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EDUCATION	<i>Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science</i> August 2019 - Interests: Computer Vision, Deep Learning, Artificial Intelligence Awarded 2019 <i>Great Educators</i> Fellowship Massachusetts Institute of Technology GPA 5.0/5.0
	<i>B.S. Neuroscience, Physics, Mathematics</i> August 2013 - May 2017 Joint Neuroscience-Physics Honors Thesis Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi Bates College, Lewiston ME GPA 3.98/4.00
EXPERIENCE	Creative Technologies Lab Intern - Adobe Research Summer, 2020 Virtual internship mentored by Bryan Russel, Richard Zhang, and Jun-Yan Zhu <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developed a novel computer vision method at the intersection of generative modeling and unsupervised representation learning.• Summer project extension has led to promising ongoing patent filing.
	Principal Research Assistant - Dr. Aude Oliva, Ph.D. 2017-2019 Computational Perception and Cognition Group Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory (CSAIL), MIT <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Designed, implemented, and evaluated deep learning models for action recognition, temporal reasoning and visual set abstraction in videos.• Devised and applied models for the novel task of cross-view semantic segmentation to improve spatial understanding and navigation skills of embodied agents in simulated and real 3D environments such as House3D and Matterport3D.• Developed and maintained the Moments in Time Dataset infrastructure (website, evaluation server, etc.) responsible for showcasing and distributing the video dataset.• Coordinated and ran the Moments in Time Recognition Challenge at CVPR'18, which was jointly held with the ActivityNet Challenge 2018.• Co-mentored two visiting students and supervised their introduction to vision research.• Provided software design, programming and system administration support to ongoing research projects and resources across the lab.
	Visiting Student in NeuroAI Lab - Dr. Dan Yamins, Ph.D. Summer, 2017 Affiliated with Stanford Artificial Intelligence Lab (SAIL) Department of Computer Science and Psychology, Stanford University <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acquired comprehensive knowledge of popular deep learning frameworks, particularly TensorFlow and PyTorch, through one-on-one code reviews with PI.• Developed two python packages now actively used by all members of the lab to run and record highly reproducible deep learning experiments.• Attended SDL reading group talks and participated in weekly lab meetings.
	Student in TECBio REU - Dr. Chakra Chennubhotla, Ph.D. Summer, 2016 Department of Computational and Systems Biology, University of Pittsburgh

- Developed bioimage informatics tools for quantifying intratumor heterogeneity in multiplexed fluorescence tissue data.
- Mentored high school student attending DiSCoBio summer academy.
- Led journal club discussions and weekly lab meetings.
- Presented work at undergraduate research symposiums.
- Participated in a mentored team-based ethics forum.

Peer Tutor in the Sciences

2015 - 2017

Academic Resource Commons, Bates College

- Worked directly with students seeking additional academic support, particularly in the neuroscience department.
- Attended and participated in training sessions on various aspects of pedagogy and learning support.

Neurology Assistant - Dr. Diana Apetauerova, M.D.

Summer, 2015

Movement Disorders Department, Lahey Hospital, Burlington, MA

- Observed movement disorders clinic, deep brain stimulation, grand rounds and attended teaching conferences and lectures.

Research Assistant - Dr. Vicki Rosen, Ph.D., Chair

Summer, 2013

Department of Developmental Biology, Harvard University School of Dental Medicine

- Studied a novel regulatory mechanism in the BMP signaling pathway, presented findings at weekly lab meetings and co-authored publication.

Research Assistant - Dr. Barbara Corkey, Ph.D., Director

Summer, 2012

Evans Biomedical Research Lab

Boston Medical Center

- Conducted experiments on the redox state's effect on gluconeogenesis, presented findings at weekly meetings and contributed to potential scientific publications.

PUBLICATIONS **Contrastive Perceptual Loss for Conditional Synthesis**, Alex Andonian, Taesung Park, Bryan Russell, Richard Zhang, Phillip Isola, and Jun-Yan Zhu. To be submitted to *CVPR* 2021. Patent in progress.

We Have So Much In Common: Modeling Semantic Relational Set Abstractions in Videos, Alex Andonian*, Camilo Fosco*, Mathew Monfort, Allen Lee, Rogerio Feris, Carl Vondrick, and Aude Oliva. *European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV'20)*. arXiv:2008.05596. 2020. Patent in progress.

