# **Adam Cahall**

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### **EDUCATION**

Georgia Institute of Technology

August 2025 – May 2027

Atlanta, Georgia

Intended M.S., Computer Science, with specialization in Machine Learning

August 2021 - May 2025

**Cornell University** 

Pursuing B.S., Computer Science, with minors in Mathematics and Linguistics

Ithaca, NY

- GPA: 4.07/4.3
- Selected Coursework: Computational Imaging (Graduate), Structure of Information Networks (Graduate), Machine Learning, Large-Scale ML, Computer Vision, Natural Language Processing, Reinforcement Learning, Robot Learning, Algorithms, OOP and Data Structures, Systems Programming, Probability I/II, Stochastic Processes, Optimization, Linear Algebra, Numerical Analysis.
- **Teaching Experience:** Robot Learning TA (Spring 2024, Fall 2024)

### WORK EXPERIENCE

Amazon May 2024 - August 2024

Software Development Engineer Intern

Tempe, AZ

- Redesigned the computation and storage of a series of seller-facing statistics using AWS Lambda, DynamoDB, SQS, and SNS.
- Will reduce ongoing cost by 40% vs. current system and reduce latency by 60% for page visited by thousands of Amazon sellers daily.

# **Owl Autonomous Imaging**

May 2022 - July 2022

Machine Learning Intern

Fairport, NY

- Trained a stereo matching network for improved autonomous vehicle ranging accuracies over previously used method.
- Modified open-source object detection network (YOLOv5) so that it could be trained with our multimodal dataset and evaluated its performance when using different multimodal fusion techniques.
- Developed a visualization technique to create composite images from images captured by multiple sensing modalities to highlight each of their strengths in object detection (to be used in marketing).

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Cornell University** October 2024 - Present

CS Research Assistant

Ithaca, NY

Working with Professor Kristina Monakhova on a novel computational imaging approach to recovering depth from event cameras.

## **Cornell University**

CS Research Assistant

June 2023 - April 2024 Ithaca, NY

- Worked with Professor Thorsten Joachims on developing a new training technique for Large Language Models that uses implicit human feedback to align models with user preference.
- Implemented simulated human feedback using Llama 2 (7B/13B); incorporated distributed training techniques (HuggingFace Accelerate, etc.) and quantized models to efficiently run experiments.
- Awarded \$6,000 BURE research grant to support work.

## **Cornell University**

ORIE Research Assistant

September 2022 - April 2023

Ithaca, NY

Worked with Professor Jamol Pender in the Operations Research Department on modeling COVID-19 spread in childcare centers using Python to evaluate current and potential future health and safety protocols.

## Rochester Institute of Technology

July 2020 - August 2020

Rochester, NY

Imaging Science Research Intern Supported multispectral imaging project for deciphering 500-year-old ancient text documents.

Created an OCR pipeline that aligned, denoised, thresholded, etc. images, divided cleaned-up images into rows and words, and fed row/word images into Tesseract, resulting in improved text recognition accuracy.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Aaron David Tucker, Kianté Brantley, Adam Cahall, Thorsten Joachims. Coactive Learning for Large Language Models using Implicit User Feedback. International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) 2024.
- Adam Cahall, Jasmine Eng, Jane Gao, Ben Hilbert, Jamol Pender. Using Simulation to Study the Impact of COVID-19 Policies on the Availability of Childcare. Winter Simulation Conference 2023.

### **SKILLS & INTERESTS**

- Programming Languages: Python, Java, C++
- Libraries: PyTorch, Hugging Face, OpenCV, OpenAI Gym, Scikit-learn, NumPy, Pandas, Matplotlib, CVXPY, Pdb
- Interests: Ultimate Frisbee Team, Pickleball, Basketball, Electric Bass