# Curriculum Vitae - Sara Beery

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# Education

Expected 2022 Doctorate of Philosophy in Computing and Mathematical Sciences

California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA Advisor: Pietro Perona | Computational Vision Lab

Committee: Yisong Yue (chair), Pietro Perona, Serge Belongie, Katie Bouman

June 2016 Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

Bachelor of Science in Mathematics **Seattle University**, Seattle, WA

Computer Engineering and Applied Mathematics Specializations

Computer Science Minor

# Fellowships, Scholarships, Awards, and Honors

2021 Caltech Resnick Sustainability Institute Graduate Scholar
Caltech Engineering and Applied Science Division DEI New Horizons Award
Caltech Computing and Mathematical Sciences Gradient for Change DEI Award
University of Chicago Center for Data and Computing Rising Star in Data Science
2020-21 Amazon Al4Science Fellowship
PIMCO Fellowship in Data Science

2016-20 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship

2015-16 Center for Environmental Justice and Sustainability Research Fellowship

 ${\sf SWE\ Wanda\ Munn\ Scholarship}$ 

American Women in Science Scholarship Seattle University Bannan Scholarship

2015 Mathematical Contest in Modeling Honorable Mention

2014-15 General Electric Women's Network Scholarship

American Women in Science Scholarship Seattle University Bannan Scholarship

## **Publications and Patents**

(\*denotes co-first authorship)

#### **Preprints**

Tuia\*, Kellenberger\*, Beery\*, Costelloe\*, Zuffi, Risse, Mathis, Mathis, Langvelde, Burghardt, Kays, Klink, Wikelski, Couzin, van Horn, Crofoot, Stewart, Berger-Wolf. Seeing Biodiversity: Perspectives in Machine Learning for Wildlife Conservation. arxiv:2110.12951, to appear in Nature Communications.

**Beery**, Wu, Edwards, Pavetic, Majewski, Mukherjee, Chan, Morgan, Rathod, Huang, The Auto Arborist Dataset: A Large-Scale Benchmark for Multimodal Urban Forest Monitoring Under Domain Shift. In submission, PDF provided upon request.

Sagawa, Koh, Lee, Gao, Xie, Shen, Kumar, Hu, Yasunaga, Marklund, **Beery**, David, Stavness, Guo, Leskovec, Saenko, Hashimoto, Levine, Finn, Liang. Extending the WILDS Benchmark for Unsupervised Adaptation. In submission, PDF provided upon request.

Das, Bruintjes, Lengyel, van Gemert, **Beery**. Domain Adaptation for Rare Classes Augmented with Synthetic Samples. arXiv:2110.12216.

# Peer-Reviewed Conference and Journal Publications

**Beery\***, Cole\*, Winner, Parker, Perona (2021). Species Distribution Modeling for Machine Learning Practitioners: A Review. In Proceedings of the ACM SIGCAS Conference on Computing and Sustainable Societies.

Kulits, Wall, Bedetti, Henley, **Beery** (2021). ElephantBook: A Semi-Automated Human-in-the-Loop System for Elephant Re-Identification. In Proceedings of the ACM SIGCAS Conference on Computing and Sustainable Societies.

Van Horn, Cole, **Beery**, Wilber, Belongie, Mac Aodha (2021). Benchmarking Representation Learning for Natural World Image Collections. In Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition. (**Oral**)

Koh, Sagawa, Marklund, Xie, Zhang, Balsubramani, Hu, Yasunaga, Phillips, **Beery**, Leskovec, Kundaje, Pierson, Levine, Finn, Liang (2021). WILDS: A Benchmark of in-the-Wild Distribution Shifts. In Proceedings of the International Conference on Machine Learning. **(Oral)** 

Norouzzadeh, Morris, **Beery**, Joshi, Jojic, Clune. (2021). A deep active learning system for species identification and counting in camera trap images. In Methods in Ecology and Evolution. doi:10.1111/2041-210X.13504

**Beery**, Wu, Rathod, Votel, Huang (2020). Context R-CNN: Long Term Temporal Context for Per-Camera Object Detection. In Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (pp. 13075-13085).

**Beery**, Liu, Morris, Piavis, Kapoor, Joshi, Meister, Perona. (2020). Synthetic examples improve generalization for rare classes. In The IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (pp. 863-873).

**Beery**, Van Horn, Perona. (2018). Recognition in terra incognita. In Proceedings of the European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV) (pp. 456-473).

