NICK KONZ

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EDUCATION

Duke University | Durham, NC

Expected December 2025

Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering (Machine Learning Specialty) Cumulative GPA: 4.000/4.000

University of North Carolina | Chapel Hill, NC

Graduated May 2020

B.S. in Astrophysics and B.A. in Mathematics Cumula **Honors:** Highest Honors and Highest Distinction

Cumulative GPA: 3.914/4.000 Phi Beta Kappa Earl Nelson Mitchell Scholar in Physics Honors College Member

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Mazurowski Lab | Duke University Dept. of Radiology | Durham, NC

2021 - PRESENT

Graduate Research Assistant

Ph.D. research in deep learning with a focus on medical image analysis. Specific fields include anomaly detection, domain adaptation and style transfer. Model conception and development, codebase development and experimentation (Python/PyTorch), and paper publication.

Reichart Lab/Skynet Robotic Telescope Network | UNC-CH Dept. of Physics and Astronomy | Chapel Hill, NC

2017 - 2020

Research Assistant

Undergraduate research and thesis work of statistical computational methods for astronomy. Included the continued development and deployment of the TRK (Trotter-Reichart-Konz Regression) and RCR (Robust Chauvenet Rejection) statistical modeling suites. Codebase development, end-to-end web interface development, and writing associated papers and documentation for publication.

Robert Shelton Award for Outstanding Research (2019)

NC Space Summer Research Grant (NASA) (2019)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Duke University | Durham, NC

2022

Graduate Teaching Assistant

ECE 685D/COMPSCI 675D: Introduction to Deep Learning.

UNC Chapel Hill | Chapel Hill, NC

2017 - 2018

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

PHYS 119 (Introductory Electromagnetism), MATH 528 (Math. Methods for the Physical Sciences), and MATH 233 (Multivariable Calculus).

ERIRA (UNC Chapel Hill/Green Bank Radio Observatory) | Chapel Hill, NC

2017 - PRESENT

Educator/Coordinator

One of the educators of participants in ERIRA, a yearly week-long intensive radio astronomy research program led by Dr. Daniel Reichart of UNC Chapel Hill. Participant of the 2017 session.

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

- 1. **Konz, N.**, et al. "The Intrinsic Manifolds of Radiological Images and their Role in Deep Learning." *The International Conference of Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention (MICCAI)*, **2022**.
- 2. Swiecicki, A., **Konz, N.**, et al. "A generative adversarial network-based abnormality detection using only normal images for model training with application to digital breast tomosynthesis." *Scientific reports* 11.1: 1-13, **2021**.
- 3. Maples, M. P., Reichart, D. E., Konz, N. C., et al. "Robust Chauvenet Outlier Rejection." *The Astrophysical Journal Supplement Series 238.1: 2, 2018.*

GENERAL TECHNICAL SKILLS

Technological: Machine Learning and Deep Learning, Algorithms, Numerical Methods, Monte Carlo Methods

Analytical: Statistical Modeling, Data Analysis, Bayesian Analysis

Research, Problem-Solving, Scientific Writing, Software Documentation and Publishing

Specific Computer Skills: PyTorch, C++-to-Python Wrapping

SPECIFIC COMPUTER SKILLS

Proficient with:Python (5 yrs.), C++/C (3 yrs.), LATEX (5 yrs.)Experienced with:JavaScript, HTML/CSS (2 yrs.), Microsoft ExcelFamiliar with:Unix, Wolfram/Mathematica Language, Vim