (declined)	2010

Preprints

Lorraine, J., Duvenaud, D., Stochastic Hyperparameter Optimization through Hypernetworks. arXiv:1802.09419, 2018

Chen, T., Li, X., Grosse, R., Duvenaud, D.. Isolating Sources of Disentanglement in Variational Autoencoders. arXiv:1802.04942, 2018

Cremer, C., Li, X., Duvenaud, D.. Inference Suboptimality in Variational Autoencoders. arXiv:1801.03558, 2018.

G Zhang, S Sun, Duvenaud, D., Grosse, R., **Noisy Natural Gradient as Variational Inference.** arXiv:1712.02390, 2017.

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Grathwohl, G., Choi, D., Wu, Y., Roeder, G., Duvenaud, D., Backpropagation through the Void: Optimizing control variates for black-box gradient estimation. *International Conference on Learning Representations*, 2018

Gómez-Bombarelli, R.*, Wei, N., Duvenaud, D.*, Hernández-Lobato, J.M.*, Sánchez-Lengeling, B., Sheberla, D., Aguilera-Iparraguirre, J., Hirzel, T., Adams, R.P., and Aspuru-Guzik, A. Automatic chemical design using a data-driven continuous representation of molecules. *ACS Central Science*, 2018

Schulz, E., Tenenbaum, J., Duvenaud, D., Speekenbrink, M., Gershman, S. Compositional Inductive Biases in Function Learning. *Cognitive Psychology*, 2017.

Roeder, G., Wu, Y., Duvenaud, D., Sticking the Landing: Simple, Lower-variance Gradient Estimators for Variational Inference. Neural Information Processing Systems, 2017.

Wei, J.N., Duvenaud, D., Aspuru-Guzik, A. Neural Networks for the Prediction of Organic Chemistry Reactions. *American Chemical Society Central Science*, 2016.

Johnson, M.J., Duvenaud, D., Wiltschko, A.B., Datta, S.R., Adams, R.P. Composing Graphical Models with Neural Networks for Structured Representations and Fast Inference. *Neural Information Processing Systems*, 2016.

Schulz, E., Tenenbaum, J., Duvenaud, D., Speekenbrink, M., Gershman, S. Probing the Compositionality of Intuitive Functions. *Neural Information Processing Systems*, 2016.

Gómez-Bombarelli, R., Aguilera-Iparraguirre, R., Hirzel T., Duvenaud, D., Maclaurin, M., Blood-Forsythe, M., Chae H., Einzinger, M., Ha, D., Wu, T., Markopoulos, G., Jeon, S., Kang, H., Sekine, W., Miyazaki, H., Numata, M., Kim, S., Huang, W., Hong, S., Buchwald, S., Baldo, M., Adams, R. P. Aspuru-Guzik, A. Design of Efficient Molecular Organic Light-emitting Diodes by a High-throughput Virtual Screening and Experimental Approach. *Nature Materials*, 2016.

Duvenaud, D.*, Maclaurin, D.*, Adams, R.P. Early Stopping as Nonparametric Variational Inference. Artificial Intelligence and Statistics, 2016. Oral Presentation (Top 6.5% of submissions)

Huang, A., Duvenaud, D., Gajos, K. ChordRipple: Recommending Chords to Help Novice Composers Go Beyond the Ordinary. *Intelligent User Interfaces*, 2016.

Duvenaud, D.*, Maclaurin, D.*, Aguilera-Iparraguirre, J., Gómez-Bombarelli, R., Hirzel, T., Aspuru-Guzik, A., Adams, R.P. Convolutional Networks on Graphs for Learning Molecular Fingerprints. *Neural Information Processing Systems*, 2015.

Maclaurin, D.*, Duvenaud, D.*, Adams, R.P. Gradient-based Hyperparameter Optimization through Reversible Learning. *International Conference on Machine Learning*, 2015.

Schober, M., Duvenaud, D., Hennig, P. Probabilistic ODE Solvers with Runge-Kutta Means. *Neural Information Processing Systems*, 2014. Oral Presentation (Top 1.2% of submissions)

Lloyd, J.R., Duvenaud, D., Grosse, R., Tenenbaum, J. B., Ghahramani, Z. Automatic Construction and Natural-Language Description of Nonparametric Regression Models. *Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence*, 2014.