Miguel, **Beery**, Flores, Klemesrud, Bayrakcismith. (2016). Finding areas of motion in camera trap images. In 2016 IEEE international conference on image processing (ICIP) (pp. 1334-1338). **(Oral)** 

#### **Patents**

**Beery**, Loukili, Borgstadt, Rich, Kise, Davis. (2016), Methods and apparatus to track a blade, US Patent Application No. US20200217660A1, European Patent Application No. EP3290592A1

#### **Invited Articles**

**Beery** (2021). Scaling Biodiversity Monitoring for the Data Age. Feature for ACM XRDS Special Issue on Sustainability.

#### **Peer-Reviewed Workshop Publications**

Sagawa, Koh, Lee, Gao, Xie, Shen, Kumar, Hu, Yasunaga, Marklund, **Beery**, David, Stavness, Guo, Leskovec, Saenko, Hashimoto, Levine, Finn, Liang. Extending the WILDS Benchmark for Unsupervised Adaptation. DistShift Workshop at NeurIPS 2021.

**Beery**, Agarwal, Cole, Birodkar. The iWildCam 2021 Competition Dataset. The Eighth Fine-Grained Visual Categorization Workshop at CVPR 2021.

**Beery\*** & Bondi\*. Can poachers find animals from public camera trap images?. CV4Animals Workshop at CVPR 2021.

Lanzino & Beery. Image-to-Image Translation for Synthetic Samples of Rare Classes. CV4Animals Workshop at CVPR 2021.

Kulits, Pan, Van Horn, **Beery**, Young, Perona. Automated Salmonid Counting in Sonar Data. Climate Change Al Workshop at NeurIPS 2020.

Koh\*, Sagawa\*, Marklund, Xie, Zhang, Balsubramani, Phillips, **Beery**, Kundaje, Pierson, Levine, Finn, Liang. WILDS: A Survey and Benchmark of in-the-Wild Distribution Shifts. Workshop on ML Retrospectives, Surveys & Meta-Analyses at NeurIPS 2020.

**Beery**, Cole, Gjoka. The iWildCam 2020 Competition Dataset. The Seventh Fine-Grained Visual Categorization Workshop at CVPR 2020.

**Beery**, Wu, Rathod, Votel, Huang. Context R-CNN: Long Term Temporal Context for Per-Camera Object Detection. The Women in Computer Vision Workshop at CVPR 2020.

**Beery**, Morris, Yang. Efficient Pipeline for Camera Trap Image Review. Data Mining and AI for Conservation Workshop at Knowledge Discovery and Data (KDD) 2019. (Selected to be featured in the KDD Earth Day Session.)

**Beery**, Morris, Perona. The iWildCam 2019 Challenge Dataset. The Sixth Fine-Grained Visual Categorization Workshop at CVPR 2019.

**Beery**, Van Horn, Perona. Recognition for Camera Traps in Unknown Territory. Al for Wildlife Conservation Workshop at the Federated Artificial Intelligence Meeting (FAIM) 2018.

**Beery**, Van Horn, Mac Aodha, Perona. The iWildCam 2018 Challenge Dataset. The Fifth Fine-Grained Visual Categorization Workshop at CVPR 2018.

#### **Conference Abstracts**

lannarilli, Oliver, Birch, **Beery**, Fegraus, Flores, Kays, Ahumada, Jetz. Wildlife Insights: How Camera Trap Data Can Foster Global Biodiversity Conservation. AGU Fall Meeting 2021.

**Beery**, Wu, Rathod, Votel, Huang. Improving Computer Vision for Camera Traps: Leveraging Practitioner Insight to Build Solutions for Real-World Challenges. Ecological Society of America Meeting 2020.

**Beery**, Wu, Rathod, Votel, Huang. Context R-CNN: Long Term Temporal Context for Per-Camera Object Detection. 4th Annual Digital Data Conference, Integrated Digitized Biocollections (iDigBio) 2020.

**Beery**, Morris, Yang, Simon, Norouzzadeh, Joshi. Efficient pipeline for automating species id in new camera trap projects. Biodiversity Information Science and Standards 2019.

Robertson, Belongie, Hartwig, Kaeser-Chen, Zhang, Tan, Liu, Brulé, Deltheil, Loarie, Van Horn, Mac Aodha, **Beery**, Perona, Copas, Waller. Training machines to identify species using gbif-mediated datasets. Biodiversity Information Science and Standards 2019.

