

# WESLEY J. LEWIS

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## EDUCATION

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**George Mason University**

M.S. Computer Science

*January 2025 - Present*

**University of Virginia**

B.S. Computer Science

*August 2020 - May 2024*

## PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

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### Journal and Conference Publications

Nathaniel Hanson\*, **Wesley Lewis\***, Kavya Puthuveetil\*, Donelle Furline Jr, Akhil Padmanabha, Taskin Padir, and Zackory Erickson, “SLURP! Spectroscopy of Liquids Using Robot Pre-Touch Sensing” IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), 2023

**Wesley Lewis**, Kavya Puthuveetil, Akhil Padmanabha, and Zackory Erickson, “Container Invariant Classification of Substrates Using Spectroscopy” RISS Working Papers Journal, 2022

### Workshops

Luis Felipe R. Murillo, Teagan Le, **Wesley Lewis**, Mirella Shaban, “Community-Driven Environmental Sensing: From Data Acquisition to Visualization” University of Virginia School of Data Science Datapalooza, 2021

### Presentations

**Wesley Lewis**, Kavya Puthuveetil, Akhil Padmanabha, and Zackory Erickson, “Container Invariant Classification of Substrates Using Spectroscopy” Robotics Institute Summer Scholar Poster Showcase, Carnegie Mellon University, 2022

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Engineers for Exploration, University of California San Diego**

Feb 2022 – Present

*Research Assistant, Radio Telemetry Tracker Project*

- Assisted in the development of a low-powered drone to conduct radio telemetry tracking missions of wildlife radio collars used for monitoring animal movement patterns.
- Developed firmware for the serial drivers of a low-powered drone using the STM32 platform.
- Wrote Ground Control Station software to change the configuration and connection timeout of the Radio Telemetry Tracker Drone.
- Assisted in the development of sleep period scheduler for Radio Telemetry’s tower deployments by writing methods for timed ensemble function execution and state machine unit tests.

**Link Lab, University of Virginia**

Jan 2022 – May 2024

*Research Assistant, Collaborative Robotics Lab*

Advisor: **Professor Tariq Iqbal**.

- Proposed and developed multi-agent learning environments with Issacgym to train agents to perform assembly tasks with cooperative reward.
- Benchmarked reinforcement learning models for continuous action spaces to log performance in simulation in preparation for Sim2Real transition.

**Robotics Institute, Carnegie Mellon University**

May 2023 - Aug 2023

*Research Intern, Robotic Caregiving and Human Interaction Lab*Advisor: **Professor Zackory Erickson.**

- Led collaborative effort with RIVeR Lab led by Professor Taskin Padiir at Northeastern University using a multi-modal (spectroscopy and visual-tactile sensing) approach for robot manipulation tasks such as precision pouring and squeezing.
- Contributed to the planning and execution of a follow to SLURP! By writing out the research questions, high-level data collection steps, and demo.
- Wrote and documented action primitive controls, automated data collection scripts, serial drivers, and Arduino firmware for data collection.

**University of Virginia School of Architecture**

Oct 2022 - Apr 2023

*Research Assistant, Networked Public Spaces*Advisor: **Professor Andrew Mondschein.**

- Investigated the integration of IoT systems in public spaces for community-driven environmental sensing.
- Assisted in the deployment of a wireless sensor network in Richmond, Virginia, for environmental monitoring.
- Documented instructions for low-code visualization of particulate matter.
- Developed firmware for low-powered wireless sensors to enable low-code connections via MQTT and WiFi.

**Robotics Institute, Carnegie Mellon University**

May 2022 - Aug 2022

*Fellow in CMU@Robotics Institute Summer Scholars (RISS) Program (REU), Robotic Caregiving and Human Interaction Lab*Advisor: **Professor Zackory Erickson.**

- Wrote code to interface with two spectrometers via serial, one on the near-infrared + visual spectrum and the other on the near-infrared spectrum.
- Collected an open dataset consisting of 13 containers of varying opacity and 13 substrate (liquid and granular) combinations.
- Collaborated with RIVeR Lab led by Taskin Padiir at Northeastern University and Prepared manuscript after three months, leading to a publication in ICRA.

**University of Virginia School of Data Science**

June 2021 - Jan 2022

*Research Assistant*Advisor: **Professor Luis Felipe Murillo.**

- Assisted in the development of embedded systems to integrate environmental sensors (including particulate matter, CO2, temperature, and air pressure).
- Performed SMD soldering and assembly of environmental sensor kits.
- Set up a LoRa-based, low-power wireless sensor network for the acquisition of environmental data.

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**WORK EXPERIENCE****Marine Corps Systems Command - NADP**

Aug 2024 – Present

*Computer Scientist*

- Acted as team lead for Zero Trust initiatives.
- Designed frameworks and road map for Zero Trust integration and adoption.

**University of Virginia Security Operations Center**

Mar 2021 – Aug 2024

*Junior Analyst*

- Utilized Splunk Processing Language (SPL) and investigative techniques to defend accounts and network and identify threats.
- Assisted with improving Splunk Dashboards and query automation.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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### **Programming Languages**

C/C++, Python, Java, SQL

### **Software & Tools**

ROS, MoveIt, Issacgym, Arduino, STM32, KiCad, ARM-Cortex

### **Skills**

Sensor Integration, Embedded Software, Machine Learning