

# Shuijing Liu

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Electrical and Computer Engineering

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Research interests: Learning-based Robotics, Human-Robot Interaction, Machine Learning

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## Education

**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

2018 – Exp. May 2024

Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering

Advisor: Prof. Katherine Driggs-Campbell

Thesis (Tentative): Robot Navigation in Interactive Environments with Structured Behavior Models

**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

2014 – 2018

B.S. in Computer Engineering, minor in Art and Design (**Graduated with Highest Honor**)

Undergraduate Senior Thesis: Prostate Cancer Diagnosis with Deep Learning

## Publications

\*, † indicate equal contributions

1. **DRAGON: A Dialogue-Based Robot for Assistive Navigation with Visual Language Grounding**  
S. Liu, A. Hasan, K. Hong, R. Wang, P. Chang, Z. Mizrahi, J. Lin, D. L. McPherson, W. A. Rogers, and K. Driggs-Campbell.  
In Robotics and Automation Letters, 2024.
2. **Predicting Object Interactions with Behavior Primitives: An Application in Stowing Tasks**  
H. Chen, Y. Niu, K. Hong, S. Liu, Y. Wang, Y. Li, and K. Driggs-Campbell.  
In Conference on Robot Learning (CoRL), 2023. (**Best Student Paper Award Finalist**)
3. **A Data-Efficient Visual-Audio Representation with Intuitive Fine-tuning for Voice-Controlled Robots**  
P. Chang, S. Liu, T. Ji, N. Chakraborty, K. Hong, and K. Driggs-Campbell.  
In Conference on Robot Learning (CoRL), 2023.
4. **Structural Attention-Based Recurrent Variational Autoencoder for Highway Vehicle Anomaly Detection**  
N. Chakraborty, A. Hasan\*, S. Liu\*, T. Ji\*, W. Liang, D. L. McPherson, and K. Driggs-Campbell.  
In International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems (AAMAS), 2023.
5. **Intention Aware Robot Crowd Navigation with Attention-Based Interaction Graph**  
S. Liu, P. Chang, Z. Huang, N. Chakraborty, W. Liang, J. Geng, and K. Driggs-Campbell.  
In IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), 2023. (**Best poster award at the IROS 2023 Last-Mile Robotics Workshop**)
6. **Occlusion-Aware Crowd Navigation Using People as Sensors**  
Y. J. Mun, M. Itkina, S. Liu, and K. Driggs-Campbell.  
In IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), 2023.

7. **Learning Visual-Audio Representations for Voice-Controlled Robots**  
P. Chang, **S. Liu**, and K. Driggs-Campbell.  
In IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), 2023.
8. **Learning to Navigate Intersections with Unsupervised Driver Trait Inference**  
**S. Liu**, P. Chang, H. Chen, N. Chakraborty, and K. Driggs-Campbell.  
In International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), 2022.
9. **Off Environment Evaluation Using Convex Risk Minimization**  
P. Katdare, **S. Liu**, and K. Driggs-Campbell.  
In International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), 2022.
10. **Combining Model-Based Controllers and Generative Adversarial Imitation Learning for Traffic Simulation**  
H. Chen, T. Ji, **S. Liu**, and K. Driggs-Campbell.  
In IEEE International Conference on Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITSC), 2022.
11. **An Interdisciplinary Approach: Potential for Robotic Support to Address Wayfinding Barriers Among Persons with Visual Impairments**  
M. A. Bayles, T. Kadylak, **S. Liu**, A. Hasan, W. Liang, K. Hong, K. Driggs-Campbell, and W. A. Rogers  
In Human Factors and Ergonomics Society Annual Meeting (HFES), 2022.
12. **Decentralized Structural-RNN for Robot Crowd Navigation with Deep Reinforcement Learning**  
**S. Liu\***, P. Chang\*, W. Liang†, N. Chakraborty†, and K. Driggs-Campbell.  
In IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), 2021.
13. **Robot Sound Interpretation: Combining Sight and Sound in Learning-based Control**  
P Chang, **S Liu**, H Chen, and K Driggs-Campbell.  
In IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS), 2020.
14. **Robust Deep Reinforcement Learning with Adversarial Attacks**  
A. Pattanaik, Z. Tang\*, **S. Liu\***, G. Bommannan, and G. Chowdhary.  
In International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems (Extended Abstract), 2018.

## Honors and Awards

- Best Student Paper Award Finalist at CoRL 2023 2023
- Best poster award at the IROS 2023 Last-Mile Robotics Workshop 2023
- Conference Travel Award, ECE department at UIUC 2022
- Honorable mention for TechSage Stretch Robot Pitch Competition 2021
- Lauren Kelley Memorial Scholarship 2017 – 2018
- Professor N. Narayana Rao Scholarship 2016
- Oakley Scholarship 2015
- Dean's List, ECE department at UIUC 2014 – 2016

## Invited Talks

- **Robot Learning to Interact in Human Spaces**  
[UT Austin Robot Perception and Learning Lab](#), 2024.  
[Stanford Vision and Learning Lab \(SVL\)](#), 2024.
- **A Dialogue-Based Robot for Assistive Navigation with Visual Language Grounding**  
[CSL Student Conference](#), 2024.
- **Intelligent Robot Crowd Navigation**  
[Shuzihuanyu Lecture Series](#), 2023.
- **Pedestrian Trajectory Prediction Meets Social Robot Navigation**  
[Robotics Seminar at Illinois](#), 2022.
- **Robot Learning Through Interactions with Humans**  
[Robotics Seminar at Illinois](#), 2021.

## Academic Service

### Students mentored

- [Haonan Chen](#): Ph.D. student in UIUC.
- [Kaiwen Hong](#): Ph.D. student in UIUC.
- [Neeloy Chakraborty](#): B.S. Computer Engineering 2021, now Ph.D. student in UIUC.
- Jerry (Ruoxuan) Wang: B.S. Computer Engineering 2024.
- Justin Lin: B.S. Computer Engineering 2023, now Master student in UIUC.
- Zachary Mizrachi: B.S. Computer Engineering 2024.

### Reviews

- Journal reviews: [IEEE T-RO](#), [IEEE RA-L](#), [SAGE IJRR](#), [IEEE TAI](#)
- Conference reviews: ICRA, IROS, Humanoids

## Teaching

### Graduate Teaching Assistant

- ECE 598: Human-Centered Robotics (Fall 2020)
- ECE 470: Introduction to Robotics (Fall 2019 - Spring 2020)
- ECE 120: Introduction to Computing (Fall 2018 - Spring 2019)

### Undergraduate Course Assistant

- ECE 110: Introduction to Electronics (Fall 2016 - Spring 2018)

## Industry Experience

- Research Scientist Internship, Bosch Center for Artificial Intelligence Summer 2023
- Applied Scientist Internship, Robotics & AI, Amazon Summer 2022

## References

- Katherine Driggs-Campbell, Assistant Professor in ECE department at UIUC  
Email: [krdc@illinois.edu](mailto:krdc@illinois.edu)
- Nancy M. Amato, Abel Bliss Professor of Engineering and Department Head in CS department at UIUC  
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- Saurabh Gupta, Assistant Professor in ECE department at UIUC  
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- Junyi Geng, Assistant Professor in Aerospace Engineering department at The Pennsylvania State University  
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