Edwards, **Beery**, Railey. An investigation into bio-inspired sonar search performance. The Journal of the Acoustical Society of America, 2017.

**Beery**, Flores, Miguel. Snow Leopard Identification Using Digital Image Processing. Murdock College Science Research Conference, 2013.

## Invited Talks & Panels

Monitoring Animal Populations in the Wild with CV: A Case Study in the Greater Mara Ecosystem

Invited Keynote at the Computer Vision for Animals Workshop at CVPR 2022

Animal-Centric AI (Panelist) - Queer in AI Workshop at NeurIPS 2021

Computer Vision for Global-Scale Biodiversity Monitoring - Scaling Geospatial and Taxonomic Coverage Using Contextual Clues

- Berkeley AI + Climate Seminar, 2021
- University of Guelph CARE-Al and Biodiversity Institute Joint Seminar, 2021
- Seminar at Microsoft Research Cambridge, 2020
- Computational Sustainability (CompSust) Doctoral Consortium, 2020

Beyond Benchmarks - Going from Competition-Winning Methods to Real-World Solutions

- LifeCLEF, 2021
- Queer in AI at ICML, 2021

Al-Assisted Biodiversity Monitoring

- Data Science Frontiers Seminar at the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences, 2021
- Leveraging AI to Extend Specimen Networks at iDigBio, 2021
- Princeton Al4All, 2021
- Caltech i-STEM Initiative Panelist, 2021

Out in Technology and Math (Panelist) - UCSD, 2021

Computer Vision for Biodiversity Monitoring and Conservation

- EPFL Joint Mathis Lab Seminar, 2021
- Al for Mankind, 2021
- Yale Center for Biodiversity and Global Change Seminar, 2020

Deep Learning & Camera Traps

Plenary at Imaginecology Workshop at Le GDR EcoStat, 2020

Improving Computer Vision for Camera Traps: Leveraging Practitioner Insight to Build Solutions for Real-World Challenges

- Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting, 2020
- CompSust Open Graduate Seminar, 2020
- Camera Trap Technology Symposium, 2019

Animal Re-ID from Camera Traps: Can We Deal with Low-Quality Data? – Deep Learning Methods and Applications for Animal Re-Identification at WACV, 2020

Al for Camera Traps - Challenges, Best Practices, Benchmarks, and De-Siloing Data

- World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) Seminar, 2020
- WILDLABS Virtual Meetup on Camera Trapping, 2019
- Computer Vision for Wildlife Conservation Workshop at ICCV, 2019

What's Next in Computer Vision for Wildlife Monitoring (Panelist) – Computer Vision for Wildlife Conservation Workshop at ICCV, 2019

Computer Vision for Camera Traps

- Caltech Al4Science Workshop, 2019
- USC Center for AI in Society Symposium on AI for Conservation, 2019
- Research Seminar at Google Venice, 2019

An investigation into bio-inspired sonar search performance - NASA-JPL Robotics Seminar, 2017

Identifying snow leopards in camera trap images -Seattle U. S.M.A.R.T. Seminar, 2016

# Funding Awarded (Total \$915K)

**Beery, S.**, and Perona, P., *Summer School on Computer Vision Methods for Ecology*, Resnick Sustainability Institute Large-Scale Proposal, Computational costs supported by Microsoft AI for Earth and Amazon AWS, awarded August 2021, \$222,285 + \$180,000 in-kind

Lanzini, E., van Gemert, J., Bruintjes, R., Lengyel, A., and **Beery, S.**, *Using Style Transfer to Improve Realness of Synthetic Camera Trap Images*, Microsoft AI for Earth Grant, awarded December 2020, \$10,000 in-kind

Beery, S., PIMCO Data Science Fellowship, awarded December 2020, \$15,000

**Beery, S.**, Cole, E., and Perona, P., *Automated Ecological Monitoring - Learning from Context*, Resnick Sustainability Institute, awarded October 2020, \$120,000

Beery, S., Amazon Al4Science Fellowship, awarded September 2020, \$20,000

Shippee, T., Cole, E., Rubenstein, D., and **Beery, S.** *Investigating efficient transfer of ML species identification models from nearby regions.* Microsoft Al for Earth Grant, awarded September 2020, \$10,000 in-kind, additional \$10,000 in-kind awarded September 2021.

