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# Education

* **The University of British Columbia** (2021 - Present)

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada — ***Ph.D. Candidate*** *in Electrical and Computer Engineering*

Supervisors: Dr. Rabab Ward, Dr. Shan Du

Thesis: Learning-based 3D Human Face Creation

GPA: 4.0 / 4.0 (Average Grade: 95%, Letter: A+)

* **Lakehead University** (2018 – 2020)

Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada — ***M.Sc.*** *in Computer Science*

Supervisor: Dr. Salimur Choudhury

Thesis: Towards Machine Learning Enabled Future-Generation Wireless Network Optimization

GPA: 4.0 / 4.0 (Average Grade: 98%, Letter: A+)

**Distinction: Governor-General’s Gold Medal**

* **Algoma University** (2016 – 2018)

Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada — ***B.Sc.*** *in Computer Science*

Supervisors: Dr. Yi Feng, Dr. George Townsend

GPA: 4.0 / 4.0 (Average Grade: 96%, Letter: A+)

**Distinction: Cum Laude**

* **University of Jinan** (2014 – 2019)

Jinan, Shandong, China — ***B.Eng.*** *in Computer Science*

# Research and Work Experience

**The University of British Columbia**

* **Research Assistant** (Jan. 2021 – Present)

**BC Cancer Research Centre**

* **Research Assistant** (Jun. 2024 – Oct. 2024)

**Huawei Canada**

* **Research Internship** (Sep. 2021 – May 2022)

**Lakehead University**

* **Research Assistant** (Sep. 2018 – May 2020)
* **Graduate Teaching Assistant** (Sep. 2018 – May 2020)

**Algoma University**

* **Research Assistant at BCI Lab** (2017 - 2018)

# Teaching Experience

**Lakehead University**

* **Guest Lecturer (9 hours):** *Optimization Method (2020 Spring),* graduate-level course, 29 students
* **Guest Lecturer (6 hours):** *Deep Learning (2020 Winter),* graduate-level course, 83 students
* **Guest Lecturer (6 hours):** *Computer Vision (2019 Fall),* graduate-level course, 70 students
* **Guest Lecturer (9 hours):** *Deep Learning (2019 Spring),* graduate-level course, 59 students
* **Guest Lecturer (6 hours):** *Optimization Method (2019 Spring),* graduate-level course, 19 students
* **Tutor:** [*Assembly*](http://timetable.lakeheadu.ca/scripts/return.course.description.php?c=COMP&cn=3413) *Language (2019 Winter),* undergraduate-level course, 38 students
* **Tutor**: [*Data Base Management Systems*](http://timetable.lakeheadu.ca/scripts/return.course.description.php?c=COMP&cn=3413) *(2018 Fall),* undergraduate-level course, 25 students

# Academic service

**Journal Reviewer**

* **Elsevier** *Neurocomputing* (13 reviews)
* **Springer** *Neural Computing and Applications* (1 review)
* **IEEE** *Transactions on Cybernetics* (1 review)
* **IEEE** *Transactions on Circuits and Systems for Video Technology* (13 reviews)
* **IEEE** *Canadian Journal of Electrical and Computer Engineering* (4 reviews)
* **IEEE** *Access* (1 review)

**Conference Reviewer**

* 2022 Asian Conference on Computer Vision (ACCV)
* 2021 to 2023 IEEE International Conference on Image Processing (ICIP)
* 2020 The 17th IEEE International Conference on Ubiquitous Intelligence and Computing

**Other**

* **Guest Speaker** at Consortium for Advancement of MRI Education and Research in Africa (2023)
* **Invited Talk** on Machine Learning in 3D Face Modeling for UBC (Okanagan) CS Dept. (2023)
* **Vice President** of Turing Computer Association (S/W Dept.), Univ. of Jinan, China (2015-2016)

# Publications

Citations: 143 h-index: 8 i10-index: 6 (statistics are from Google Scholar)

**Journal**

1. Liu, W., Hopkins, A. M., **Yan, P.**, Du, S., Luyt, L. G., Li, Y., & Hou, J. (2023), “Can Machine Learning ‘Transform’ Peptides/Peptidomimetics into Small Molecules? A Case Study with Ghrelin Receptor Ligands”, *Molecular Diversity*, 1-17. (SCI Journal, IF: 3.364)
2. **Yan, P.**, & Choudhury, S. (2021), “Deep Q-Learning Enabled Joint Optimization of Mobile Edge Computing Multi-Level Task Offloading”, *Elsevier Computer Communications*.(SCI Journal, IF: 3.923)
3. **Yan, P. C**, Paul, A. **C**, Yang, Y., Zhang, H., Du, S. & Wu, J. (2021), “Non-Iterative Online Sequential Learning Strategy for Autoencoder and Classifier”, *Springer Neural Computing and Applications.* (SCI Journal, IF: 6.106)
4. Tassone, J., **Yan, P.**, Simpson, M., Mendhe, C., Mago, V., & Choudhury, S. (2020), “Utilizing Deep Learning and Graph Mining to Identify Drug Use on Twitter Data”. *BMC Medical Informatics and Decision Making*, *20*(11), 1-15. (SCI Journal, IF: 3.546)
5. **Yan, P.**, Al-Turjman, F., Al-Oqily, I., & Choudhury, S. (2020), “An Energy-Efficient Topology Control Algorithm for Optimizing the Lifetime of Wireless Ad-hoc IoT Networks in 5G and B5G”. *Computer Communications.* Elsevier.(SCI Journal, IF: 3.923)
6. **Yan, P.**, Choudhury, S., & Wei, R. (2020), “A Machine Learning Auxiliary Approach for the Distributed Dense RFID Readers Arrangement Algorithm”*. Intelligent and Cognitive Techniques for Internet of Things, IEEE Access Journal.* (SCI Journal, IF: 5.456)
7. **Yan, P.**, & Feng, Y. (2018), “Using Convolution and Deep Learning in Gomoku Game Artificial Intelligence”. *Modern Physics Letters A*, 28(03). (SCI Journal, IF: 1.367)

