Subash Khanal

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EDUCATION

Washington University in St. Louis — **St. Louis, MO, U.S.**
Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science — *2022 - ongoing*

University of Kentucky — **Lexington, KY, U.S.**
Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science — *2020 - 2022*
Master of Science in Electrical Engineering (GPA: 4.0/4.0) — *2018 - 2020*

Nitte Meenakhshi Institute of Technology — **Bengaluru, India**
Bachelors in Electronics and Communication Engineering (GPA: 9.54/10 - Gold Medalist) — *2012 - 2016*

WORKING EXPERIENCE

Multimodal Vision Research Lab — **Washington University in St. Louis**
Graduate Research Assistant — *August 2022 - Present*

- Training multi-modal deep learning models for geo-spatial understanding of sounds around the world. Built a novel dataset by combining multi-resolution satellite imagery, geotagged sounds, and textual description of sounds.
- Transformer based modality-specific models were contrastively trained creating a tri-modal embedding space. The proposed method significantly outperformed the existing SOTA, with an improvement of satellite image-to-audio Recall@100 from 0.256 to 0.450. The multi-modal embedding space also enabled zero-shot soundscape mapping over any geographic region from either textual or audio query.
- Worked on large-scale self-supervised learning (SSL) methods based on Masked Autoencoders (MAE) to learn useful features for remote sensing tasks such as semantic change detection.

Lin Brain Lab — **University of Kentucky**
Graduate Research Assistant — *August 2020 - August 2022*

- Provided applied Machine Learning (ML) and data science support to advance Alzheimer's disease research while working on different modalities such as medical imaging, electronic health records, and genomics.
- Designed CNN and Vision Transformers (ViT) based models trained on MRI/PET imagery. Moreover, with focus on interpretability, designed an inherently interpretable ViT model.
- Built ML models trained on genetics, electronic health records and imaging features for biomarkers discovery and early prediction of Alzheimer's disease.

Speech and Signal Processing Lab — **University of Kentucky**
Graduate Research Assistant — *August 2018 - August 2020*

- Performed a thorough literature review and statistical analysis of articulatory differences in speech of native and non-native speakers of English.
- Built Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR) based Mispronunciation Detection and Diagnosis (MDD) framework. ASR was trained using Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN) on articulatory as well as acoustic features.

Kantipur Engineering College — **Lalitpur, Nepal**
Lecturer — *April 2017 - July 2018*

- Taught courses: Microprocessor, Instrumentation
- Designed and conducted lab on Digital Signal Processing (DSP), Microprocessor.

KEY SKILLS

- **Languages and Tools:** Python (fluent), Pytorch (fluent), Git (fluent), Docker (familiar), Kaldi ASR (familiar), QGIS (familiar).
- **Research Interests and Relevant Courses:** Machine Learning, Computer Vision, Data Science, Audio Processing, Speech Recognition, Geo-spatial Science, Data Structures and Algorithms.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- COMPEX Scholarship offered by the Indian Embassy in Nepal for undergraduate study in India, 2012–2016.
- ECE Gold Medal, 2016 for graduating with Rank 1 in the department.

PUBLICATIONS

- **Khanal Subash**, Sastry Srikumar, Dhakal Aayush and Jacobs Nathan. "Learning Tri-modal Embeddings for Zero-Shot Soundscape Mapping.", BMVC, 2023.
- Dhakal Aayush, Ahmad Adeel, **Khanal Subash**, Sastry Srikumar, Kerner Hannah and Jacobs Nathan. "Sat2Cap: Mapping Fine-Grained Textual Descriptions from Satellite Images." CVPRW (EarthVision), 2024.
- Sastry Srikumar, **Khanal Subash**, Dhakal Aayush, and Jacobs Nathan. "GeoSynth: Contextually-Aware High-Resolution Satellite Image Synthesis" CVPRW (EarthVision), 2024.
- Dhakal Aayush, **Khanal Subash**, Sastry Srikumar, Ahmad Adeel, Jacobs Nathan. "GeoBind: Binding text, image, and audio through satellite images" IGARSS , 2024.
- Sastry Srikumar, Xin Xing, Dhakal Aayush, **Khanal Subash**, Ahmad Adeel, and Jacobs Nathan. "LD-SDM: Language-Driven Hierarchical Species Distribution Modeling", arXiv:2404.06637, 2024.
- Sastry Srikumar, **Khanal Subash**, Dhakal Aayush, Di Huang and Jacobs Nathan. "BirdSAT: Cross-View Contrastive Masked Autoencoders for Bird Species Classification and Mapping.", WACV, 2024.
- **Khanal Subash**, Brodie Benjamin, Xing Xin, Lin Ai-Ling and Jacobs Nathan. "Causality for inherently explainable transformers: CAT-XPLAIN." Accepted for spotlight presentation at the Explainable Artificial Intelligence for Computer Vision Workshop at CVPR 2022.
- Xing Xin, Liang Gongbo, Zhang Yu, **Khanal Subash**, Lin Ai-Ling and Jacobs Nathan. "Advit: Vision transformer on multi-modality pet images for alzheimer disease diagnosis." In 2022 IEEE 19th International Symposium on Biomedical Imaging (ISBI), pp. 1-4. IEEE, 2022.
- **Khanal Subash**, Chen Jin, Jacobs Nathan and Lin Ai-Ling. "Alzheimer's Disease Classification Using Genetic Data." In 2021 IEEE International Conference on Bioinformatics and Biomedicine (BIBM), pp. 2245-2252. IEEE, 2021.
- **Khanal Subash**, Johnson Michael T., Soleymanpour Mohammad and Bozorg Narjes. "Mispronunciation Detection and Diagnosis for Mandarin Accented English Speech." In 2021 International Conference on Speech Technology and Human-Computer Dialogue (SpeD), pp. 62-67. IEEE, 2021.
- Brodie Benjamin, **Khanal Subash**, Rafique Muhammad Usman, Greenwell Connor and Jacobs Nathan. "Hierarchical Probabilistic Embeddings for Multi-View Image Classification." In 2021 IEEE International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium IGARSS, pp. 1011-1014. IEEE, 2021.
- **Khanal Subash**, Johnson Michael T. and Bozorg Narjes. "Articulatory Comparison of L1 and L2 Speech for Mispronunciation Diagnosis." In 2021 IEEE Spoken Language Technology Workshop (SLT), pp. 693-697. IEEE, 2021.
- **Khanal Subash**, "Mispronunciation Detection and Diagnosis for Mandarin Accented English Speech". Theses and Dissertations–Electrical and Computer Engineering. 156, 2020