Duvenaud, D., Rippel, O., Adams, R.P., Ghahramani, Z. Avoiding Pathologies in Very Deep Networks. Artificial Intelligence and Statistics, 2014.

Huang, A., Duvenaud, D., Arnold, K., Partridge, B., Oberholtzer, J., Gajos, K. Active Learning of Intuitive Control Knobs for Synthesizers Using Gaussian Processes. *Intelligent User Interfaces*, 2014.

Iwata, T., Duvenaud, D., Ghahramani, Z. Warped Mixtures for Nonparametric Cluster Shapes. *Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence*, 2013.

Duvenaud, D.*, Lloyd, J.R.*, Grosse, R., Tenenbaum, J. B., Ghahramani, Z. Structure Discovery in Nonparametric Regression through Compositional Kernel Search. *International Conference on Machine Learning*, 2013.

Osborne, M., Duvenaud, D., Garnett, R., Rasmussen, C. E., Roberts, S., Ghahramani, Z. Active Learning of Model Evidence using Bayesian Quadrature. *Neural Information Processing Systems*, 2012.

Huszár, F. Duvenaud, D. **Optimally-Weighted Herding is Bayesian Quadrature.** *Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence*, 2012. Oral Presentation (Top 8% of submissions)

Duvenaud, D., Nickisch, H., Rasmussen, C. E. Additive Gaussian Processes. Neural Information Processing Systems, 2011.

Duvenaud, D., Marlin, B., Murphy, K. Multiscale Conditional Random Fields for Semi-supervised Labeling and Classification. *Conference on Computer and Robot Vision*, 2011.

Workshop Publications

Roeder, G., Killoran, N., Grathwohl, W., Duvenaud, D.**Design Motifs for Probabilistic Generative Design** *ICLR workshop track*, 2018

Nado, Z., Snoek, J., Grosse, R., Duvenaud, D., Xu, B., Martens, J. Stochastic Gradient Langevin Dynamics that Exploit Neural Network Structure *ICLR workshop track*, 2018

Killoran, N., Lee, L., Delong, A., Duvenaud, D., Frey, B., Generating and designing DNA with deep generative models NIPS workshop on Machine Learning in Computational Biology, 2017.

Cremer, C., Q Morris, Q., and Duvenaud, D.. Reinterpreting Importance-Weighted Autoencoders. ICLR workshop track, 2017

Duvenaud, D., and Adams, R.P. Black-box Stochastic Variational Inference in Five Lines of Python. NIPS workshop on Black-box inference methods, 2015

Altieri, N. and Duvenaud, D. Variational Inference with Gradient Flows. NIPS workshop on Advances in Approximate Bayesian Inference, 2015

Maclaurin, D., Duvenaud, D., and Adams, R.P. Autograd: Reverse-mode Differentiation of Native Python. ICML workshop on Automatic Machine Learning, 2015

Grosse, R., and Duvenaud, D.. **Testing Markov-chain Monte Carlo code.** NIPS Workshop on Software Engineering for Machine Learning, 2014

Swersky, K., Duvenaud, D., Snoek, J., Hutter, F., and Osborne, M.A. Raiders of the Lost Architecture: Kernels for Bayesian Optimization in Conditional Parameter Spaces. *NIPS workshop on Bayesian Optimization*, 2013.

Duvenaud, D., Eaton, D., Murphy, K., and Schmidt, M. Causal learning without DAGs. Journal of Machine Learning Research, Workshop & Conference Proceedings, 2010.

PATENTS

Aspuru-Guzik, A., Gomez-Bombarelli, R., Hirzel, T.D., Aguilera-Iparraguirre, J., Adams, R.P., Maclaurin, and D., Duvenaud, D. **Organic light-emitting diode materials.** WO2015175678

INVITED TALKS CIFAR Deep Learning Summer School (upcoming)

