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EDUCATION

The George Washing University (GWU)	Washington, DC USA
Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering, Advisor: Murray H. Loew	2017–Current
M.S. in Computer Science, Advisor: Claire Monteleoni	2015–2017
Northeast Forestry University (NEFU)	Harbin, China
M.S. in Biophysics, Advisor: Dawei Qi	2010–2013
B.S. in Physics	2006–2010

RESEARCH OVERVIEW

Recent Research Interests:	Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Image Processing, Computer Vision, and their applications in Medical Imaging
Transparent Deep Learning	2018–Current
<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Learnability of deep learning models– Generalizability of neural networks– Data separability measure– Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) performance evaluation	
Deep Learning Applications on Medical Images	2017–Current
<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Deep learning models for medical images segmentation– GANs for cancer detection– Transfer learning for cancer detection	
Hyperspectral Images-based Cardiac Ablation Lesion Detection	2016–2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Optimization of wavelength selection for multispectral image acquisition– Unsupervised learning for lesions detection on hyperspectral images	
Climate (Frost Point) Data Collection and Analysis	2016
Department of Computer Science at GWU, Advisor: Claire Monteleoni	
Scene Image Identification and Positioning	2014
Advisor: Dongjie Zhu at Harbin Institute of Technology	
Non-destructive Testing for Wooden Materials	2010–2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Defects description in blockboard– Multifractal analysis for the defects recognition– Automatic fiberboard density testing based on CT	
The Design and Production of Chinese Medicine Ultrasonic Extraction Machine	2009–2010
Adviser: Runzhou Su at NEFU	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Participated in the undergraduate innovative experimental project of NEFU	

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ACADEMIC SERVICE

- **Journal Reviewer:** IEEE TPAMI, IEEE TNNLS, IEEE TEVC, IEEE TMI, IEEE TBD, IEEE Access, PR, ACM TKDD, Computational Intelligence, JAIHC, SPIE JMI, IJMI
- **Conference Reviewer:** AISTATS (2021), WACV (2021)

AWARDS AND HONORS

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| • Collins Distinguished Doctoral Award | 2020 |
| • Honorable Mention Poster Award, SPIE Medical Imaging Conference | 2019 |
| • Gail E. Boggs Graduate Engineering Endowment Scholarship | 2019 |
| • Tyler Wean Scholarship | 2019 |
| • 125th Anniversary Endowment Scholarship | 2019 |
| • Timothy Tong Endowment Fellowship | 2019 |
| • Harriet Green Tischler Endowment Scholarship | 2019 |
| • IWBI 2018 Student Scholar Travel Grant | 2018 |
| • Provincial Excellent Graduate, Heilongjiang China | 2013 |
| • Excellent Graduate, NEFU | 2013 |
| • National Graduate Fellowship, China | 2012 |
| • Graduate Technology Innovation Project Fund, NEFU | 2010 |
| • Excellent Undergraduate Thesis, NEFU | 2010 |
| • Successful Participant, Mathematical Contest in Modeling | 2010 |

TEACHING ASSISTANT

- Biomedical Engineering Capstone Project Lab
BME 4925W, BME 3915W (all courses are in GWU) Spring 2021, Spring 2018
- Computer Vision
BME/ECE 6885 Fall 2020, Spring 2018
- Biomedical Engineering MATLAB Programming
BME 2820 Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019
- Biomedical Engineering C Programming
BME 2825 Fall 2019
- Pattern Recognition
BME/ECE 6850 Fall 2018, Fall 2017
- Digital Image Processing
BME/ECE 6840 Spring 2017
- Design and Analysis of Algorithms
CSCI 6212 Fall 2016
- Probability for Computer Science
CSCI 3362/6362 Spring 2016

VOLUNTEER

- IEEE Applied Imagery Pattern Recognition (AIPR) Workshop 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016
- IEEE International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging (ISBI) Conference 2018
- AIESEC
“Green Power Now!” Winter 2013, Winter 2012
- AIESEC
“Dear to Dream” Summer 2013, Summer 2012