

# Lee Milburn

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## Education

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**Northeastern University**

*BS, Computer Engineering and Computer Science*

GPA: 3.78

Fall 2018 – expected May 2023

*Boston, MA*

## Research Experience

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**The Robotics and Intelligent Vehicles Research Laboratory**

Sept, 2020 – Present

*Undergraduate Researcher*

*Boston, MA*

- Developed Autonomous UAV - UGV system to identify and pick up trash.
- Wrote networking and collected data for system which uses RGB-D and Hyperspectral data to classify terrain types in real-time for VAST project.
- Designed and constructed autonomous PPE material tests according to industry standards for ACE PPE project. Wrote the system's networking, decision making, and GUI.

**The Dynamic Legged Systems Laboratory**

July, 2022 – December, 2022

*Guest Researcher*

*Genova, Italy*

- Developed higher level control for autonomous navigation stack on Vinum-EU precision agriculture project.
- Trained and implemented a Mask-RCNN to do semantic segmentation of grapevine trunks for autonomous navigation. Hand annotated data-set of 450+ images.

## Awards & Honors

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**Northeastern Achievement Award**

*Northeastern University*

2019-2022

**1st Place in ECE Capstone Competition 2022 Award**

*Northeastern ECE Department*

2022

**Project-Based Exploration for the Advancement of Knowledge (PEAK): Summit Award**

*Northeastern Undergraduate Research and Fellowships*

2022

**Fung Leadership Award**

*Fung Scholars and Fellows*

2022

**PEAK: Shout it out Award**

*Northeastern Undergraduate Research and Fellowships*

2022

**Presidential Global Scholarship**

*Northeastern Global Experience Office*

2022

**Graduate School Application Fund Award**

*Northeastern Undergraduate Research and Fellowships*

2022

## Ongoing Research

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### Multi-Robot Trash Collection

Boston, MA

May, 2021 – Present

- Evaluating the efficiency of the developed multi-robot framework for finding and collecting trash. Then introducing more UGVs to test the increased task completion speed after implementing a Multi Robot Task Allocation algorithm.

### Vinum-EU

Genova, Italy

July, 2022 – December, 2022

- Testing the effectiveness of the computer vision based autonomous quadruped vineyard navigation by evaluating the autonomously chosen way-points for optimizing the quadruped's robotic workspace.

## Publications

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- 1 M. H. Shaham, M. Skopin, H. Hochsztein, K. Mabulu, **L. Milburn**, J. Tukpah, A. Tunik, J. Winn, M. Zolotas, D. Erdogmus, and T. Padir, "*Human-supervised automation test cell to accelerate personal protective equipment manufacturing during the Covid-19 pandemic*," in 2022 IEEE International Symposium on Technologies for Homeland Security, November 14-15, 2022.
- 2 **L. Milburn**, J. Gamba, and C. Semini, "*Towards Computer-Vision Based Vineyard Navigation for Quadruped Robots*" in 2022 Institute for Robotics and Intelligent Machines, October 7-9, 2022.<https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2301.01704>

## Research Presentations

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- 1 **L. Milburn**, J. Chiaramonte, J. Fenton, "*Towards an Error Tolerant Multi-Robot System for Roadside Trash Collection*," in 2022 International Symposium on Distributed Autonomous Robotic Systems, November 25-28, 2022.
- 2 **L. Milburn**, J. Gamba, and C. Semini, "*Towards Computer-Vision Based Vineyard Navigation for Quadruped Robots*" in 2022 Institute for Robotics and Intelligent Machines, October 7-9, 2022.
- 3 **L. Milburn**, J. Chiaramonte, J. Fenton, J. Raines, C. Ellingham, D. Venkatramen "*TRASH: Tandem Rover and Aerial Scrap Harvester*" in 2022 Northeastern's Research, Innovation, Scholarship and Entrepreneurial Expo, April 14, 2022.

## Employment

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### Scientific Systems Inc. Co.

July, 2021 – July, 2022

Autonomous Systems Coop

Woburn, MA

- Created and prototyped an algorithm for UAVs to do multi-target pursuit tracking in an unstructured environment. This work was turned into the basis for a government contract.
- Researched modeling the large neighborhood search and tabu search algorithms for optimizing the Multi- Robot Task Allocation scheduling towards a given time horizon using Optaplanner.

### United Electronics Industries

July, 2020 – December, 2020

Sales Engineer Coop

Waltham, MA

- Benchmark tested UEI's hardware to determine the max throughput.

### BrainQ Technologies

June, 2019 – August, 2019

Product Intern

Jerusalem, Israel

- Improved EMG physical therapy product through testing and creating designs. Researched the start-up market to provide information for initiating Series B funding.

### *Robotics Projects*

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#### **TRASH: Tandem Rover and Aerial Scrap Harvester**

*Capstone Project*

2022

#### **Visual and Spectral Terrain Classification in Unstructured Multi-Class Environments**

*Contributor to IROS 2022 paper*

2022

#### **Northeastern's NASA RASC-AL Challenge Club**

*Mobile Robotics Team Lead*

2021-2022

#### **Hack the Normal Hackathon**

*SOAR*

2021

### *Extracurricular Activities*

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#### **Teachers Assistant**

*Teachers Assistant for CS 2510 Fundamentals of Computer Science 2*

2023

#### **Jewish Student Union Club**

*Member*

2020-Present

#### **Disability Resource Center**

*Notetaker for EE 2412 Fundamentals of Electronics*

2020-2021

#### **Dialogue of Civilizations in Israel**

*Multiple Narratives and Cultural Complexities*

2019

### *Other Interests*

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#### **Running**

*Pisa Marathon, Malden Half-Marathon*

2020-Present

#### **Six month backpacking trip in Southeast Asia**

*Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, Malaysia*

2018