# Amlan Kar

#### Education

- Sep '17 University of Toronto, PhD in Computer Science, 3.9/4.0.
  - present Advised by Prof. Sanja Fidler
- May '17 **IIT Kanpur**, B. Tech in Computer Science, 9.6/10.0.

## Research Experience

- Nov '19 NVIDIA, Research Scientist.
- present Currently working on multiple projects related to generative models of simulated data and Active Learning
- Sep '17 University of Toronto, Graduate Researcher, Prof. Sanja Fidler.
- present Working on Machine Learning for Machine Learning data, including human-in-the-loop data annotation [2,3,4], learning from noisy data [6] and efficient data acquisition [7]
  - Jul '18 NVIDIA, Research Intern, Prof. Sanja Fidler.
- Nov '19 Research primarily related to learning generative models of data given parametric simulators. Has resulted in multiple publications including Meta-Sim [9], Neural Turtle Graphics [8] and STEAL [6]
- May '17 **Fyusion Inc.**, Research Intern, Dr. Stefan Holzer.
- Aug '17 Confidential
  - Aug '16 IIT Kanpur, Undergraduate Researcher, Prof. Gaurav Sharma, Dr. Karan Sikka.
- May'17 Worked on Video Action Recognition, resulting in a publication at CVPR 2017 [1]
- May '16 University of Toronto, Research Intern, Prof. Sanja Fidler, Prof. Raquel Urtasun.
- Jul '16 Worked on extending Order Embeddings to generate Visual-Semantic Embeddings that simultaneously satisfy multiple ordering rules between entities

## **Preprints**

[10] Color Sails: Discrete-Continuous Palettes for Deep Color Exploration Masha Shugrina, <u>Amlan Kar</u>, Karan Singh, Sanja Fidler arxiv 2018

#### **Publications**

- [9] Meta-Sim: Learning to Generate Synthetic Datasets Amlan Kar, Aayush Prakash, Ming-Yu Liu, Eric Cameracci, Justin Yuan, Matt Rusiniak, David Acuna, Antonio Torralba, Sanja Fidler ICCV 2019, Seoul, South Korea (Oral Presentation)
- [8] Neural Turtle Graphics for Modeling City Road Layouts
  Hang Chu, Daiqing Li, David Acuna, <u>Amlan Kar</u>, Maria Shugrina, Xinkai Wei, Ming-Yu Liu,
  Antonio Torralba, Sanja Fidler
  ICCV 2019, Seoul, South Korea (**Oral Presentation**)
- [7] Learning to Caption Images through a Lifetime by Asking Questions Kevin Shen, <u>Amlan Kar</u>, Sanja Fidler NeurIPS 2018, ViGIL Workshop (Oral Presentation) ICCV 2019, Seoul, South Korea
- [6] Devil is in the Edges: Learning Semantic Boundaries from Noisy Annotations David Acuna, <u>Amlan Kar</u>, Sanja Fidler CVPR 2019, Long Beach, CA, USA (Oral Presentation)

- [5] Creative Flow+ Dataset Maria Shugrina, Ziheng Liang, <u>Amlan Kar</u>, Jiaman Li, Angad Singh, Karan Singh, Sanja Fidler CVPR 2019, Long Beach, CA, USA
- [4] Fast Interactive Object Annotation with Curve-GCN Huan Ling\*, Jun Gao\*, <u>Amlan Kar</u>, Wenzheng Chen, Sanja Fidler CVPR 2019, Long Beach, CA, USA
- [3] Object Instance Annotation with Deep Extreme Level Set Evolution Zian Wang, David Acuna\*, Huan Ling\*, Amlan Kar, Sanja Fidler CVPR 2019, Long Beach, CA, USA
- [2] Efficient Interactive Annotation of Segmentation Datasets with PolygonRNN++ David Acuna\*, Huan Ling\*, <u>Amlan Kar</u>\*, Sanja Fidler CVPR 2018, Salt Lake City, Utah, USA
- AdaScan: Adaptive Scan Pooling in Deep Convolutional Neural Networks for Human Action Recognition in Videos
   Amlan Kar\*, Nishant Rai\*, Karan Sikka, Gaurav Sharma CVPR 2017, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

### Teaching Experience

- Jan '18 Introduction to Visual Understanding, CSC420, UofT, TA.
- May '18 Preparation of course material and assignments
  - Sep '17 Introduction to AI, CSC384, UofT, TA.
- Dec '17 Preparation of course material and assignments
  - Jan '17 Topics in Computer Vision, CS698U, IITK.
- May '17 Preparation of course material and assignments
  - Aug '16 Introduction to Computing, ESC101A, IITK, Tutor.
- May '17 Teaching tutorials, setting and grading question papers and supervising lab sessions
  - Aug '14 Introduction to Electrodynamics, PHY103A, IITK, Academic Mentor.
- Apr '15 Led doubt clearing sessions and personally mentored students

#### Academic Achievements

- Jun '18 PhD Conference Travel Award, UofT, CVPR 2018.
- Apr '15,'16 Academic Excellence Award, IIT Kanpur, Dean's List.
  - Nov '14 **Best Sectional Award**, *Course Project for TA 201*. Received the award for building a Mechanical Object Elevator
  - Jun '13 IIT-JEE, All India Rank 271 (99.998 Percentile).
  - Apr '13 Indian National Physics Olympiad, Selected in Top 35 in India.

    Awarded gold medal and attended selection camp for Indian team to IPhO '13
  - Dec '12 **National Standard Olympiads**, *Selected in Top 300(1%) in India*.

    Selected in Top 1% in National Standard Olympiads in Physics, Chemistry and Astronomy
  - Aug '12 **Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana(KVPY)**.

    One of 300 recipients of KVPY 2012 scholarship for higher studies in Basic Sciences
- Aug '12,'07 All Rounder of the Year Award, D.A.V. CSPur.
  - Aug '08 **National Talent Search Examination**.

    One of 800 recipients of NTSE 2008 scholarship
  - Aug '06 National Cyber Olympiad, All India Rank 1.

#### Academic Service

Reviewer CVPR '18, '19, '20; ICLR '19; ECCV '18, '20; ICCV '19