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#### **EDUCATION**

Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA

**August 2022 – August 2023** 

Master of Human-Computer Interaction – School of Computer Science

GPA: 4.0

North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC

August 2017 – May 2022

B.S. in Biomedical & Health Sciences Engineering (Joint w/ UNC Chapel Hill)

GPA: 4.0

Minor in Computer Programming

University Honors Program; Dean's List Fall 2017-Spring 2022

**Zhejiang University**, Hangzhou, China

May 2018 - June 2018

Study Abroad: China: Engineering, STS, and International Relations Solid Mechanics Project with Caterpillar Inc.

#### SKILLS

· Programming Languages: Python, Java, Matlab, C, C++, C#, Unity

· ML Frameworks: Tensorflow, Keras

• Embedded Deep Learning using Edge TPUs like Google's Coral TPU

· Experience with RESTful APIs and database management with MongoDB and SQL

V&V product testing

Experience working with Github, SVN, and Bitbucket Repositories

· Experience with Agile, MKS Integrity, Arena, and JAMA Quality Management Systems

#### RELEVANT COURSE WORK

Neural Networks

· Computer Vision

Machine Learning and Sensing

· Biomedical Signal Processing

Data Structures and Algorithms

C and Software Tools

Operating Systems

Programmable User Interfaces

Wearable Health Technologies

SmaSH Lab Independent Study

· User-Centered Research and Evaluation

Bioinstrumentation

Biocontrols

Rehabilitation Robotics

# PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE

# **UX** Engineer at Bloomberg (MHCI Capstone), NYC, NY

Jan 2023 - Aug 2023

- · Designed and conducted interviews and user research activities with Bloomberg's customer support
- · Facilitated Bloomberg stakeholder relations between product owners and UX research and design
- Synthesized and Presented research to various Bloomberg stakeholders to build empathy with users while pushing company goals
- Designing new workflows, services, and software for Bloomberg customer support in conjunction with product managers, engineers, and UX designers

# Software Engineer at Intuitive Surgical, Sunnyvale, CA

May 2022 - Aug 2022

- · Designed and Improved Automated Testing Efforts for Language Support
- · Automated Database Testing through UI Interactions
- · Integrated moving 3D Model of Robotic System using ReactJS into an internal development tool
- Executed Software Protocols to ensure the quality of ISI's robotics for FDA regulatory approval

# Product Development Engineer at Asensus Surgical, Durham, NC

May 2021 - Aug 2021

- Designed and Evaluated adapters to create compatibility between third-party endoscopes and the Senhance Surgical Robot
- Designed and Evaluated the Next Generation of Surgical Robotics using Solidworks
- · Evaluated various ergonomics to improve the design of the surgeon interface
- · Developed several test verification protocols for sterile drape compatibility with our devices
- Upgraded surgeon simulators to increase compatibility between the simulator and updated software on newer surgical systems

#### Software Engineer, System Test Co-op at Intuitive Surgical, Raleigh, NC

- Jan 2020 Dec 2020
- · Developing and Executing protocols to ensure quality of Intuitive Surgical's robotics
- · Automating test protocols through Python script development
- · Writing and reviewing Quality Management Reports for FDA regulatory approval
- Designed and Developed Backend Software Applications to improve testing analytics

### **Teaching Assistant for BME 201: Intro to MATLAB**, Raleigh, NC

Aug 2019 - Dec 2019

- Oversaw students during class labs and Reinforced the core concepts of programming in MATLAB
- Held and ran office hours to give guidance to students with MATLAB assignments
- · Proctored exams and graded homework, labs, assignments, and tests

## Technology Development Program Intern at Optum, Raleigh, NC

June 2019 - Aug 2019

- · Learned about healthcare through firsthand interviews with doctors and insurance providers
- · Conducted market research on Shared Decision-Making in primary care and related Software
- · Developed backend software, APIs, and databases managing healthcare and treatment data
- Created a novel Shared Decision-Making software service for providers and patients

### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

# Researcher at CMU SMASH Lab (Independent Study), Pittsburgh, PA

Jan 2023 - Present

- Evaluated past literature in the field of sensing for hand pose estimation
- Designed and Implementing a system to capture sensor data and hand pose data using EIT and computer vision
- · Developing ML pipeline for offline and online training and hand pose estimation

#### Biomedical Researcher at CMU (Wearable Health Technologies), Pittsburgh, PA

Jan 2023 - May 2023

- Evaluated past literature in the field of Joint kinematics and pose tracking in natural environments, state-estimation filters, and biomechanical modelling
- Developed and Executed experimental protocols to capture a variety of human movements and joint kinematics
- · Implemented and Evaluated XSens imus across multiple state-estimation filters with and without biomechanical modelling (OpenSense)

