## **Keshav Bimbraw**

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#### **EDUCATION**

#### Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, MA

Ph. D. Candidate in Robotics Engineering (Medical FUSION Lab)

Aug '20 - May '25

Concentration - Medical Robotics, Deep Learning, Ultrasound Image Processing, & Human-Machine Interfacing

4.00/4.00 GPA

#### Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA

M. S. with Robotics Focus (Music Technology, Computer Software & Media Applications)

Aug '17 – May '19

Concentration - Human Augmentation, Medical Robotics & Robotic Musicianship

3.56/4.00 GPA

#### Thapar University, Patiala, India

B. E. in Mechatronics Engineering (Research Intern - IIT Delhi, Jan – Jul '16)

July '13 – June '17

Concentration - Robotics & Mechatronics

4.00/4.00 GPA (8.34 CGPA)

#### **EXPERIENCE**

**OnPoint Surgical** 

Concord, MA

## Software Engineer, Machine Learning

Oct '24 - now

• Leading AI efforts at OnPoint Surgical, developing solutions for classification, segmentation, and registration in MRI, CT, and XR.

#### Mitsubishi Electric Research Laboratories

### Research Intern (Connected Interfaces Group, Mentor: Toshiaki Koike-Akino)

May '23 - Aug '23; June '24 - Aug '24

- Worked on exciting research directions focusing on Generative AI and Vision Language Models (VLMs) like GPT-40. Paper.
- Designed pipelines for multi-modal biosignal data acquisition and human-machine interaction in AR/VR/XR applications.
- Incorporated adversarial regularization to bolster hand gesture classification performance in the context of domain adaptation.
- Leveraged randomized channel ablation to optimize the performance of multi-modal biosignal modalities (IEEE EMBC 2024).

## **Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI)**

Worcester, MA

March '20 - now

# Research Assistant (Medical FUSION Lab)

- Developed a novel ultrasound-based method to simultaneously estimate manipulation skill type and grasp forces from forearm muscle activity, enabling real-time, high-resolution dexterity assessment for HMI applications.
- Funded by Amazon GBTI grant for the 2023-2024 academic year to use ultrasound to estimate finger forces to improve a haptic feedback system. Demonstrated ultrasound based continuous force estimation with an error of 5% (IEEE IUS '23), Paper. Video.
- Developed an innovative mirror-based ultrasound system for gesture classification, utilizing Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and Vision Transformers (ViT), and achieving a gesture classification accuracy of 93% (SPIE Medical Imaging '24). Paper.
- Developed a data-driven hand gesture recognition pipeline for VR interfacing (Meta Quest Pro) using ultrasound data and CNNs, achieving online accuracy of 92% for 4 gestures, and a low pipeline latency of 59.48 ms. Paper. Video.
- Developed a deep learning based pipeline to predict finger angles & hand configurations from forearm ultrasound images. Achieved an error of 7.35° for finger joint angle prediction (IEEE ICRA '22). Paper. Video. Extended version published in IEEE T-MRB.
- Conceptualized a novel augmented reality based lung ultrasound scanning guidance system (MICCAI ASMUS '20). Paper. Video.
- Established the real-time ultrasound data acquisition software framework for a tele-operative low-cost lung ultrasound robot. Paper.

#### Nokia Bell Labs

New Providence, NJ

## Augmented Human Sensing Co-Op (Data and Devices Group, AI Research Lab)

June '22 - Dec '22

- Designed low-latency biosignal based pipelines (sEMG, IMU) to estimate bodily motion for Human-Machine Interaction. Video.
- Submitted and presented a paper (IEEE SII 2023) and multiple invention reports. Offered a Co-Op extension, which was accepted.
- Developed demonstrations for biosignal-based remote multi-sensor real-time shared-autonomy industrial robotic applications.
- Investigated multi-channel sEMG based hand movement classification for robotic control using deep learning (MLP, CNN).
- Utilized transfer learning for improving performance of sEMG based hand configuration classification from 91% to 96%.

