

# MATTHEW KELLY

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## EDUCATION

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- Cornell University**, Ithaca NY - GPA 3.85  
**Ph.D.** Mechanical Engineering (**minor:** Computer Science) *May 2016*  
**M.S.** Mechanical Engineering *August 2014*  
**Award:** National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship
- Tufts University**, Medford MA - GPA 3.97  
**B.S.** Mechanical Engineering (**minor:** Music) *May 2011*  
Summa Cum Laude with Highest Thesis Honors  
**Awards:** Mechanical Engineering Prize, Benjamin G. Brown Scholarship
- University of Canterbury**, Christchurch, New Zealand  
Study abroad program in Mechanical Engineering *July - November 2009*

## RESEARCH & WORK EXPERIENCE

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- Rethink Robotics** June 2016 - present  
*Senior Robotics Engineer* *Boston, MA*  
· Design and implementation for high-level control and trajectory generation code for the Sawyer Robot.
- Cornell Biorobotics and Locomotion Lab** November 2011 - May 2016  
*Ph.D. Research, Advisor: Andy Ruina* *Ithaca, NY*  
· Designed and implemented robust walking controllers for the Cornell Ranger robot.  
· Developed significant expertise in trajectory optimization: wrote a tutorial paper and my own software.  
· Developed my own simulation code for the Cornell Ranger walking robot  
· Designed non-linear controllers for simple models of walking using variations on genetic algorithms, dynamic programming, and trajectory libraries.  
· Website: **www.matthewpeterkelly.com** It includes well documented code (tutorial / research), several tutorials (some interactive), my publications, and some other projects.
- Tufts Biomechanical Engineering Lab** November 2009 - August 2011  
*Advisor: Thomas James* *Medford, MA*  
· Design, fabrication, and testing of a novel sagittal bone saw.  
· Results: two proptotype saws and a test fixture, 400 hours of machine shop work, two full experiments, a conference presentation, journal publication, and a U.S. patent.
- MIT Non-Newtonian Fluids Lab** January 2011 - August 2011  
*Advisor: Gareth McKinley (MIT), Chris Rogers (Tufts)* *Cambridge, MA*  
· Non-linear control design and implementation on a filament-stretching rheometer (FiSER).  
· Software: programmed a GUI in LabVIEW as well as real-time data acquisition, analysis, and control.  
· Hardware: National Instruments cRIO and FPGA.
- FALA Technologies** June 2008 - August 2008  
*Summer Intern* *Kingston, NY*  
· Used SolidWorks to generate 3D models and drawings; designed a mobile base for small robotic arm.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Head Teaching Assistant: Dynamics

Cornell University, Spring 2013

- Managed 12 teaching staff and organized 180 students.
- Taught recitation and lab.

### Teaching Assistant: Mechatronics Lab

Cornell University, Fall 2012

- Lab TA working with analog circuits and microprocessors for small robots.

## TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

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### Programming

- Linux and Windows operating systems.
- Matlab, Java, C/C++, Git, HTML/CSS/JavaScript, LabVIEW, LaTeX

### Trajectory Optimization

- Experience implementing multiple shooting, direct collocation, and orthogonal collocation methods.
- SNOPT, IPOPT, FMINCON for solving non-linear programming sub-problems.
- GPOPS II for trajectory optimization with adaptive meshing.

### Simulation

- Implemented simulations on hundreds of models, including many walking robots.
- Time-stepping and event-based contact solvers.
- Interactive simulations in Java, fast and accurate simulations using compiled Matlab.

### Control

- Markov Decision Process, dynamic programming, reinforcement learning.
- Function approximation, trajectory libraries, trajectory tracking.
- Model-based estimation: Kalman filter, EKF, UKF, particle filter.
- Genetic algorithms, neural nets.

### Mechanical Engineering

- Built a trebuchet with a one-ton counter-weight and 40-foot arm.
- Machine design, SolidWorks modeling.
- Machine shop: manual mill & lathe, CNC Mill.
- Woodworking and cabinetry.

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Kelly, M. P.**, Ruina, Andy, “Non-linear robust control for inverted-pendulum 2D walking,” International Conference on Robotics and Automation, Seattle, WA, May 26-30, 2015.

James, T. P., **Kelly, M. P.**, Lannin, Pearlman, J. J., and Saigal, A., “Sagittal Bone Saw with Orbital Blade Motion for Improved Cutting Efficiency,” Journal of Medical Devices, 2013.

Mary Jane Shultz, **Matthew Kelly**, Leonid Paritsky, and Julia Wagner, “A Theme-Based Course: Hydrogen as the Fuel of the Future” J. Chem. Ed. 2009, 86 (9), p1051.

## PATENTS

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James, T. P. and **Kelly, M. P.**, “Novel Blade Path to Introduce Impulsive Thrust Loading in Sagittal Sawing,” U.S. Patent 14/125,164, Aug 28, 2014.