# Alexander Walczak

### Education

# University of California, Berkeley

Bachelor of Arts, Computer Science

Berkeley, CA

Fall 2013 - Spring 2017

# Fordham University

Post-Baccalaureate Pre-Medical/Pre-Health Program

New York, NY Spring 2022 - Spring 2023

# Experience

Google LLC

New York, NY

Software Engineer, YouTube

March 2021 - Present

- Developing features on the YouTube Kids iOS app to give kids a fun, accessible experience and parents peace of mind.

Apple Inc.

Cupertino, CA

Software Engineer, Accessibility

October 2018 - February 2021

- Created the Magnifier app in iOS, which helps people with visual impairments to see the world.
- As a response to the COVID-19 pandemic, implemented People Detection, which leverages the depth sensors on iPhones to enable blind people to maintain 6 feet of social distancing.
- Made first-party apps including the Apple TV app and Home app accessible to people with visual and motor impairments.
- Delivered a talk at Apple's annual conference WWDC: VoiceOver Efficiency with Custom Rotors.

Adobe Inc.

San Francisco, CA

Machine Learning Software Engineer

May 2017 - September 2018

- Created a system of serving machine learning models to drive interactive features in Adobe Stock search.

# Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

Berkeley, CA

Undergraduate Research Assistant

August 2014 - May 2017

- Performed experiments to study whether the rotation patterns of E. coli flagella can be used as inputs to a biosensor for chemicals around the bacteria.
- Learned fluorescent microscopy and designed and 3D printed a flow cell to observe how different substances affect flagellar rotation.
- Created a video segmentation algorithm to automate data collection and analysis of rotating bacteria anchored to a glass slide in the flow cell.

### **Umbo Computer Vision**

Taipei, Taiwan

Machine Learning Intern

May 2016 - August 2016

- Developed a program for realtime few-shot learning that learned to recognize and distinguish new objects and people using a webcam.

# Volunteering

#### Park Slope Volunteer Ambulance Corps

Brooklyn, NY

Emergency Medical Technician

June 2022 - Present

- I volunteer with a 911 EMS unit mainly responding to calls in medically underserved communities of Brooklyn.

# **Publications**

T. Zajdel, A. Walczak, D. Sengupta, V. Tieu, & M. Maharbiz, "Towards A Biohybrid Sensing Platform Built on Impedance-based Bacterial Flagellar Motor Tachometry," *IEEE BioCAS*, Turin, Italy. October 2017.

# Abstracts

T. Zajdel, A. Walczak, D. Sengupta, V. Tieu, C. Ajo-Franklin, & M. Maharbiz, "Impedance-Based Electrochemical Readout of Bacterial Flagellar Rotation," *Biophysical Journal*. June 2016. *Outstanding Poster Award* 

#### **Patents**

Dour, Ryan et al. User interfaces for indicating distance. US Patent 11,670,144, filed August 10, 2021, and issued June 6, 2023.

### Awards

## Huang Scholars Program at UC Berkeley

Beijing and Taipei Summer 2015 and 2016

 Sponsored study of third-year Chinese at the Princeton in Beijing language immersion program one summer and an internship in Taipei the next summer.

# IARU-Santander Global Summer Program Scholarship

Singapore Summer 2014

- Sponsored sponsored study of Southeast Asian culture and history at the National University of Singapore.

### **Hobbies**

- iOS app development. Layout Studio is an app on the App Store I have been developing for three years.
- Hiking, skiing, and kayaking.