**Conference**

1. **Yan, P.**, Ward, R., Tang, Q., & Du, S., “Gaussian Deja-vu: Creating Controllable 3D Gaussian Head Avatars with Enhanced Generalization and Personalization Abilities”. Accepted by *IEEE/CVF Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV)*. 2025. (**Accepted in Round 1, acceptance rate of 12%**)
2. **Yan, P.\***, Ward, R., Wang, D., Tang, Q., & Du, S., “Learning Disentangled Features for NeRF-based Face Reconstruction”. In *Proceedings of the* *International Conference on Image Processing (ICIP)*. 2023.
3. **Yan, P.\***, Gregson**,** J., Tang, Q., Ward, R., Xu, Z., & Du, S. “NEO-3DF: Novel Editing-Oriented 3D Face Creation and Reconstruction”. In *Proceedings of* *the Asian Conference on Computer Vision (ACCV)*. 2022.
4. Mehajabin, N., **Yan, P.**, Kaur, S., Song, J., Pourazad, M. T., Wang, Y., ... & Nasiopoulos, P. An Efficient Refocusing Scheme for Camera-Array Captured Light Field Video for Improved Visual Immersiveness. In *Proceedings of the 55th Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences*. 2022
5. **Yan, P.\***, & Choudhury, S., “Optimizing Mobile Edge Computing Multi-Level Task Offloading via Deep Reinforcement Learning”. In *Proceedings of the ICC 2020-2020 IEEE International Conference on Communications (ICC)*. IEEE. 2020.
6. Emu, M., **Yan, P**.\*, Choudhury, S., “Latency Aware VNF Deployment at Edge Devices for IoT Services: An Artificial Neural Network Based Approach”. In *Proceedings of the ICC 2020-2020 IEEE International Conference on Communications (ICC) on Convergent IoT*. IEEE. 2020
7. **Yan, P.\***, Choudhury, S., & Wei, R. “A Distributed Graph-Based Dense RFID Readers Arrangement Algorithm”. In *Proceedings of the ICC 2019-2019 IEEE International Conference on Communications (ICC)* (pp. 1-6). IEEE. May, 2019.
8. **Yan, P.\***, & Feng, Y. “A Hybrid Gomoku Deep Learning Artificial Intelligence”. In *Proceedings of the 2018 Artificial Intelligence and Cloud Computing Conference* (pp. 48-52). ACM. December, 2018.

**\*** indicates the presenter.

**C** indicates co-first authorship.

# Awards and Honors

**Canada**

* (2020) **The Governor-General’s Gold Medal Award** (Canada’s highest award in graduate level)
* (2018) **Vector Scholarship in Artificial Intelligence (VSAI)** by Vector Institute, $17,500

**University of British Columbia**

* (2023) ICICS Travel Award
* (2021, 2022, 2023) Graduate Support Initiative (GSI) Award

# Projects

**Research**

* (2023) NeRF-based 3D Face Modeling (https://github.com/ubc-3d-vision-lab/StyleMorpheus)
* (2022) 3D Face Creation and Editing (https://peizhiyan.github.io/docs/neo3df/index.html)
* (2019-2020) **Deep Learning Satellite Image Lichen Mapping** (funded by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada)
* (2019) Deep Learning 4X Video Super-Resolution(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W8TxAPylE0Y>)
* (2018-2019)Utilizing Twitter Data Analysis and Deep Learning to Identify Drug Use
* (2018)Deep Learning Portrait Mode Photo Generator
* (2018)Distributed Dense RFID Readers Arrangement Algorithm
* (2017-2018) Undergraduate Thesis: Using Machine Learning in Gomoku Game

**Other**

* (2021) **ZenFlow** Open-Source Machine Learning Demo (<https://github.com/PeizhiYan/zenflow>)
* (2021) Light-Field Image Refocusing User Interface (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pRxXQcuVQSs&t=9s>)
* (2019) BPPV Mobile App for Healthcare Practice (Android and iOS)
* (2019) Open-Source **Whiteboard Web App.** (<https://peizhiyan.github.io/www/draw.html>)
* (2019) Tensorflow Implementation of Extreme Learning Autoencoder (<https://github.com/PeizhiYan/ELA>)
* (2018)Convolution-Based **Gomoku Game AI** (<https://peizhiyan.github.io/js_codes/gomoku/index.html>)

# Supervised Students

* **Xiangrui Liu** (master’s student at UBC Okanagan, research assistant, May – Aug. 2023)

Project: 3D and 3D-aware face modeling.

* **Md Nafis Abedin** (undergraduate student at University of Waterloo, co-op 2020 summer intern)

Project: Developing an interactive web user interface for the satellite image lichen mapping project.

# Mentored Students

* **Keizo Kato** (undergraduate student at UBC Okanagan, 2023) on his undergraduate thesis.
* **Wenqi Guo** (undergraduate student at UBC Okanagan, 2023) on his undergraduate thesis.

# Research Expertise

* **Computer Vision and Graphics**: Super Resolution, StyleGAN, NeRF, 3D Gaussian Splatting
* **Machine Learning**: CNN, Graph Convolutional Networks, Reinforcement Learning

# Technical Skills

* **Programming Languages:** Python, Java, C++, C, JavaScript
* **Open-Source Libraries:** PyTorch, Tensorflow, Keras, Open3D, OpenCV, Gurobi, Paper.js, React
* **Others:** LaTeX, Linux, SLURM (HPC), Photoshop, Blender

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