# **Austin Barton**

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### **EDUCATION**

Georgia Institute of Technology B.S. in Mathematics and Computer Science (GPA: 3.77)

Projected Graduation Date: May 2025 | Atlanta, GA

# **Relevant Upper Coursework:**

Natural Language Processing (Current); Stochastic Processes (Current); Robotics (Current); Deep Learning; Machine Learning; Statistical Theory; Math of Data Science; Database Systems; Information Theory; Artificial Intelligence; Probability Theory; Algorithm Analysis; Data Structures and Algorithms; Real Analysis

## **SKILLS**

**Programming Languages:** Highly Proficient in Python. Proficient in SQL, Java, LaTeX, C/C++. Familiar with Bash, MATLAB, R. **Libraries, Frameworks, Etc.:** PyTorch, Scikit-learn, NumPy, Pandas, Matplotlib, SciPy, Keras, Seaborn, Git.

**Concepts:** Deep Learning, Machine Learning, Generative Models, Natural Language Processing, Computer Vision, Statistics, Data Science, Data Processing, Databases, Data Structures, Algorithms, OOP/OOD, VCS, Agile Methodology.

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

VERTICALLY INTEGRATED PROGRAM (VIP) | Student Researcher

Atlanta, GA | January 2024

• Student researcher at GT Financial Services and Innovation Lab. Currently researching methods of addressing shortcomings of LLMs for knowledge intensive tasks in the context of financial data.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE FOR UNDERGRADUATES | Researcher

Raleigh, NC | May 2023 - Aug 2023

Led research on parameter estimation and modelling at the NSF and NSA sponsored research program (REU)
hosted by the Dept. of Math at NC State University. Used biologically-informed neural networks and equation
learning to obtain an ODE approximation of an agent-based model with added adaptive behaviors. Lead author
of manuscript currently undergoing revisions.

# **WORK EXPERIENCE**

**UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS** | Infantry Assaultman (E-5)

Camp Lejeune, NC | Oct 2016 - Oct 2020

- Served 4 years active duty and honorably separated as a Sergeant/E-5.
- Led, mentored, and collaborated with a team of 12 Marines to prioritize mission accomplishment under hazardous working conditions and stressful environments as part of Weapons Plt., Fox Co., 2/6 in support of riflemen for numerous training operations and two overseas deployments for a total of 15 months deployed.

#### **PROJECTS**

**SINGLE-SHOT HYPERSPECTRAL DEEP DECONVOLUTION** CS 4644, Deep Learning, Georgia Tech | Aug 2023 - Dec 2023 Course project on Single-shot Hyperspectral Deep Deconvolution. Our proposed method aims to enhance the quality of hyperspectral images by mitigating distortions inherent in snapshot acquisitions by leveraging a blind deconvolution approach with a U-Net neural network architecture. We demonstrated models capable of restoring spectral information, even in areas with highly varying intensities, while restoring the latent sharp image.

#### **EXPLORING MUSIC CLASSIFICATION**

CS 4641, Machine Learning, Georgia Tech | Aug 2023 - Dec 2023

Led a group project on music classification on two distinct datasets for two different classes - composers and genres. Created a framework in Python for audio data processing, dimensionality reduction, and supervised learning methods such as convolutional neural networks and gradient-boosted trees. Created a Jekyll-powered website for the project.

#### **BIRD CLASSIFICATION WITH CNNS**

MATH 4210, Math of Data Science, Georgia Tech | Jan. 2023 - May 2023

Explored 3 distinct Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) models on a multi-class image classification task in Python using Keras. The dataset consisted of approximately 88,000 bird images belonging to 515 different classes/species.

**SIMPLE RANDOM WALKS AND ENUMERATION** MATH 3235, Probability Theory, Georgia Tech | Oct. 2022 - Dec. 2022 Wrote a paper surveying simple random walks under probabilistic and combinatorial perspectives. Showcased the Gambler's Ruin problem and multivariate generating functions as a path enumeration technique.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

**Directed Reading Program** Studied enumerative combinatorics under the guidance of a postdoctoral researcher over Fall 2022. **Georgia Tech Cycling Club** Recreational mountain biking and road cycling.

# **AWARDS**

Academic Awards John and Susan Traendly Scholar Zell Miller Scholar Dean's List Notable Military Awards Certificate of Commendation Meritorious Promotion Good Conduct Medal