

# Curriculum Vitae

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Place of birth: Atlanta, Georgia. U.S

Ethnicity: Blasian (African American & Filipino)

## EDUCATION

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08/2023–Current    **B.Sc., Computer Science**  
Clemson University, Clemson, SC

08/2024–Current    **B.Sc., Psychology**  
Clemson University, Clemson, SC

08/2024–Current    **Minor in Artificial Intelligence** Clemson University, Clemson, SC

08/2019–05/2023    **High School Degree** Hanahan High School, Hanahan, SC

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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05/2024–08/2024    **Clemson University**  
Position: Summer REU Undergraduate Researcher  
Project: Machine Learning & Big Data  
Supervisor(s)/Mentor(s): Dr. Melissa Smith, Max Faykus III (Ph.D. student),  
Adam Pickeral (M.Sc.)

2010–2022      **Sweetgrass Baskets & Dry Accessories (Family Business)**  
Position: Vendor

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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- 08/2023–Current    **Machine Learning & Big Data Creative Inquiry**  
Position: Undergraduate Researcher  
Location: Clemson University  
Research Topic(s): Convolutional Neural Networks, Recurrent Neural Networks, Natural Language Processing, & Computer Vision  
Supervisor(s)/Mentor(s): Dr. Melissa Smith, Max Faykus III (Ph.D. student), Adam Pickeral (M.Sc.)
- 08/2024–Current    **Risk Communication & Decision Making Creative Inquiry**  
Position: Undergraduate Researcher  
Location: Clemson University  
Research Topic(s): Risk Communication, Decision-Making Processes, Individual Differences in Risk Perception, Behavioral Economics, & Risk Management Strategies  
Supervisor(s)/Mentor(s): Dr. Jinan Allan, Alantis Baldwin (Ph.D. student)
- 08/2024–Current    **HATLab (Humans and Technology Research Lab)**  
Position: Undergraduate Researcher  
Location: Clemson University  
Research Topic(s): Human-Centered Computing, Human Factors, Human-Computer Interaction, Health Informatics, Usable Privacy & Security, Privacy-Enhancing Technologies, & Designing for Special Populations  
Supervisor(s)/Mentor(s): Dr. Kelly Caine, Dr. Bart Knijnenburg

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Posters

1. ELLIS, M.\*, SMITH, M., FAYKUS, M., AND PICKERAL, A. Snake game ai. Poster presentation at the 7th Annual Clemson University Student Research Forum, Clemson, SC, April 2024
2. ELLIS, M.\*, NIEMCZURA, A.\*, MARQUEZ, E.\*, CHEN, R.\*, EYABI, P.\*, FAYKUS, M., PICKERAL, A., AND SMITH, M. Semantic segmentation for off-road traversal. Clemson Undergraduate Research Poster Symposium, July 2024

### Acknowledgements (Acknowledged/Given Credit in)

1. (TO APPEAR) MAX H. FAYKUS III\*, ADAM PICKERAL\*, ETHAN MARQUEZ, DR. MELISSA C. SMITH, AND DR. JON C. CALHOUN. Efficient vision transformers for autonomous off-road perception systems. Scientific Research Publishing SCIRP, 2024

## TOOLS, ARTIFACTS & PROJECTS

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2024	<a href="#">CPSC Coursework</a>
2024	<a href="#">UNET Architecture Research Project (Summer REU)</a>
2024	<a href="#">Snake Game AI Using Different ML Algorithms</a>
2023	<a href="#">Flower Recognition CNN</a>
2023	<a href="#">First Portfolio Website</a>

## SKILLS

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### Research Skills

**Literature Review:** Conducting comprehensive literature reviews using academic databases.

**Data Analysis:** Analyzing quantitative and qualitative data using tools like Python, Excel.

**Data Visualization:** Presenting research findings through data visualization tools like Matplotlib.

### Computer Skills

**Programming Languages:** C, C++, C#, JavaScript, Java, HTML, Python, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X.

**Development & Managed platforms:** Linux & Unix, Microsoft Windows.

**Parallel Programming Libraries:** CUDA.

**Frameworks & Libraries:** Tensorflow, PyTorch, Keras, OpenCV, Pandas, NumPy, Scikit-learn.

**Tools & Platforms:** Jupyter Notebooks, Google Colab.

### Psychology Skills

**Developmental Psychology:** Limited working knowledge of developmental stages and milestones from infancy through adulthood.

**Understanding of Psychological Disorders:** Gained through coursework in Abnormal Psychology, focusing on behavioral patterns associated with various mental health conditions.

## RELEVANT COURSEWORK

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### Computer Science

Computing Ethics & Society

Machine Learning & Big Data Creative Inquiry

Software Dev. Foundations (IN PROG)

Computer Organization (IN PROG)

Linear Algebra (IN PROG)

## Psychology

Abnormal Psychology

Risk Communication & Decision-Making Creative Inquiry

Cognitive Psychology (IN PROG)

## HONORS, AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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May 2024	Dean's List. Shows that the student received a GPA between 3.5 and 3.99.
Dec. 2023	Dean's List. Shows that the student received a GPA between 3.5 and 3.99.
May. 2023	Valerie Gaddy Memorial Scholarship. Essay Scholarship

## LICENSES & CERTIFICATIONS

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2024	<a href="#">Human Subjects Protections. (CID 64679184)</a>
2024	<a href="#">APA Membership 2024. (CID C2404952785)</a>
2023	<a href="#">Seals of Distinction.</a>

## EXTRACURRICULAR & ORGANIZATIONS

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Jan. 2024	Alpha Lambda Delta - (Member)
Jan. 2024	American Psychological Association (APA) - (Member)
Aug. 2023	Clemson Artificial Intelligence Club - (Member)
Aug. 2023	Clemson Piano Club - (Member)
Aug. 2023	Clemson Psychology Club - (Member)

## MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

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July 2024	Diffusion Model for Image Generation
July 2024	REU Intellectual Property and Ethics Workshop
July 2024	Grad 101 Talk
June 2024	NSF- Graduate Research Fellowship Program
April 2024	TIDE Conference Session 4, Innovation, Inclusion, and Integrity: A Roadmap for A.I. in Academia

April 2024                      TIDE Conference Session 2, Human Centered A.I.: A Path Forward To A More Ethically Inclusive Future

#### VOLUNTEERING

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1. **Blood Donor** The Blood Connection. Date. 2023.
2. **Blood Donor** The Blood Connection. Date. 2024.

#### PERSONAL INTERESTS

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Reading, Writing, Coding, Fitness, Listening to Music, Piano, Cooking, Calligraphy

#### LANGUAGES

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English  
Filipino (Elementary proficiency)  
ASL (Elementary proficiency)

#### REFERENCE

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**Mr. Russell Denney** (M.B.A. former CPSC advisor)

Position:                      Student Services Coordinator at Clemson University  
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**Dr. Jessica Pelfrey** (Ph.D. former CPSC advisor)

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**Dr. Melissa C. Smith** (Ph.D. MLBD CI Advisor/Mentor)

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**Dr. Jinan Allan** (Ph.D. Risk Communication & Decision-Making CI Advisor/Mentor)

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**Dr. Bart Knijnenburg** (Ph.D. HATLab Advisor/Mentor)

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**Mr. John-Austin Wyatt** (M.Ed current CPSC advisor)

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Clemson - United States, September 2, 2024