# **ALEXANDER LALEJINI**

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#### **EDUCATION**

Mississippi State University

August 2011 - Present

Degree: Computer Science Expected Graduation: May 2015

GPA: 4.0/4.0

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

**A.** Lalejini, D. Duckworth, R. Sween, C. L. Bethel, D. Carruth; "Evaluation of Supervisory Control Interfaces for Mobile Robot Integration with Tactical Teams," 2014 IEEE Workshop on Advanced Robotics and its Social Impacts (ARSO), 11-13 September, 2014.

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### Laboratory for Autonomous Systems Research (LASR)

May 2014 - July 2014

Naval Research Laboratory

- · Mentors: Dr. Greg Trafton, Dr. Laura Hiatt
- · I researched the use of dynamic cognitive context to improve a robot visual perception system. I explored different methods of combining cognitive context and computer vision. I used a biologically plausible object recognition model, Leabra Vision (LVis) to identify objects and identified ways in which dynamic cognitive context aids object recognition results.

## Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems (CAVS)

January 2014 - Present

Mississippi State University

- · Mentors: Dr. Daniel Carruth, Dr. Cindy L. Bethel
- · I work on the ITAR restricted Computational Research for Engineering and Science Ground Vehicles (CRES-GV) Virtual Testbed Environment Project at the Center for Advanced Vehicular Systems (CAVS). This project involves the implementation of software to integrate robotic platforms in a vehicle simulation software package using the open-source Robot Operating System (ROS).

### Social, Therapeutic, & Robotic Systems (STaRS) Laboratory Mississippi State University

August 2013 - Present

- · Mentor: Dr. Cindy L. Bethel
- · I worked as the project co-lead for the Robot Intent and Control Project. This project sought to support the integration of an autonomous mobile platform into tactical teams; the project investigated different interfaces that enabled a robot to convey its intentions to nearby team members and allowed operators to exert supervisory control over the robot. I assisted in study design, interface implementation and evaluation, and data collection.

#### **EMPLOYMENT**

- · Supervisor: Dr. Greg Trafton, Dr. Laura Hiatt
- · Summer 2014 undergraduate research position at the Laboratory for Autonomous Systems Research

### Mississippi State University Computer Science Department Undergraduate Research Assistant

November 2013 - Present Mississippi State, MS

· Supervisor: Dr. Cindy L. Bethel

· I work as an undergraduate research assistant in the STaRS lab.

### Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL)

Summer 2012

USRP Intern

Pasadena, CA

- · Supervisor: William R. Johnson
- · I provided Earth Science software support; I developed a radiometer calibration application using Enthought Python. The application coordinated the automation of multiple calibration instruments via serial communication and provided the user with real-time data visualization from the calibration process.

### Mississippi State University Physics Department

Fall 2011 - Spring 2012

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Mississippi State, MS

- · Supervisor: Dr. Angelle Tanner
- · I wrote various data analysis and image processing scripts primarily for data collected at the Palomar Observatory.

#### Naval Research Laboratory (NRL)

Summers of 2011, 2010, 2009

Computer Clerk (2011), SEAP Intern (2010, 2009)

John C. Stennis Space Center, Mississippi

- · Supervisor: Dr. Bruce Lin
- · I worked on a battlespace management interface written using the World Wind Java SDK. I also implemented a clustering algorithm for use in classifying sparse data points.

#### **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

**Computer Languages** Python, C/C++, Java

Software Tools & Libraries Robot Operating System (ROS), Enthought Python, Scipy, Numpy

Version Control G

GIT

Robots Kobuki TurtleBot 2, Dr. Robot Jaguar

Web PHP, HTML/CSS, SQL Operating Systems Linux, Windows, Mac OS

#### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

- President's Scholar (Fall 2011 Present)
- Shackouls Honors College
- Meritorious Award in Bagley Undergraduate Research Poster Competition (Poster title: Robot Control)
- Presenter at ARSO 2014
- Honorable Mention for Computing Research Association (CRA) 2015 Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher Award

### **SERVICE**

## **SWAT Training Participant**

November 2013 - Present

Mississippi State University

I am a volunteer in monthly training exercises with the Starkville, MS Police Department SWAT team in coordination with the STaRS lab.

## National SeaPerch Challenge Volunteer

May 2014

Hattiesburg, MS

I was a poolside judge for the Heist Challenge.