Kulits, P., Wall, J., Hahn, N., Lefcourt, J., Parham, J., Holmberg, J., Berger-Wolf, T., Stere, T., and **Beery, S.**, *Wildbook for Elephants with the Mara Elephant Project*, Microsoft AI for Earth Grant, awarded May 2020, \$10,000 in-kind

**Beery, S.**, A Network of 100 Camera Traps to Estimate Grevy's Zebra Population in Comparison to the Great Grevy's Rally, Google AI for Nature and Society Grant, awarded January 2020, \$15,000 + 5,000 in-kind

Kulits, P., **Beery, S.**, Van Horn, G., Young, E., and Perona, P. *Automated Salmonid Counting in Sonar Data*, Amazon AWS Grant, awarded July 2019, \$80,000 + \$30,000 in-kind

**Beery, S.**, The Microsoft MegaDetector - Robust Animal Detection in Global Camera Trap Data, Microsoft Al for Earth Grant, awarded August 2018, \$10,000 in-kind

Beery, S., National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, awarded April 2016, \$138,000

# Mentorship

Summer 2021

High School Research Mentor

Summer Research Connection, Caltech

Mentored a team of four minoritized high school students in their first exposure to research. Facilitated their successful curation of a gold-standard evaluation dataset for our Mpala Camera Trap

Fall 2020-Present Postbac Research Mentor

Building efficient methods for generalizing computer vision models to new regions of the world, Caltech

Curating and efficiently labeling over a year of data collected from our network of cameras at Mpala Research Centre using model distillation, domain adaptation, and active learning.

Fall 2020-Spring 2021 Graduate Research Mentor

Improving generalization with synthetic data, TU Delft

Co-advised 4 TU Delft computer vision masters students alongside Prof. Jan van Gemert. We are investigated several extensions to my 2020 WACV paper using synthetic data to improve generalization for rare classes. These included training GANs to encourgae more overlap between the synthetic and real data in feature space, performing panoptic segmentation on the camera trap data and augmenting with PanDA, and testing data-efficient GANs to directly synthesize new imagery, as opposed to relying on a graphics engine. First paper accepted to CV4Animals at CVPR 2021, next paper in submission.

Summer 2020-

Graduate Research Mentor

Present

Context-based weakly-supervised object segmentation in static cameras, Caltech Mentoring an incoming PhD student in her first research project at Caltech. We are investigating

using temporal context and bounding boxes as weak supervision to train accurate segmentation models for camera trap data.

Summer 2020-

Undergraduate Research Mentor Present

Building an automated Elephant Re-Identification database, Caltech

Developed a joint project between Mara Elephant Project, Vulcan Al Center for Impact, and WildMe to build the first WildBook for Elephants with API-to-API support for Vulcan's EarthRanger. Hired an excellent, motivated undergrad and mentored him through the software development and the computer vision research for automated re-identification based on ear curvature and attributes. First paper accepted to ACM COMPASS 2021.

Summer 2019-Present Undergraduate & Graduate Research Mentor

Automating salmonid escapement estimation from sonar data, Caltech

Co-developed a joint project between Trout Unlimited and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to build a detection, tracking, and length estimation system for salmonid species in ARIS sonar imagery. Co-mentored two undergraduate students, a postbac student, and a first-year graduate student in the development of a prototype system. First paper accepted to Climate Change AI at NeurIPS 2020.

Summer 2020

Undergraduate Research Mentor

Freshman Summer Research Institute, Caltech

Mentored an incoming Caltech freshman through her first research project. Designed and managed a conservation-focused computer vision research project on the effect of image quality on accuracy.

January 2017 to

Undergraduate Academic Mentor

Present Caltech Women Mentoring Women, Caltech

> Mentoring 1-2 undergraduate women in computer science per year, helping them to navigate their academic careers.

# Professional Experience

#### May 2019 to Present

Research Intern, Student Researcher, Wildlife Insights Al Team Google Research, Seattle, WA & Los Angeles, CA

Context-aware Object Detection

Building a weakly-supervised multimodal approach for monitoring the urban forest. Developing context-aware object detection architectures for object detection in static cameras, with work published at CVPR 2020 and the Ecological Society of America Meeting 2020. Working with the Wildlife Insights AI team towards developing a fully automated species detector for camera traps in order to enable widespread, scalable wildlife monitoring.

#### August 2021

Field Work

Mara Elephant Project, Mara North Conservancy, Kenya Deploying ElephantBook

Trained a team of four rangers to use ElephantBook, our Al-assisted long-term elephant monitoring system, to collect daily elephant sightings in the field.

