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Education

Ph.D., Computer Science, GPA: 3.83 Jan. 2019 – Present
Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

B.S., Computer Science, GPA: 3.74 Dec. 2019
B.S., Mathematics, Applied Discrete option Dec. 2019
Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA
Magna Cum Laude, Honors Scholar

Research Experience

Graduate Research Assistant, VT Dept. of Computer Science Jan. 2020 – Present
– Urban Computing project to address school redistricting in Loudoun County, VA as a mathematical optimization problem and to generalize it to other districting questions

Undergraduate Research, Hume Center at VT Jan. 2019 – Dec. 2019
– Applied software engineering principles to sketch a new design specification for the project's experiments
– Contributed to the correction of the random sampling technique used for flipping bits in neural network weight matrices
– Debugged system dependencies in the code and also ensured a working runtime environment

Professional Experience

Student Trainee, Department of the Navy, Dahlgren, VA May 2020 – Aug. 2020
– Wrote a Python 2.7 distributed and multiprocessed application for network performance analysis with a GTK 2 GUI

SMART Intern, Department of the Navy, Dahlgren, VA May 2019 – Aug. 2019
– Presented unit testing to change internal developer culture
– Fixed bugs and improved features in the RHEL 4 STIG benchmark from prior summer

SMART Intern, Department of the Navy, Dahlgren, VA May 2018 – Aug. 2018
– Python 2.3 script to automate RHEL 5 STIG checklist for RHEL 4 backward compatibility

CS Undergraduate Research Assistant (URA), VT CS Department Oct. 2017 – Feb. 2018
– Set up parallel benchmarks in Ubuntu with gem5

Student Trainee (CS / Math), Dept. of the Navy, Dahlgren, VA May 2017 – Jul. 2017

- C++ program to simulate a FLIR camera using socket programming and multithreading

Software Engineer (Co-Op Spring 2017), Solers, Blacksburg, VA Jan. 2017 – May 2017

- Java demo to replace of a client’s legacy data processing system
- Used Apache Spark, MongoDB, VM cluster

Teaching Experience

CS Undergraduate Teaching Assistant (UTA), VT CS Department Aug. 2016 – Dec. 2018

Held office hours to answer student questions for homework and projects.

- CS 3214, Computer Systems (Fall 2018)
 - Presented course project help sessions with other TAs
 - Contributed a new help session for the midterm exam
 - Helped debug the course autograder when issues arose
- CS 2505, Intro. to Computer Organization I (Spring 2017, Fall 2017)
 - Some additional grading responsibilities for homework and exams
- CS 1064, Intro. to Python (Fall 2016)

Publications

- E. Altland *et al.*, “Quantifying Degradations of Convolutional Neural Networks in Space Environments,” *2019 IEEE Cognitive Communications for Aerospace Applications Workshop (CCAAW)*, 2019, pp. 1-7.

Awards and Affiliations

Urban Computing NRT Fellowship Jan. 2020 – Present

- The UrbComp NSF Research Traineeship (NRT) Fellowship awards a 2-year grant to UrbComp Ph.D. students pursuing the program’s Urban Computing certificate.

SMART Scholarship May 2017 – Dec. 2019

- Scholarship-for-service program that converts scholars into DoD government employees after graduation.
- Awarded the scholarship starting in Fall 2017 to pay for undergraduate tuition.