

## EDUCATION

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**PhD in Civil and Environmental Engineering** | Carnegie Mellon University | Pittsburgh, PA Jan 2023 - May 2024

**GPA:** 3.78/4.00 **Relevant Courses:** Introduction to Machine Learning [PhD], Geographic Information Systems

**MSc in Civil and Environmental Engineering** | Carnegie Mellon University | Pittsburgh, PA Graduated: Dec 2022

**GPA:** 3.83/4.00 **Relevant Courses:** Data Acquisition, Data Management, Fundamentals of Programming for Engineering Systems, Urban Systems Modeling, Advanced Topics in Machine Learning and Game Theory, Probability and Mathematical Statistics

**BSc in Civil and Environmental Engineering** | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign | Urbana, IL Graduated: May 2021

**Relevant Courses:** Engineering Risk and Uncertainty, Systems Engineering and Economics, Computer Methods

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

**Carnegie Mellon University** | Pittsburgh, PA

**PhD Research Assistant** | Jan 2023 - May 2024

*Habitats Optimized for Missions of Exploration (HOME)*

PI: Dr. Mario Bergés

- Enhanced fault detection model selection framework for simulated CO2 scrubbers to ensure environment habitability for potential NASA missions
- Containerized the HOME project using Docker to ensure environment consistency and facilitate a seamless research demonstration for NASA collaboration

*Real-time Broken Rail Detection for In-Service Locomotives*

PI: Dr. Katherine Flanigan

- Developed and deployed a real-time unsupervised anomaly detection pipeline using a multi-modal (accelerometer, vision, GPS) autoencoder ensemble in PyTorch to autonomously detect defects for targeted maintenance across 3 mi. of test track.
- Designed and fabricated custom data acquisition hardware and data management system for real-time sensor data processing and storage which enables seamless data collection from in-service locomotives for machine learning model training

**Carnegie Mellon University** | Pittsburgh, PA

**Graduate Research Assistant** | Jun 2022 - Dec 2022

*Fine-grained Occupancy estimator using Kinect (FORK) Redeployment*

PI: Dr. Mario Bergés

- Re-deployed six depth sensors and edge computing units to optimize building energy utilization through custom occupancy estimation software and establishing network access for remote data collection
- Coordinated system tear-down and re-deployment across multiple campus buildings through collaboration with university facility management and staff

*Laboratory Scaled Track and Moving Vehicle Actuation System*

PI: Dr. Katherine Flanigan

- Built custom data collection infrastructure and software, which included a tuned 27 ft. scaled train-track model, to collect data and identify the optimal dimensionality reduction technique (PCA) for efficient feature extraction, ultimately achieving 95% accuracy in damage classification using SVM
- Led the testbed's transition to the cornerstone project for Carnegie Mellon University's AI Engineering - Digital Twins & Analytics graduate certificate, teaching students the real-world value of AI in engineering

**University of Illinois RailTEC** | Urbana, IL

**Undergraduate Research Assistant** | Sep 2020 - Aug 2021

*Analysis of Railway Tie Padding Material on Ballast Spoiling*

PI: Dr. J Riley Edwards

- Developed MATLAB scripts for statistical analysis and visualization of field data, assessing cross-tie padding performance and identifying key trends in load and pressure peaks from BNSF-operated rail
- Formulated presentation graphics for sponsors and industry partners based on research findings related to rail tie padding and ballast spoiling, effectively communicating complex data insights

**National University of Singapore** | Singapore **International Undergraduate Research Assistant** | Jun 2019 - Aug 2019

*Earthwork Operation Optimization for Dense Urban Environments*

PI: Dr. Justin Yeoh Ker-Wei

- Designed a Python simulation tool to model earthwork operation for Singapore's mass rapid transit maintenance facility and conducted literature reviews to inform the tool's development
- Explored minimum spanning tree and linear programming for earthwork optimization to reduce construction costs in dense urban environments

## INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

**Illinois Department of Transportation** | Urbana, IL

**Seasonal Engineering Technician Intern** | Jun 2020 - Aug 2020

- Inspected a \$10.3 million construction renovation project to ensure compliance with state and federal regulations
- Conducted air, slump, and strength field tests on construction materials and monitored construction and traffic progress to maintain quality and safety
- Prepared reports and documentation for project managers and contractors for curb and gutter, sidewalk, and lighting removal and installation across 2 miles of road

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**12-760: Fundamentals of Programming for Engineering Systems**

**Instructors:** Dr. Susan Finger

**Teaching Assistant** | Fall 2023

*Carnegie Mellon University*

**12-770: Autonomous Sustainable Buildings: From Theory to Practice**

**Instructors:** Dr. Mario Bergés

**Teaching Assistant** | Spring 2023

*Carnegie Mellon University*

**12-301: Integrating the Built, Natural and Information Environments**

**Instructors:** Dr. Joe Moore and Dr. Don Coffelt

**Teaching Assistant** | Fall 2022

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## PUBLICATIONS

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**Yin, J.**, Montero, G., Flanigan, K. A., Bergés, M., Brooks, J. D. (2023) Open-source hardware and software for a laboratory-scale track and moving vehicle actuation system used for indirect broken rail detection. SPIE Smart Structures + NDE: Sensors and Smart Structures Technologies for Civil, Mechanical, and Aerospace Systems 2023 <https://doi.org/10.1117/12.2658438>

Montero, G., **Yin, J.**, Flanigan, K. A., Bergés, M., Brooks, J. D. (2023) Anomaly identification algorithms for indirect structural health monitoring using a laboratory-scale railroad track system. SPIE Smart Structures + NDE: Health Monitoring of Structural and Biological Systems XVII <https://doi.org/10.1117/12.2658463>

## PERSONAL PROJECTS

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**Proximal Policy Optimization Reinforcement Learning Agent for Settlers of Catan**

- Scripted PPO reinforcement learning agents for Settlers of Catan, trained through self-play and optimized via a customized Catan Gym environment, resulting in an algorithm that outperforms rule-based opponents

**Real-Time Pittsburgh Port Authority Bus Tracking**

- Engineered a real-time data pipeline and web application that integrated PRT TrueTime's API, scraped geospatial vector data, and visualized the data on OpenStreetMap via folium to track public transportation in Pittsburgh

## SKILLS

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**Programming Languages** Python, MATLAB, SQL, LaTeX

**Packages and Libraries** PyTorch, Scikit-learn, Pandas, NumPy, SciPy, matplotlib, Seaborn

**Collaboration** Microsoft Office Suite, Google Workspace, Overleaf

**Engineering Software** ArcGIS Pro, Autodesk Inventor, Autodesk Fusion 360

## LANGUAGES

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**English:** *Native*   **Mandarin:** *Conversational*

## CERTIFICATES

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**Applications of AI for Anomaly Detection - Nvidia**

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