#### January 2020

Field Work

Mpala Research Center, Laikipia, Kenya

Placing and managing a network of 100 camera traps

Planned, budgeted, raised funds (\$25K), and executed field-based ecological data collection. This data will be used to investigate bias in camera trap placement and visual re-identification accuracy vs human ground truth (from the Great Grevy's Rally 2020).

#### Summer 2018

Research Intern

Microsoft Research & AI for Earth, Seattle, WA

Computer Vision and Generalization

As one of Microsoft AI for Earth's first interns, I jump-started their camera trap workflow and built and open-sourced the MegaDetector, a globally-generalizeable class-agnostic animal detector for camera trap data. We also investigated the use of synthetic data to improve generalization for rare classes, leading to publications at BiodiversityNext 2019, DMAIC at KDD 2019, WACV 2020, and a journal paper in ME&E in January 2021.

#### June 2013 to

Research Assistant

June 2016

Seattle University, Seattle, WA

Image Processing and Computer Vision

Collaborated with Dr. Agnieszka Miguel on novel Al-based methods to identify snow leopards within sets of camera trap photos. Publication selected as an Oral at IEEE ICIP 2016

#### Summer 2016

Summer Research Internship

MIT Lincoln Laboratory, Boston, MA

Advanced Undersea Systems and Tecnology

Worked on implementation of a sonar-based biomimetic ocean floor search procedure for UAVs. Results published in the 2016 Journal of the Accoustical Society of America

#### Summer 2015

Machine Automation Engineering Co-Op

John Deere Intelligent Solutions Group, Des Moines, IA

Computer Vision-based Machine Automation

Developed two new systems for vision-based automation using computational geometry and motion tracking. Managed both projects: designed the algorithms and systems, coordinated camera and computing hardware, ordered prototype parts, scheduled testing time in the field, verified the algorithm to 12mm using a Total Station. Patent awarded as Primary Inventor.

#### Summer 2014

Electronic Hardware Design Intern

John Deere Electronic Solutions, Fargo, ND

Electronic Hardware Design

Supported the Field Connect Wireless verification process through RF and battery testing.

# Datasets, Models, and Competitions

June 2021

iNat 2021 and NeWT

iNat 2021 contains 2.7M images of 10,000 species collected from the iNaturalist community science platform. NeWT is a suite of challenging natural world binary classification tasks that go beyond standard species classification, such as age, sex, and counts. These two datasets allow us to explore questions related to large-scale representation and transfer learning in the context of fine-grained categories.

June 2021

The iWildCam 2021 Competition

Fourth iWildCam competition, focused on counting individuals of 786 different species across sequences of imagery in novel camera trap deployments from 11 countries, with multi-modal data from iNaturalist and paired satellite imagery.

December 2020

WILDS

Open sourced domain adaptation benchmark dataset, captures real-world distribution shifts across diverse applications including camera trap imagery.

June 2020

Context R-CNN

Open sourced object detection architecture released in the Tensorflow Object Detection API, uses attention to aggregate information across long time horizons.

June 2019

The iWildCam 2020 Competition

Third iWildCam competition, focused on classification of 786 different species in novel camera trap deployments from 11 countries, with multi-modal data from iNaturalist and paired satellite imagery.

June 2019

The iWildCam 2019 Competition

Second iWildCam competition, focused on open-set classification of species in camera trap images in Idaho, with training data from camera traps in the American Southwest and multi-modal data from iNaturalist and Microsoft AirSim.

January 2019

The MegaDetector (v1-v5)

Open sourced models trained to detect animals, humans, and vehicles in camera trap data released in the Microsoft AI for Earth CameraTrap GitHub repository and used in the data processing workflows of over 30 conservation organizations globally.

August 2018

The Caltech Camera Traps Dataset

Publicly released camera trap dataset covering locations and species from the American Southwest with species and bounding box labels, curated from data provided by the USGS and NPS and hosted on LILA.science.

June 2018

The iWildCam 2018 Competition

First iWildCam competition, focused on classifying animal/blank images in novel camera trap deployments.

