Mark Gillespie

Curriculum Vitae

Academic Appointments

University of Utah, Kahlert School of Computing

To start July 2026

Assistant Professor

École Polytechnique / INRIA, Laboratoire d'Informatique [Computer Science Department] Sept. 2024–present Postdoctoral Researcher

Education

Carnegie Mellon University,

2018-2024

PhD in Computer Science | Advisor: Keenan Crane

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (NSF GRFP)

California Institute of Technology,

2014-2018

B.S. in Computer Science and B.S. in Mathematics | Advisor: Peter Schröder

Journal Articles

Theo Braune*, Mark Gillespie*, Yiying Tong, and Mathieu Desbrun. 2025

Discrete Torsion of Connection Forms on Simplicial Meshes

ACM Transactions on Graphics (SIGGRAPH), 44, 4. 2025. DOI: 10.1145/3731197

Mark Gillespie, Denise Yang, Mario Botsch, and Keenan Crane. 2024

Ray Tracing Harmonic Functions [Best Paper, Honorable Mention]

ACM Transactions on Graphics (SIGGRAPH), 43, 4 (99). 2024. DOI: 10.1145/3658201

Yuichi Hirose, Mark Gillespie, Angelica M. Bonilla Fominaya, and James McCann. 2024a

Solid Knitting [Best Paper, Honorable Mention]

ACM Transactions on Graphics (SIGGRAPH), 43, 4 (88). 2024. DOI: 10.1145/3658123

Nicole Feng, Mark Gillespie, and Keenan Crane. 2023

Winding Numbers on Discrete Surfaces

ACM Transactions on Graphics (SIGGRAPH), 42, 4 (36). 2023. DOI: 10.1145/3592401

Hsueh-Ti Derek Liu, **Mark Gillespie**, Benjamin Chislett, Nicholas Sharp, Alec Jacobson, and Keenan Crane. 2023 *Surface Simplification Using Intrinsic Error Metrics*

ACM Transactions on Graphics (SIGGRAPH), 42, 4 (118). 2023. DOI: 10.1145/3592403

Mark Gillespie, Nicholas Sharp, and Keenan Crane. 2021

Integer Coordinates for Intrinsic Geometry Processing

ACM Transactions on Graphics (SIGGRAPH ASIA), 40, 6 (252). 2021. DOI: 10.1145/3478513.3480522

Mark Gillespie, Boris Springborn, and Keenan Crane. 2021

Discrete Conformal Equivalence of Polyhedral Surfaces

ACM Transactions on Graphics (SIGGRAPH), 40, 4 (103). 2021. DOI: 10.1145/3450626.3459763

Other Refereed Publications

Mark Gillespie. 2024

Evolving Intrinsic Triangulations

PhD Thesis, Carnegie Mellon University. 2024. DOI: 10.1184/R1/25898782.v1

Yuichi Hirose, **Mark Gillespie**, Angelica M. Bonilla Fominaya, and James McCann. 2024b

Solid Knitting (Abstract)

