Selected highlights

- ICML 2016: Kilian Weinberger is co-program chair
- ECML-PKDD 2015: Test of time award to Jon Kleinberg and coauthors
- EMNLP 2015: Yoav Artzi and coauthors win best paper award
- KDD 2015: best student paper award to Wenlei Xie, David Bindel, Alan Demers, and Johannes Gehrke for “Edge-Weighted Personalized PageRank: Breaking A Decade-Old Performance Barrier”
- ICML 2015: Jon Kleinberg keynote speaker
- KDD 2015 Test of Time award to Thorsten Joachims for “Optimizing Search Engines Using Clickthrough Data”
- EC 2015 best paper award to Vasilis Syrgkanis, Eva Tardos and coauthor Denis Nekipelov for “Econometrics for Learning Algorithms”
- 2015: Kilian Weinberger gives keynote presentation at BeNeLearn 2015 conference
- 2015: Thorsten Joachims gives keynote at the inaugural Amazon Machine Learning conference
- 2015: Chenhao Tan wins the Facebook Fellowship in HCI and Social Computing
- 2015: Ashutosh Saxena named one of Smithsonian Magazine’s "eight innovators to watch”
- 2015 Microsoft Research Graduate Women's Scholarship to Xanda Schofield (does not preclude eligibility for the Microsoft Ph.D. Fellowship, which is open only to third- and fourth-year Ph.D. students)
- WSDM 2015: Karthik Raman receives an Outstanding Reviewer Award, Thorsten Joachims gives keynote
- WACV 2015: Serge Belongie and colleagues win best paper award in vision and learning
- 2014: Thorsten Joachims named an ACM Fellow.
- NIPS 2014 best paper award to Anshumali Shrivastava and Ping Li
- 2014: Thorsten Joachims named a AAAI Fellow
- 2014: Jason Yosinski's co-authored paper "Deep Neural Networks are Easily Fooled" receives press coverage in the Atlantic, Wired, and New Scientist, among other venues, and reached #1 on Hacker News
- 2014: NSF CAREER award to Tanzeem Choudhury
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- 2013: Best Student Paper Runner-up at ICML 2013
- 2013: Sloan Research Fellowship to Ashutosh Saxena
- 2013: Yahoo! Key Scientific Challenges grant to Yisong Yue
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- 2011: Yahoo! Key Scientific Challenges grant to Yisong Yue
- 2010: AFSOR Young Investigator award to Peter Frazier
- COLT 2010: Best student paper award to Theodoros Damoulas, Carla Gomes and colleagues
- 2010: Yahoo! Key Scientific Challenges grant to Cristian Danescu-Niculescu-Mizil
- ECML 2009: Best Paper Award to Thorsten Joachims and Chun-Nam Yu

Academic year 2008-2009:
- Best Student Paper runner-up at KDD: Lars Backstrom, Jon Kleinberg, and Ravi Kumar
- Best 10-year paper award at ICML 2009 to Thorsten Joachims
- Nomination for best paper award at WWW to Dave Crandall, Lars Backstrom, Dan Huttenlocher, and Jon Kleinberg
- Thorsten Joachims wins a Fraunhofer-Bessel Research Award from the Humboldt foundation; shakes hands with the president of Germany.
- Jure Leskovec joins the department as a postdoc, deferring a tenure-track position at Stanford
- 2008: Bobby Kleinberg named Microsoft New Faculty Fellow
- COLT 2008: best student paper award to Robert D. Kleinberg, Alexandru Niculescu-Mizil and Yogeshwer (Yogi) Sharma
- 2008: Microsoft Research Fellowship to Yisong Yue
- 2008: Yahoo! Key Technical Challenges grant to Yisong Yue
• ECML 2007: Best Student Paper Award to Daria Sorokina, Rich Caruana, and Mirek Riedewald
• KDD 2006: Best Research Paper Award to Thorsten Joachims
• 2006: Microsoft Research Fellowship to Filip Radlinski
• ICML 2005:
  ◦ Best Paper Award to Thorsten Joachims
  ◦ Distinguished Student Paper Award (of four) to Thomas Finley and Thorsten Joachims
  ◦ Distinguished Student Paper Award (of four) to Alexandru Niculescu-Mizil and Rich Caruana
• KDD 2005:
  ◦ 10% of accepted papers have Cornell (co-)authors
  ◦ Best Student Paper Award to Filip Radlinski and Thorsten Joachims
  ◦ Best Research Paper Award co-won by Jon Kleinberg (with Jure Leskovec and Christos Faloutsos)
• HLT-NAACL 2004: Best Paper Award to Regina Barzilay and Lillian Lee
• KDD 2003: Best Research Paper Award to David Kempe, Jon Kleinberg, and Eva Tardos