Nahid Ul Islam

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SUMMARY

- Authored 5 conference papers, 2 journal articles, and hold 2 granted patents with 5 more pending.
- Research experience in Machine Learning, Computer Vision, and Image Processing.
- Skilled in developing and applying state-of-the-art deep learning models for computer vision.
- Completed a six-month internship in Machine Learning and Computer Vision at Intel Corporation.
- Proficient in advanced Programming, Algorithms, Data Structures, and Database Design.
- Experienced in Java, C/C++, MATLAB, and Python.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Computer Science

2018 - Present

Arizona State University, USA Supervisor: Dr. Jianming Liang

Research Area: Computer Vision, Deep Learning, Medical Image Analysis

Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Computer Science

2015 - 2017

University of Texas at San Antonio, USA Supervisor: Dr. Qi Tian

Research Area: Computer Vision, Machine Learning, Image Processing

Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) in Computer Science

2010 - 2014

BRAC University, Bangladesh Supervisor: Rubel Biswas Research Area: Image Processing

EXPERIENCE

• Arizona State University

Tempe, AZ

Graduate Research Assistant

Aug 2018 - Present

- Published five conference papers and two journal papers, contributing novel insights to the fields of Computer Vision and Medical Image Analysis.
- Hold two granted and five pending patents, demonstrating a strong commitment to groundbreaking research and technological progress in the field.

Internship in Machine Learning and Computer Vision

Hillsboro, OR

Graduate Technical Intern at Intel Corporation (Client Computing Group)

May 2017 – Aug 2017

- Introduced deep learning and computer vision approach for obstacle detection/classification and collision prediction for moving objects using different deep neural network implementations (i.e. R-CNN, Fast RCNN, Faster RCNN, Mask RCNN). [Python]
- Investigated and analyzed the results from the experiments and presented findings as well as data to the team towards pathfinding/technical readiness.

Internship in Machine Learning and Computer Vision

Hillsboro, OR

Graduate Software Engineering Intern at Intel Corporation (Client Computing Group)

Feb 2017 – May 2017

- Researched the application of Deep Learning technologies to recognize Human Activities from video, with application to novel peace-of-mind Smart Home usages.
- Developed a human activity recognition system based on computer vision and deep learning technology, starting with an
 established deep learning network framework, and adapting it to the project requirements by configuring metadata,
 customizing scripts, iteratively making changes, and checking results to improve the accuracy/results etc. Used different
 deep learning and computer vision frameworks/algorithms such as CAFFE, convolutional neural network, optical flow.
 [Python]
- Enhanced the direction of the different phases of the project by thoroughly analyzing the data collected by the iterative
 experiments. Moreover, data analysis was done for evaluating results of multiple methods and comparison between them.

THESIS

Arizona State University

Ph.D. Thesis: Towards Generalizable Annotation-Efficient Medical Image Analysis via Classification, Localization, and Segmentation Supervision.

 Research on developing foundation models for medical image analysis via large-scale pretraining across multiple datasets and tasks. Leveraging diverse annotations spanning classification, localization, and segmentation within a single end-to-end framework, while designing strategies that ensure synergy across tasks. Aiming to build annotation-efficient frameworks that enable scalable and generalizable models, lower annotation costs, and improve clinical reliability.

University of Texas at San Antonio

M.Sc. Thesis: Human Face Detection Following by Gender and Age Estimation Using Patch Based Discrete Cosine Transformation and Histogram Oriented Gradients.

 Worked on Face Detection, Gender Classification and Age Estimation classification algorithm enhancement using Discrete Cosine Transformation, Histogram of Oriented Features as Feature Extraction and Convolutional Neural Network and Support Vector Machine as Machine Learning techniques.

BRAC University

B.Sc. Thesis: Automated Parking Lot Management for Bengali License Plates Using Hough Transformation and Image Segmentation.

Worked on Automated parking lot management system for Bengali Language, by using Connected Component labeling,
 Bounding Box, Canny Edge Detection & Hough Transformation for license plate localization and used OCR for pattern recognition following by database to store as well as manipulating the system.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-refereed Journal Publications

- 1. Islam, N. U., Zhou, Z., Gehlot, S., Gotway, M. B., & Liang, J. (2024). Seeking an optimal approach for Computer-aided Diagnosis of Pulmonary Embolism. Medical Image Analysis, 91, 102988.
- 2. Guo, Z., Islam, N. U., Gotway, M. B., & Liang, J. (2024). *Stepwise incremental pretraining for integrating discriminative, restorative, and adversarial learning.* Medical Image Analysis, 103159.

Peer-refereed Conference Publications

- 1. Islam, N. U., Ma, D., Pang, J., Senthil Velan, S., Gotway, M. B., & Liang, J. (2025). Foundation X: Integrating Classification, Localization, and Segmentation through Lock-Release Pretraining Strategy for Chest X-ray Analysis. In Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV).
- 2. Islam, N. U., Gehlot, S., Zhou, Z., Gotway, M. B., & Liang, J. (2021). Seeking an optimal approach for computer-aided pulmonary embolism detection. In Machine Learning in Medical Imaging: 12th International Workshop, MLMI 2021, Held in Conjunction with MICCAI 2021, Strasbourg, France, September 27, 2021, Proceedings 12 (pp. 692-702). Springer International Publishing.
- 3. Guo, Z., Islam, N. U., Gotway, M. B., & Liang, J. (2022, September). *Discriminative, restorative, and adversarial learning: Stepwise incremental pretraining.* In MICCAI Workshop on Domain Adaptation and Representation Transfer (pp. 66-76). Cham: Springer Nature Switzerland.
- 4. Pang, J., Haghighi, F., Ma, D., Islam, N. U., Hosseinzadeh Taher, M. R., Gotway, M. B., & Liang, J. (2022, September). *POPAR: Patch Order Prediction and Appearance Recovery for Self-supervised Medical Image Analysis*. In MICCAI Workshop on Domain Adaptation and Representation Transfer (pp. 77-87). Cham: Springer Nature Switzerland.
- 5. Ma, D., Hosseinzadeh Taher, M. R., Pang, J., Islam, N. U., Haghighi, F., Gotway, M. B., & Liang, J. (2022, September). Benchmarking and boosting transformers for medical image classification. In MICCAI Workshop on Domain Adaptation and Representation Transfer (pp. 12-22). Cham: Springer Nature Switzerland.