#### Selected Media

Leveraging Temporal Context for Object Detection, Google Al Blog, June 2020

CNNs Catch Animals in the Wild, Communications of the ACM, April 2020

The Big Picture, Caltech Breakthrough Campaign, November 2018

Internships Ahoy! with Kirsten Bray, Wei Dai and Sara Beery, Microsoft Research Podcast, September 2018

# Academic Service

June 2021 | Co-organizer and Competition Chair

The 8th Fine-Grained Visual Categorization Workshop

CVPR 2021, Nashville, TN

September 2020 to

Present

Community of Practice Co-Leader

Remote Sensing/Machine Learning for Wildlife Surveys

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Branch of Migratory Bird Surveys

March 2020 to

Steering Committee Member

Present | Resnick Sustainability Institute Quantitative Ecology Initiative

Caltech, Pasadena, CA

March 2020 | Co-organizer

Al for Animal Re-ID Workshop WACV 2020, Aspen, CO

February 2020 | Co-organizer

Visipedia Research Group Yearly Meeting

New York, NY

June 2019 | Organizing Committee Member

Seventh Fine Grained Visual Categorization Workshop

CVPR 2020, Virtual

November 2019 | Organizing Committee Member

Camera Trap Technology Symposium

Mountain View, CA

June 2019 | Organizing Committee Member

Sixth Fine Grained Visual Categorization Workshop

CVPR 2019, Salt Lake City, Utah

February 2019 | Co-organizer

Visipedia Research Group Yearly Meeting

San Diego, CA

June 2018 | Organizing Committee Member

Fifth Fine Grained Visual Categorization Workshop

CVPR 2018, Long Beach, CA

February 2018 | Co-organizer

Visipedia Research Group Yearly Meeting

Pasadena, CA

# **Program Committees**

DistShift Workshop, NeurIPS 2021

Fine Grained Visual Categorization Workshop, CVPR 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

CV4Animals Workshop, CVPR 2021

EarthVision: Large Scale Computer Vision for Remote Sensing Imagery, CVPR 2021

Webly-Supervised Fine-Grained Workshop, ACCV 2020

Al for Social Good Workshop, 2020, Harvard Center for Research on Computation and Society

Emerging Track on AI for Social Impact, AAAI 2020

Computer Vision for Wildlife Conservation Workshop, ICCV 2019

Data Mining and AI for Conservation Workshop, KDD 2019

Al for Wildlife Conservation Workshop, IJCAI 2018

# Editing and Grant Reviews

Guest Member of the Editorial Board for the AI for Sustainability Special Issue of IEEE Latin America Transactions

Guest Subject Matter Editor for Ecological Applications

Meta-Reviewer for the Climate Change Al Innovation Grants Program

Reviewer for the Google AI for Social Good Workshop & Grants Program

# Reviewing

#### NeurlPS (Outstanding Reviewer 2021)

**ICLR** 

**ICML** 

WACV

Special Track on AI for Social Impact, AAAI

ISPRS Journal of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing

Methods in Ecology and Evolution

Journal of Mammalogy

Mammalian Biology

Ethology

Remote Sensing in Ecology and Conservation

ISPRS Journal of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing

Ecosphere

**Ecological Informatics** 

PeerJ Computer Science

European Journal of Wildlife Research

# Teaching

Summer 2022

Director

Summer School on Computer Vision Methods for Ecology

Designed and secured funding (\$402K) for an intensive, three-week program will teach applied computer vision methods to senior ecology graduate students and postdocs, to be hosted yearly at Caltech starting Summer 2022. Students will develop hands-on computer vision systems to help answer their own ecological research questions, using their own data.

Spring 2021

Co-Instructor

Caltech EE 148

Advanced Topics in Computer Vision: Conservation and Sustainability

Co-designed and led a course in computer vision with a focus on building solutions to real-world problems in conservation and sustainability

October 2020

Invited Lecture

Georgia Tech VIP-4601 VVS

HumaniTech

"Towards global-scale biodiversity monitoring: scaling geospatial and taxonomic coverage"

October 2020

Invited Lecture

Georgia Tech VIP-4601 VWE

GaTech4Wildlife

"Towards global-scale biodiversity monitoring: scaling geospatial and taxonomic coverage"

October 2020

Invited Tutorial

CompSust Doctoral Consortium

"Building models for static sensors: the good, the bad, and the ugly"

April 2020

Invited Tutorial

WILDLABS Tech Tutor Talk Series

"How do I get started using machine learning for my camera traps?"

April 2020

Invited Lecture

Caltech EE/CNS/CS 148

Advanced Topics in Computational Vision

"Computer Vision for Conservation"

Winter 2015

Teaching Assistant

Seattle University ECEGR 3000

Introduction to Matlab

Teaching and Tutoring Introductory Coding

Spring 2014

Facilitated Study Group Coordinator

Seattle University Mathematics Dept., Seattle, WA Led a once-weekly study group and ran oral exam reviews.