SCF Adjunct '24 (15). 2024. DOI: 10.1145/3665662.3673257

Nicholas Sharp, **Mark Gillespie**, and Keenan Crane. 2021

Geometry Processing with Intrinsic Triangulations

SIGGRAPH '21 Courses. 2021. DOI: 10.1145/3450508.3464592

Awards & Honors

Two SIGGRAPH Best Paper Award Honorable Mentions	2024
Awarded to 12 papers out of about 840 submissions; ~top 1.5% of papers	
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship	2019-2022
Awarded to top 15% of applicants across all areas of science; \$147,000 over 3 years	
Hertz Fellowship Finalist	2017
Awarded to top 5% of applicants of applicants across applied science, math, and engineering.	
Arthur R Adams SURF Fellow	2016-2017
SIGGRAPH ACM Turing Award Celebration Grant	2017
Awarded to 10 students in computer graphics from across the country.	
Other Research Experience	
Technische Universität Berlin , Department of Mathematics Visiting Researcher <i>Host: Boris Springborn</i>	July 2023
University of California, San Diego , Department of Computer Science and Engineering Visiting Graduate <i>Host: Albert Chern</i>	Summer 2022
California Institute of Technology , Department of Computing and Mathematical Sciences Arthur R. Adams Undergraduate Researcher <i>Mentor: Peter Schröder</i>	Summer 2017
California Institute of Technology , Department of Computing and Mathematical Sciences Arthur R. Adams Undergraduate Researcher <i>Mentor: Mathieu Desbrun</i>	Summer 2016
California Institute of Technology , Department of Computing and Mathematical Sciences Undergraduate Researcher <i>Mentor: Alan Barr</i>	2016–2017
Selected Talks	
Geometry Processing with Intrinsic Triangulations, GeomeriX Seminar	May 2025
Geometry Processing with Intrinsic Triangulations, 49th CGAL Developer Meeting	Apr. 2025
Ray Tracing Harmonic Functions, 49th CGAL Developer Meeting	Apr. 2025
New Foundations for Robust Geometry Processing, University of Utah	Feb. 2025
Ray Tracing Harmonic Functions, Oberwolfach Workshop on Surface Processing	Feb. 2025
Solid Knitting & Harmonic Hitting, IST Austria	Nov. 2024
Ray Tracing Harmonic Functions, ACM SIGGRAPH 2024	Aug. 2024
Intrinsic Triangulations in Geometry Processing, IST Austria	Sept. 2023
Intrinsic Triangulations in Geometry Processing, Geometry Workshop in Obergurgl	Aug. 2023
Intrinsic Triangulations in Geometry Processing, TU Berlin SFB TRR 109 Colloquium	Jul. 2023
Discrete Conformal Equivalence of Polyhedral Surfaces, UCSD Pixel Cafe	Apr. 2022
Discrete Conformal Equivalence of Polyhedral Surfaces, Toronto Geometry Colloquium	Mar. 2022
Integer Coordinates for Intrinsic Geometry Processing, ACM SIGGRAPH Asia 2021	Nov. 2021
Discrete Conformal Equivalence of Polyhedral Surfaces, ACM SIGGRAPH 2021	Aug. 2021
Geometry Processing with Intrinsic Triangulations, ACM SIGGRAPH 2021 Courses	Aug. 2021

Service

Program Committee

Symposium on Geometry Processing (2025)

Reviewing

SIGGRAPH (2019, 2022–2025), SIGGRAPH Asia (2022–2024), ACM Transactions on Graphics (2024–2025), Symposium on Geometry Processing (2025), Graphics Replicability Stamp Initiative (2025), Eurographics (2024), Computer Graphics Forum (2024), Journal of Computational and Applied Mathematics (2024–2025), Computer-Aided Design (2023), Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics (2023–2025), Computers & Graphics (2021)

Departmental

Organizer, Graphics Reading Group (2022–2023); Organizer, Graphics Seminar (2020–2021); Panel Speaker (CSD Visit Day 2020, 2023, CSD Introductory Course 2022); Organizer, PhD mutual mentorship pod (2022–2024)

Mentorship

Summer Geometry Initiative volunteer (2024), Advising Master's student (2022-2023), CMU Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (2020)

Teaching Experience

CS 15-466/666: Computer Game Programming, Carnegie Mellon University Teaching Assistant	Fall 2022
CS 15-458/858: Discrete Differential Geometry, Carnegie Mellon University Teaching Assistant	Spring 2019
CS 171: Introduction to Computer Graphics , California Institute of Technology Teaching Assistant	Fall 2017, 2018
CS 38: Introduction to Algorithms , California Institute of Technology Teaching Assistant	Spring 2016, 2017

Press Coverage

Knitting Industry Creative, "Solid Knitting – A New Fabrication Technique"	Aug. 2024
Textile Technology Source, "Solid-Knitting Machine Builds Reconfigurable Objects"	Aug. 2024
Design Boom, "Carnegie Mellon University's Researchers Develop 'Solid Knitting'"	Aug. 2024
Material District, "Solid Knitting: 3D Printing with Yarn"	Aug. 2024
Cosmos Magazine, "3D Knitting Could Make Solid But Soft Furniture"	Jul. 2024
Interesting Engineering, "Beware IKEA: Solid Knitted 3-Dimensional Furniture Could Be a Reality"	Jul. 2024
New Atlas, "Innovative 'Solid Knitting' Machine Builds 100% Reconfigurable Objects"	Jul. 2024
ZME Science , "Solid Knitting: A Different Spin on 3D Printing That Can Make Furniture Out of Yarn"	Jul. 2024
ACM SIGGRAPH Blog, "Beyond the Threads"	Jul. 2024
CMU News, "Robotics Institute Introduces Solid Knitting as New Fabrication Technique"	Jul. 2024