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A. Education

- Ph.D. Bioinformatics. University of Arkansas - Little Rock. Little Rock, AR. *May 2019*.
Title: *Machine Learning Algorithms for Studying Disease Features and Applications*. Advisor: Xiuzhen Huang, Ph.D.
- M.S. Computer Science. Arkansas State University. Jonesboro, AR. *May 2004*.
- B.S. Computer Science. Arkansas State University. Jonesboro, AR. *May 2002. Cum Laude*

B. Publications

- *Lung cancer screening with low-dose CT scans using a deep learning approach*, Jason L. Causey, Yuanfang Guan, Wei Dong, Karl Walker, [Jake A. Qualls](#), Fred Prior, and Xiuzhen Huang. *arXiv:1906.00240*, 2019.
- *Arkansas AI-Campus Method for the 2019 Kidney Tumor Segmentation Challenge*, J. L. Causey, J. Stubblefield, T. Yoshino, A. Torrico, [Jake A. Qualls](#), and X. Huang. *Kidney and Kidney Tumor Segmentation Challenge (KiTS19)*. 2019.
- *Minor QTLs mining through the combination of GWAS and machine learning feature selection*. Wei Zhou, Emily Bellis, J. Stubblefield, J. L. Causey, [Jake A. Qualls](#), Karl Walker, Xiuzhen Huang. *BioRxiv:712190*, 2019.
- *CNNcon: A Quantitative Imaging Tool for Lung CT Image Feature Analysis*. J. L. Causey, [Jake A. Qualls](#), J. H. Moore, F. Prior, and X. Huang. *BioRxiv:615492*, 2019.
- *Highly accurate model for prediction of lung nodule malignancy with CT scan*, Jason L. Causey, Junyu Zhang, Shiqian Ma, Bo Jiang, [Jake A. Qualls](#), David G. Politte, Fred Prior, Shuzhong Zhang and Xiuzhen Huang. *Scientific Reports*. August 2018.
- *CSI students' understanding of computational thinking concepts*, [Jake A. Qualls](#), Michael M. Grant, and Linda B. Sherrell. *Journal of Computing Sciences in Colleges*. Vol 26, Issue 5, 62-71. May 2011.
- *Why computational thinking should be integrated into the curriculum*, [Jake A. Qualls](#) and Linda B. Sherrell. *Journal of Computing Sciences in Colleges*. Vol 25, Issue 5, 66-71. May 2010.

C. Research Interests

- The application of Machine Learning and Data Science to address cross-disciplinary research questions.
- Probabilistic reasoning models and their role within Artificial Intelligence.
- Computer Science education, collaboration, and outreach.

D. Presentations

- *EAGER - New Approach: Early Diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease Based on Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) via High-Dimensional Image Feature Identification*, [Jake A. Qualls](#), Jason L. Causey, Johnathon Stubblefield, and Xiuzhen Huang. Presentation at 2020 NSF Smart and Connected Healthcare (SCH) PI Meeting. NSF. Alexandria, VA. Jan. 6-7, 2020.
- *Introducing the NBT Division for Advanced Data Sciences and Learning*, [Jake A. Qualls](#). Presentation at No-Boundary Thinking Conference. Trinity University. San Antonio, TX. Dec. 2019.
- *Study the co-occurrence patterns of Metagenomics high-throughput sequencing data*, John Clay Heern (Presenter), Jason L. Causey, [Jake A. Qualls](#), and Xiuzhen Huang. Poster presented at 2018 NSF Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Symposium. Alexandria, VA. October 28-29, 2018.
- *Highly accurate model for prediction of lung nodule malignancy with CT scans*, Jason L. Causey, Junyu Zhang, Shiqian Ma, Bo Jiang, [Jake A. Qualls](#), David G. Politte, Fred Prior, Shuzhong Zhang and Xiuzhen Huang. Poster presented at NIH NCI QIN meeting. November 2017.

E. Grants

- Arkansas Department of Education STEM Grant, *Computer Science Praxis (5651) Preparation Institute*. June - July 2016. Awarded \$32,950.
- Student Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) - Arkansas Department of Higher Education, *Using Machine Learning to Automate Detection of Cyberbullying Tweets*, Mentor: [Jake A. Qualls](#), Student: Christopher Saldivar. January - May 2016. Awarded \$2,750.

F. Professional Activities

- Arkansas Department of Education - Computer Science K-8 Curriculum Standards Meeting. *Committee Member*. October - December 2015.
- Arkansas Department of Education - Computer Science Praxis 5651 Review Meeting. *Committee Member*. August 2015.
- Arkansas Department of Education - Computer Science Curriculum Framework. *Committee Member*. January 2015.

G. Awards

- SMART Center Advising Award. *Awarded*, Spring 2018.
- You Made A Difference Academic Advising Award. *Nominated*, Fall 2013.