

**GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY**  
**Systems Engineering and Operations Research**

OR750/610: Deep Learning, Fall Semester 2019: Homework Assignment 3. Due: XXX (before class)

1. **Transfer learning** Complete assignments from `hw3.ipynb`
2. **Organic CNN** Replace the fully connected layer from the first problem with the convolutional layer.
3. **Initialization** Implement four different initialization techniques and apply them to your CNN model
  - Zeros initialization
  - Random initialization. This initializes the weights to some random values.
  - Xavier initialization, which scales the variance of the inputs to each layer are scaled to have variance of `sqrt(1./layers_dims[1-1])`.
  - He initialization. This initializes the weights to random values scaled according to a paper by He et al., 2015. Similar to Xavier you need to scale the inputs so they have the variance `sqrt(2./layers_dims[1-1])`
4. **Optimization** Implement ADAM modification to the SGD and apply it to MNIST classification.
5. **Dropout** Implement forward and backward propagation with dropout. Apply to MNIST classification problem.