	ICML Workshop on Credit Assignment in Reinforcement Learning (upcoming)	July 2018 December 2017
	NIPS Workshop on Machine Learning for Molecules and Materials Toronto Machine Learning Summit	November 2017
	Montréal Deep Learning Summit Montréal Deep Learning Summit	October 2017
	Simons Institute, Workshop on Machine Learning	May 2017
	Data Learning and Inference Meeting (DALI)	April 2017
	Google Brain	February 2017
	University of Waterloo, Computational Mathematics Colloquium	January 2017
	NIPS Workshop on Automatic Differentiation	December 2016
	NIPS Workshop on Optimizing the Optimizers	December 2016
	American Chemical Society National Meeting, Machine Learning Workshop	August 2016
	OpenAI	April 2016
	University of Toronto, Department of Computer Science	March 2016
	University of British Columbia, Department of Computer Science	March 2016
	New York University, Computer Science Department	February 2016
	Princeton University, Department of Computer Science	February 2016
	Université de Montréal, Institute for Learning Algorthms	February 2016
	Cambridge University, Computational and Biological Learning Lab	February 2016
	Twitter Cortex	February 2016
	NIPS Workshop on Probabilistic Integration	December 2015
	MIT Media Lab, Laboratory for Social Machines	November 2015
	UMass Amherst, Machine Learning and Friends Lunch	November 2015
	Broad Institute, Stat Math Reading Club	November 2015
	Brown University, Scientific Computing Group	November 2015
	University of Toronto, Machine Learning Group	October 2015
	Microsoft Research Cambridge	July 2015
	University of Oxford, Robotics Research Group	July 2015
	University of Oxford, Future of Humanity Institute	July 2015
	Google DeepMind	July 2015
	Cambridge University, Computational and Biological Learning Lab	July 2015
	ICML Workshop on Automatic Machine Learning	July 2015
	Conference on Bayesian Nonparametrics	June 2015
	Boston Machine Learning Meetup	February 2015
	Harvard Society for Mind, Brain and Behavior	December 2014
	Sheffield University, Deep Probabilistic Models Workshop	October 2014
	MIT CSAIL, Clinical Decision Making Group	October 2014
	London Machine Learning Meetup	June 2014
	University of Oxford, Future of Humanity Institute	January 2014
	University of Toronto, Machine Learning Group	January 2014
	University of Oxford, Robotics Research Group	April 2013
	Microsoft Research Cambridge	March 2013
	Sheffield University, Institute for Translational Neuroscience	February 2013
	NIPS Workshop on Confluence between Kernel Methods and Graphical Models	December 2012
	NIPS Workshop on Probabilistic Numerics	December 2012
	ICML Workshop on RKHS and Kernel-based methods	July 2012
	University of Washington, Statistics Department	January 2011
	DeepMind Technologies	November 2011
SERVICE	Area Chair, International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)	2017, 2018
	Area Chair, International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)	2017, 2018
	Area Chair, Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS)	2017, 2018
	Co-organizer, NIPS Workshop on Aligned Artificial Intelligence	2017
	Area Chair, Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)	2017
	Area Chair, Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS)	2017

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REVIEWING	SIGGRAPH	2018
	American Chemical Society Central Science (ACS)	2017, 2108
	Nature	2017
	IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (TPAMI)	2012, 2017
	International Joint Conferences on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI)	2016
	International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)	2016
	Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS)	2013, 2014, 2015, 2016
	International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)	2013, 2014, 2015, 2016
	Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS)	2014, 2015
	Statistics and Computing	2013, 2014, 2015
	Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR)	2012, 2013, 2015
Press Coverage	Interview: New frontiers in deep learning research. In Context Podcast	March 29, 2018
	Interview: This week in machine learning & AI podcast	January 15, 2018
	Is AI riding a one-trick pony? MIT Tech. Rev.	September 29, 2017
	Finally, a way to halt Canada's 'brain drain'. Globe and Mail.	July 10, 2017
	Software dreams up new molecules in quest for wonder drugs. MIT Tech. R	
	'Artificial brain' aces undergrad organic chemistry test. Chemistry World	October 17, 2016
	The hunt for tomorrow's diodes is tangled up in blue. Wall Street Journal	August 19, 2016
	'Molecular Tinder' may change the game for OLED screens. Techcrunch	August 8, 2016
	The growing influence of statisticians. <i>Phys-org</i>	June 4, 2015
	The Automatic Statistician and electrified meat. Talking Machines podcast	March 26, 2015
	Automating the data scientists. MIT Technology Review	February 13, 2015
	How machines learned to think statistically. Significance magazine	February 3, 2015
	Google is funding an artificial intelligence for data science. Yahoo! News	December 2, 2014