Publicly Released Software

1.	Foundation X, an end-to-end model integrating classification, localization, and segmentation tasks	[<u>GitHub</u>]
2.	Achieving discriminative, restorative, and adversarial learning via stepwise incremental pretraining	[GitHub]
3.	Benchmarking and boosting transformers for medical image classification	[GitHub]
4.	Restoring patch order and appearance for Self-supervised Medical Image Analysis	[GitHub]
5.	Evaluating and optimizing deep learning methods for computer-aided diagnosis of pulmonary embolism	[GitHub]

PATENTS

Granted

- 1. **Nahid UI Islam**, Shiv Gehlot, Zongwei Zhou, Jianming Liang. U.S. Patent No. US12236592B2, "Systems, methods, and apparatuses for systematically determining an optimal approach for the computer-aided diagnosis of a pulmonary embolism" issued Feb 25, 2025.
- 2. DongAo Ma, Jiaxuan Pang, Nahid Ul Islam, Mohammad Reza Hosseinzadeh Taher, Fatemeh Haghighi, Jianming Liang. U.S. Patent No. US12394186B2, "Systems, methods, and apparatuses for implementing self-supervised domain-adaptive pretraining via a transformer for use with medical image classification" issued Aug 19, 2025.

Pending

- 1. **Nahid Ul Islam**, DongAo Ma, Jiaxuan Pang, Shivasakthi Senthil Velan, Jianming Liang. U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 63/744,744, "Integrating Classification, Localization, and Segmentation through Lock-Release Pretraining Strategy for Chest X-ray Analysis" filed Jan 13, 2025 (patent pending).
- 2. Madhumitha Saravan, Nahid Ul Islam, Jiaxuan Pang, Jianming Liang. U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 63/766,286, "Benchmarking and Boosting of 3D Segmentation Models" filed Mar 3, 2025 (patent pending).
- 3. Zuwei Guo, Nahid Ul Islam, Jianming Liang. U.S. Patent Application No. US20250029372A1, "Systems, methods, and apparatuses for implementing stepwise incremental pre-training for integrating discriminative, restorative, and adversarial learning into an Al model" filed July 17, 2024 (patent pending).
- 4. Zuwei Guo, Nahid Ul Islam, Jianming Liang. U.S. Patent Application No. US20240078434A1, "Systems, methods, and apparatuses for implementing discriminative, restorative, and adversarial (DiRA) learning using stepwise incremental pretraining for medical image analysis" filed Sept 1, 2023 (patent pending).
- 5. Jiaxuan Pang, Fatemeh Haghighi, DongAo Ma, Nahid Ul Islam, Mohammad Reza Hosseinzadeh Taher, Jianming Liang. U.S. Patent Application No. US20240078666A1, "Systems, methods, and apparatuses for implementing patch order prediction and appearance recovery (popar) based image processing for self-supervised learning medical image analysis" filed Sept 1, 2023 (patent pending).

AWARDS AND HONORS

 Received the prestigious President's Award for Innovation, Arizona State University 	
Project Title: 'Annotation-efficient Deep Learning for Computer-aided Diagnosis in Medical Imaging'	Dec 2024
Certificate of Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) Travel Grant Reviewer	May 2024
 Certificate of Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA) Travel Grant Reviewer 	May 2023
 Travel Grant, MICCAI 2022, by Graduate and Professional Student Association, Arizona State University 	Aug 2022
 Travel Grant, CVPR 2022, by Graduate and Professional Student Association, Arizona State University 	Apr 2022
Awarded prestigious Doctoral Fellowship at Arizona State University	Aug 2018
 Honored by VC's List Award for securing highest GPA (4.0 out of 4.0) in the last semester 	Dec 2014

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming Languages
 Python, MATLAB, C/C++, Java

 Machine Learning Framework/Library PyTorch, Karas, TensorFlow, Caffe

- Scripting Language
 PHP, HTML, CSS, XML, JavaScript
- Operating System Windows, Linux

TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Presented GPU utilization for Deep Learning and Computer Vision, guiding peers on workflows for large-scale training.
- Delivered findings from published research in graduate-level seminars, including:
 - Seeking an Optimal Approach for Computer-aided Diagnosis of Pulmonary Embolism (Medical Image Analysis, 2024)
 - Foundation X: Leveraging Annotations for Comprehensive Multi-Task Learning in Chest X-ray Analysis (WACV, 2025)
- Facilitated peer learning and discussions on applications of state-of-the-art deep learning frameworks in medical image analysis.

SERVICES, LEADERSHIP AND TEAM-WORK

•	Travel Grant Reviewer at Graduate and Professional Student Association, Arizona State University	2020 – 2024
•	Elected as Cultural & Sport Secretary at ASU – Bangladesh Student Association	2019 – 2020
•	Elected as Executive Committee Member at UTSA - Bangladesh Student Association	2016 – 2017
•	Ranked as Supernova for being an award-winning performer in Cultural Club in BRAC University	2011 – 2012