Theo Erikson

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Education

2019-Present

Undergraduate, Mechanical Engineering, University of Maine. Maine Top Scholar; Dean's List all semesters; Honors societies: Pi Tau Sigma, Alpha Lambda Delta, Golden Key; GPA: 3.843

Experience

2021-Present | Junior Technical Manager, VEMI Lab

- Lab Management: Oversaw over \$4,000,000 worth equipment, tools, and resources.
 - Assisted in the construction of the first 360° immersive autonomous vehicle simulator.
 - o Redesigned and implemented new organization systems for files and hardware.
 - Acts as facilities management's contact point for 10,000ft² building.
- Undergraduate Mentorship: Responsible for the training and development of multiple undergraduates.
- Tour Guide: Conducts tours with potential students, collaborators, and donors.

2019-Present | Hardware Analyst, VEMI Lab

- Hardware Developer: Designed and constructed apparatuses for research and infrastructure applications.
 - Created data collection apparatus capable of collecting images at over 32,000 incident angles.
 - Assembled a hydroponic system to aid in the development of space-based hydroponics.
- Logistics: Complied supply lists of materials related to computers, microcontrollers, and construction.
 - Responsible for 20+ computer purchases and assemblies.
 - o Primary point of contact for RMAs, product support, purchasing.
 - o \$500,000 budget for purchasing.
- 3D Printing Technician: Responsible for all 3D printing operation and maintenance.
- Human Subject Research: Designed and proctored experiments focusing on human computer interaction. [1]

2017-2019 | Intern, VEMI Lab

- Installed and maintained lab hardware and software infrastructure.
 - o Assembled a largescale 6-monitor array to display promotional materials.
 - Networked 10,000ft² building using Ubiquiti Access Points and direct ethernet connections.

Publications

- [1] Erikson, T., Blackwood E., Nygaard, A., & Evangelista, A. (2020). Ignorance is bliss: A study into the perception of cleanliness of touchscreen devices. VEMI Student Publications, 1. http://dx.doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.21389.28643
- [2] Erikson, T., Biswas, O., & Perry, R. (2022). Development of the triaxial apparatus for the rotation of discrete and independent samples. VEMI Student Publications, 3. doi: 10.13140/RG.2.2.25560.78085

Professional Development

2019(Oct.): Pen is Mightier Conference Speaker -

2019(Jan.): VEMI Rapid Research Week Presenter

2021(Mar.): UMaine Student Symposium Presenter

2021(Aug.): UMaine Research Learning Experience Speaker

2022(May.): VEMI Rapid Research Week Presenter

2022(Oct.): Searsport Elementary Visiting Speaker

Skills

Technical Skills

SolidWorks | Abaqus | Maya | MATLAB | Mathcad | SMath | Cura | Makerbot Print | Python | Arduino | Tiger Software Suite | Mozilla Hubs | Unity 3D

Collaborative Skills

Communication | Technical Writing | Presentation | Project Management | Project Forecasting