# Research Assistant for NCSU Advanced Wound Healing Lab, Raleigh, NC

Sept 2017 - Oct 2019

- · Characterized clot structure and other properties through microfluidic assay development
- · Conducted general lab maintenance, protein purification, sample collection, plasma preparation, in vivo animal studies, and confocal image and data analysis
- Developed and Presented an Image Analysis Technique for fibrin clot quantification at the 2019
  Annual BMES Conference in Philadelphia, PA

#### Software Developer for the SenseNC Team at NCSU, Raleigh, NC

Nov 2018 - Aug 2019

- · Assisted in the development of a novel Biosensor to detect Adalimumab (Humira)
- Spearheaded Embedded Systems Software Development for our Biosensor Device
- · Competed at the Annual International *SensUs Competition* against 14 other universities at The Eindhoven University of Technology in Eindhoven, Netherlands

#### University of North Carolina CH Young Innovators Program Intern, Chapel Hill, NC Aug 2015 – Aug 2016

- · Designed and Executed an original research project on the clotting effects of Russell's Viper Venom
- Presented at a symposium on the results of the research to the Dean of Pharmacology, UNC professors, and other Interns

### LEADERSHIP/SERVICE

## President of Pack Bionics Team at NCSU, Raleigh, NC

Aug 2018 - Present

- · Managed relations between faculty, professors, and team members
- · Evaluated various sensors and electronic components for their useability in a prosthetic leg
- · Prepared a Schematic, Designed a PCB, and Ensured that it met manufacturing requirements
- · Designed and Implemented the software controls and logic of the prosthetic using an FSM
- · Developing a Neural Network controls-based approach for detecting user intention
- · Preparing to compete in the international *Cybathlon* Competition in 2024 in the lower-leg prosthetic discipline

### Internal Vice President of Lambda Phi Epsilon at NCSU, Raleigh, NC

Dec 2021 - Present

- · Managed internal relations between the brothers
- · Assisted and Managed the organization of semesterly events around culture, academics, philanthropy, and social issues
- Worked with NC State University on event policy compliance
- Led internal discussions social issues relating to Sexual Assault and Misconduct, Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Food Scarcity and Improper Wealth Distribution, etc.

#### Publicity Chair of Lambda Phi Epsilon at NCSU, Raleigh, NC

Dec 2021 – Present

- · Managed the organization's social media pages, including Instagram and Facebook
- · Designed graphics and organized a publication schedule for members to post
- Organized campaigns to increase awareness of both the chapter and around social issues
- · Managed the organization's website by keeping it updated on events and important information

#### Academic Chair of Lambda Phi Epsilon at NCSU, Raleigh, NC

Aug 2021 - Dec 2021

- Organized a workshop on Brand Enhancement specifically around having an online presence with an effective LinkedIn and a personal website
- · Organized a workshop around graphics development for social media and brand enhancement purposes
- · Worked with active members to improve/maintain a high GPA

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- Nellenbach, KA, Kyu, A, Guzzetta, NA, Brown, AC. Differential sialic acid content in adult and neonatal fibrinogen mediates differences in clot polymerization dynamics. *Blood Advances*. 2021 Sep 23:bloodadvances.2021004417. doi: 10.1182/bloodadvances.2021004417.
- Nellenbach, KA, Nandi, S, Kyu, A, Sivadanam, S, Guzzetta, NA, Brown, AC. Comparison of neonatal and adult fibrin clot properties between porcine and human plasma. *Anesthesiology*. 2020;132(5):1091–1101. https://doi.org/10.1097/ALN.000000000003165
- Nellenbach, K, Nandi, S, Peeler, C, Kyu, A, Brown, AC. Neonatal Fibrin Scaffolds Promote Enhanced Cell Adhesion, Migration, and Wound Healing In Vivo Compared to Adult Fibrin Scaffolds. Cel. Mol. Bioeng. (2020). https://doi.org/10.1007/s12195-020-00620-5

### PROVISIONAL PATENTS

•	<b>O24U Oxygen Concentrator Retractable Spool,</b> Provisional Patent Filed # 61749279	Jan 2013
•	Bacto-Free Indicator Bag, Provisional Patent Filed #61586037	Jan 2012
	Hemo-Electric Powered Pacemaker, Provisional Patent Filed # 61437300	Jan 2011

#### **AWARDS**

- **Grand Challenge Scholar**: Learning and doing research and activities related to solving the NAE Grand Challenge of Health Informatics
- Abrams Scholar Award 2018: Designed and Executed a research project to better understand clotting differences between adults and neonates
- Moody's Mega Math Challenge Scholarship 2017: Analyzed and Mathematically Modelled the effects of sea level rise on National Parks
- Magellan Science Outstanding College Mentor and Honorarium Award 2017: Mentored World Class Middle School Lego Robotics Teams (2013-2017)