### Mitchell Piehl

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### Education

### UNIVERSITY of Iowa

Iowa City, IA

Ph.D. Computer Science, Sheets Fellowship Recipient

Started August 2025

Advisor: Dr. Muchao Ye, Field of Research: Natural Language Processing (NLP), and Large Language Models

### **UNIVERSITY of St. Thomas**

St. Paul. MN

B.S. Computer Science, 3.98 GPA.

Graduated May 2025

Minors: Data Science, Philosophy and Science, and Logic & Analytical Reasoning

• University of St. Thomas Division 1 Track and Field Captain and All-Conference Member

### **Technical Skills**

Programming: Python, Java, C++, SQL, MATLAB, HTML/CSS/Javascript

Machine Learning/ Artificial Intelligence: Natural Language Processing Techniques, Large Language Models

Non-Technical: Organization, Teaching, Tutoring, Leadership, Oral and Written Communication

### **Experience**

### **University of St. Thomas**

## **Teaching Assistant and Research Assistant**

St. Paul, Minnesota

August 2024 – May 2025

- Led comprehensive research examining the philosophical evolution of Artificial Intelligence, analyzing key shifts from early symbolic AI to modern neural networks
- Designed and developed curriculum materials for a graduate-level "Foundations of AI" course
- Collaborated with faculty to integrate philosophical frameworks into technical AI coursework

# **University of Colorado Colorado Springs**

Colorado Springs, CO

May 2024 – August 2024

# **Natural Language Processing Researcher**

- Researched novel techniques to improve Large Language Models' mathematical reasoning capabilities, resulting in state-of-the-art performance on math word problem solving tasks
- Achieved a 2% improvement over existing benchmarks across 4 distinct datasets
- Implemented new frameworks for the design and testing of LLM mathematical capabilities
- Conducted literature reviews then presented summary of findings to peers
- Submitted paper can be found here: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\_id=5166090

### **University of St. Thomas**

St. Paul, Minnesota

### **Computer Science Tutor**

August 2023 - May 2024

- Mentored and provided constructive feedback to dozens of students on a weekly basis on their coding projects and assignments, encouraging growth and skill development
- Delivered clear and concise explanations of complex computer science topics
- Taught fundamental Programming languages such as Java, Python, C++, and MATLAB, improving students' proficiency in both theory and practical applications

### **Leadership Activities**

### **University of St. Thomas**

St. Paul, Minnesota

### NCAA Division 1 Athlete and Captain

August 2022 – May 2025

• Led and motivated a 45-member Division 1 track team while maintaining a 3.98 GPA, demonstrating exceptional time management and organizational skills

### **Projects**

### **Public Guide to Sustainable AI**

Researched and developed a modern and interactive website presenting a guide for the greater Midwest community on the environmental and social costs of AI, including steps to make it more sustainable