Winter 2014 to

Learning Assistant

Spring 2015

Seattle University Math Lab and Learning Commons, Seattle, WA

Drop-in mathematics and physics tutor for subjects through differential equations

Fall 2012 to

STEM Teaching Assistant

Winter 2014

University Tutors for Seattle Schools, Seattle, WA

Classroom assistant and one-on-one tutor at a low-income public middle school. Focused on inspiring ELL and special needs students to succeed in STEM.

# Leadership, Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity

Leadership, Diversity, inclusion, and Equity	
October 2020 to	Member
Present	Caltech CMS DEI Steering Committee, Pasadena, CA
June 2020	Co-Lead and Organizer Caltech CMS Town Hall on Removing Racism in Academia, Pasadena, CA
January 2019 to Present	Member Caltech Women's Engagement Board, Pasadena, CA
January 2017 to Present	Founder and Chair Caltech Graduate Women in CMS, Pasadena, CA
January 2017 to Present	Member Caltech EAS Division Graduate Council, Pasadena, CA
January 2017 to Present	Member Caltech CMS Department Graduate Council, Pasadena, CA
June 2015 to June 2016	Regional Collegiate Communications Editor SWE Region J, Seattle, WA
June 2015 to June 2016	Chapter President Alpha Sigma Nu, Seattle, WA Jesuit Honors Society for Scholarship and Service
June 2015 to June 2016	Vice President SWE Seattle University Section, Seattle, WA
June 2013 to   June 2014	President IEEE Seattle University Branch, Seattle, WA
June 2013 to 2014	SWE Future Leader SWE Seattle University Section, Seattle, WA
June 2013 to   June 2014	Outreach Coordinator SWE Seattle University Section, Seattle, WA
September 2012 to June 2014	Student Advisory Board Member Seattle University, Seattle, WA
September 2012 to June 2013	Fundraising Chair SWE Seattle University Section, Seattle, WA

# Professional Dance

July 2010 to September 2012 Company Dancer and Assistant Rehearsal Director

Armitage Gone! Dance, New York, NY

Contemporary Choreography and Investigation

Toured internationally as part of an 11-person company. Performed throughout the USA, as well as in Italy, Germany, and the U.K. Directed rehearsals with 16 Italian dancers in preparation for a performance in Milan, working to communicate through language and cultural barriers.

June 2009 to September 2009 Original Workshop Dancer gloATL, Atlanta,GA

Contemporary Improvization

Explored dance as a performance art in public spaces with this ground-braking Atlanta-based contemporary company.

June 2007 to July 2010 Professional Dancer Atlanta Ballet, Atlanta,GA

Classical Ballet, Contemporary Choregraphy

Performed and trained with the Atlanta Ballet, taking featured roles such as the Evil Queen in *Snow White*, The Widow in *Dracula*, Princess in *Swan Lake*, and Navigator in *Mozart's Magic Flute*. Originated roles in Victor Quihahda's *Impending Savour Assessment*, John McFall's *Cinderella* and *The Nutcracker*, and Lauri Stalling's *big*. Toured to Monterrey, Mexico to perform *Swan Lake*.

# References

#### Pietro Perona

Allen E. Puckett Professor of Electrical Engineering at Caltech Lead of the Computational Vision Lab perona@caltech.edu

#### Serge Belongie

Professor of Computer Science at the University of Copenhagen Director of the Pioneer Centre for Al s.belongie@di.ku.dk

#### Tanya Berger-Wolf

Professor of Computer Science Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering, as well as Evolution, Ecology, and Organismal Biology at the Ohio State University Director of the Translational Data Analytics Institute berger-wolf. 1@osu.edu

#### Jonathan Huang

Research Scientist, Google Research Lead of Object Detection Team jonathanhuang@google.com

#### **Devis Tuia**

Associate Professor, EPFL ENAC Lead of the Environmental Computational Science and Earth Observation Laboratory (ECEO) devis.tuia@epfl.ch

#### **Dan Morris**

Principal Scientist and Lead, Microsoft AI for Earth and the Microsoft Planetary Computer dan@microsoft.com

#### Jake Wall

Director of Research and Conservation at the Mara Elephant Project jake@maraelephantproject.org