Understanding a Scene-centric BigGAN, Alex Andonian, David Bau and Aude Oliva. To be submitted to CVRP 2021.

Deepfake Caricatures: Using Distortion To Expose Doctoring, Alex Andonian, Camilo Fosco, Xi Wang, Allen Lee, Aude Oliva. To be submitted to CVRP 2021. Patent in progress.

Language Model Embeddings in the Brain, Ben Lahner, Alex Andonian, Alex Lascelles, Radoslaw Martin Cichy, Gemma Roig, N Apurva Ratan Murty, Kshitij Wivedi, Aude Oliva. To be submitted in 2021.

VA-RED²: Video Adaptive Redundancy Reduction, Bowen Pan, Camilo Fosco, Alex Andonian, Rameswar Panda, Rogerio S, Feris, Yue Meng, Chung-Ching Lin, Aude Oliva. Submitted to ICLR 2021.

Unsupervised Learning from Video with Deep Neural Embeddings, Chengxu Zhuang, Tianwei She, **Alex Andonian**, Max Sobol Mark, Daniel Yamins. *Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR'20)*. arXiv:1905.11954. 2020.

Spatially organized genomic and physiological heterogeneity of the olfactory bulb mitral cell layer. Daniel Paseltiner, Henry Loeffler, **Alex Andonian**, Abigail Leberman, Travis J. Gould, and Jason B. Castro. *bioRxiv preprint* <https://doi.org/10.1101/2020.01.13.903823>. 2020.

GANalyze: Toward Visual Definitions of Cognitive Image Properties. **Alex Andonian***, Lore Goetschalckx*, Aude Oliva, Phillip Isola. *International Conf. on Computer Vision (ICCV'19)*. 2019.

Multi-Moments in Time: Learning and Interpreting Models for Multi-Action Video Understanding Mathew Monfort, Kandan Ramakrishnan, **Alex Andonian**, Barry A McNamara, Alex Lascelles, Bowen Pan, Dan Gutfreund, Rogerio Feris, Aude Oliva. In revision for *IEEE transaction on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (TPAMI)*. arXiv preprint arXiv:1911.00232. 2019.

Cross-view Semantic Segmentation for Sensing Surroundings. Bowen Pan, Jiankai Sun, Ho Yin Tiga Leung, **Alex Andonian**, Bolei Zhou. *IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters* 5 (3), 4867-4873.

Examining Class Dependant Sub-Paths in Deep Neural Networks. Mathew Monfort, Kandan Ramakrishnan, Alex Andonian, Aude Oliva. *Journal of Vision*. 2019.

The Algonauts Project: A Platform for Communication between the Sciences of Biological and Artificial Intelligence. Radoslaw Martin Cichy, Gemma Roig, Alex Andonian, Kshitij Dwivedi, Benjamin Lahner, Alex Lascelles, Yalda Mohsenzadeh, Kandan Ramakrishnan, Aude Oliva. *arXiv preprint* arXiv:1905.05675. 2019.

A deep learning based method for large-scale classification, registration, and clustering of in-situ hybridization experiments in the mouse olfactory bulb. **Alex Andonian**, Dan Paseltiner, Travis Gould, Jason Castro. *Journal of Neuroscience Methods*. 2018

Temporal Relational Reasoning in Videos. Bolei Zhou, **Alex Andonian**, Aude Oliva, Antonio Torralba. *European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)*. 2018.

Moments in Time Dataset: one million videos for event understanding. Mathew Monfort, **Alex Andonian**, Bolei Zhou, Sarah Adel Bargal, Tom Yan, Kandan Ramakrishnan, Lisa Brown, Quanfu Fan, Dan Gutfreund, Carl Vondrick, Aude Oliva. *IEEE transaction on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (TPAMI)*, (doi:10.1109/TPAMI.2019.2901464). 2018.

Informatics Tools for Quantifying Intratumor Heterogeneity in Multiplexed Fluorescence Tissue Data. **Alex Andonian**. Presented at *Council on Undergraduate Research's Research Experiences for Undergraduates Symposium*. National Science Foundation's Atrium, Arlington, Virginia. October 2016.

N-linked glycosylation of the bone morphogenetic protein receptor type 2 (BMPR2) enhances ligand binding. Jonathan W. Lowery, Jose M. Amich,

Alex Andonian, Vicki Rosen. *Cellular and Molecular Life Sciences*. 2013.

**WORKSHOPS,
TUTORIALS &
CHALLENGES** [MIT Speed Up Green Up AI Hackathon](#): Efficient ML at MIT IAP. 2020
[Spoken Moments](#): Multi-Modal Video Analysis Workshop at ECCV'20. 2020
[Multi-Moments in Time](#): Multi-Label Action Detection Challenge at ICCV'19. 2019
[The Algonauts Project](#): Explaining the Human Visual Brain. 2019
[GANocracy](#): Theory, Practice and Artistry of Deep Generative Modeling. 2019
[Moments in Time](#): Video Recognition Challenge held at CVPR'18. 2018

**PRESS
COVERAGE** [MIT News](#): Toward machine learning that can reason about everyday actions. 2020
[MIT News](#): Brainstorming energy-saving hacks on MIT's new supercomputer. 2020
[MIT News](#): What makes an image memorable? Ask a computer. 2019
[VentureBeat](#): Designing AI that can track objects over time. 2018
[MIT News](#): Helping computers fill in the gaps between video frames. 2018
[MIT News](#): Artificial intelligence in action. 2018
[MIT Technology Review](#): The Next Big Step for AI? Understanding Video. 2017

**AWARDS &
DISTINCTIONS** **Winning proposal to the *SystemsThatLearn@CSAIL* initiative** 2020
 • Awarded 25,000 dollars of funding to support ongoing research in image/video forensics and deepfake detection.

MIT Speed Up Green Up AI Hackathon Winner 2020
 • Developed and optimized a deepfake detection that showed the greatest speedup (10x) using MIT's Satori compute cluster.

Great Educators Fellowship, MIT 2019
 • Academic graduate fellowship awarded to distinguished MIT EECS candidates.

Dana Scholar for Academic Excellence, Leadership, Service 2014 - 2017
 • The program grants the Charles A. Dana Award to ten men and ten women from each first-year Bates class. These students, the Dana Scholars, are recognized with the award for their academic excellence and promise, their leadership potential, and their service to the College and the community.

The Judith Magyar Isaacson '65 Prize 2017
 • Awarded annually to the senior who has demonstrated high academic achievement in digital and computational studies and mathematics.

Dean's List for Academic Excellence 2013 - 2017

Bates Dept. of Physics & Astronomy Distinguished Junior Prize 2016
 • Awarded to junior physics majors with the highest GPA.

**RELEVANT
COURSEWORK** MIT: 6.840 - Theory of Computation Fall 2020
 MIT: 6.825 - Hardware for Deep Learning; 6.864 - Advanced NLP Winter 2020
 MIT: 6.867 - Machine Learning; 6.869 - Advances in Computer Vision Fall 2019
 Stanford (self-study): CS231n - CNNs for CV; CS224n NLP with DL Summer 2019

**TECHNOLOGY
SKILLS** *Programming Languages*: Python, Javascript, C/C++, MATLAB, Java, Mathematica, Scheme, shell scripting.
 Web Development: HTML/CSS/Javascript, Django/Flask, Angular, MySQL/PostgreSQL
 Machine Learning: PyTorch, TensorFlow, Scikit-Learn, Numpy/SciPy/Pandas.

Software: Docker, Git, L^AT_EX, MS Office, Vim, Tmux, VirtualEnv, VirtualBox.

**TEACHING &
COMMUNITY
OUTREACH**

STEM Lab Coordinator

May 2016 - 2017

Stephen Belleau, GT Teacher, NBCT

Farwell Elementary School and Geiger Elementary School, Lewiston, Maine.

- Developed and taught robotics and computer science curriculum.
- Organized and led “an hour of code” sessions sponsored by Code.org.

Big Brother Mentor

September 2014 - 2017

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Community Concepts, Lewiston, ME

- Mentored at-risk middle/high school student.

**EXTRA-
CURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES**

Bates College Orchestra: *Concertmaster*

2013 - 2017

Bates College Weightlifting Club: *Co-founder, Competitive Powerlifter*

2014 - 2017

Alpine Skiing, Downhill Mountain Biking, Endurance Challenges

2002 - present

Violin and Chamber Music Studies

1998 - present