#### Agile Resources Inc.

Alpharetta/Peachtree City, GA

## Audio DSP Engineer (Panasonic Automotive Systems of America)

Oct '19 - March '20

• Developed Qualcomm's Hexagon SDK for audio applications in Eclipse on Android framework development.

#### **Bose Corporation**

Stow, MA

## **Active Noise Control Engineering Intern (Automotive Systems Division)**

May '19 - Oct '19

- Designed sound synthesis framework for electric vehicles and implemented processor-optimized signal processing algorithms.
- Devised a physical car sound simulation system using Logitech pedals to evaluate models and reduce testing time.

## Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech) Research Assistant (Robotic Musicianship Lab)

Atlanta, GA Aug '17 - May '19

- Led the ML based ultrasound gesture classification project from Aug '18 May '19. Robot and code featured in The Age of A.I.
- Investigated a combination of Ultrasound & EMG data using supervised learning algorithms to enhance assistive robot control.
- Created an ultrasound in the loop tendon-based wearable exoskeleton for upper extremity rehabilitation of stroke survivors. Link.
- Taught Computer-Aided Design (CAD), Fusion 360, 3D printing, and Mechatronics for Project Studio Course. Link, Link.

## IIT Delhi Research Intern (Autonomous Robotics Lab)

New Delhi, India

- Jan '16 Aug '16
- Conceptualized and programmed the system framework for two KUKA KR-5 robotic arms to collaboratively play a guitar. Link. • Improved performance of a 6 DOF motion platform at Simulator Development Division, Secunderabad, India. Link.
- Developed a teach pendant and a control module to control virtual robots in RoboAnalyzer software. Link.

#### **SKILLS**

**Software Skills** 3D Design/3D printing **Electrical/Electronic skills Programming Frameworks**  Python, TensorFlow, PyTorch, ROS, Linux, NumPy, MATLAB, OpenCV, C++ SolidWorks, Autodesk Inventor, Autodesk Fusion 360, Unity, TinkerCAD, Cura Arduino, Raspberry Pi, Motors, Actuators, Hardware & software interfacing Shell Scripting, Git, Visual Studio Code, PyCharm, Version Control, AWS Cloud

#### RECENT ACADEMIC PROJECTS

Analyzing the performance of a cart pole system for different parameters for RL (WPI, Artificial Intelligence)

Spring '23

- Analyzed an RL framework in OpenAI Gym to evaluate cart-pole stability under varying parameters using DQN & Q-learning.
- Comparing low & high-dimensional forearm ultrasound-based hand state classification (WPI, Machine Learning)
- Investigated the feasibility of using image compression techniques for extracting the latent structure of ultrasound images. Link.
- Designed a real-time ML pipeline for training and testing models for hand motion classification based on forearm ultrasound.

#### **LEADERSHIP**

- Mentored high school & undergraduate students towards ongoing projects through MLSC, MQP & REU (WPI), & VIP (GT).
- Senator and representative of the Robotics Department for the Graduate Student Government for academic year '21 '22.

#### SELECTED HONORS & AWARDS (Full list: CV)

• Won PhD Backlin Scholarship to cover tuition and health insurance throug	sh WPI. Sept. '24	
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May '24 • Won IEEE EMBC NextGen Scholar Award. • Funded through Amazon Robotics GBTI Award for the 2023-2024 academic year (Tuition support & yearly award) August '23

• Selected for the 2021B cohort of Google Research's CSRMP. The first person at WPI to have ever been selected. Sept. '21

• Awarded PhD positions at WPI & Georgia Tech. Accepted the WPI offer. (Tuition support & \$31824 yearly award). March '20

• Scholarship to pursue master's at Georgia Tech (Tuition support & \$14100 yearly award). August '17

• Awarded merit scholarships and grants totaling INR 336,000 at Thapar University.

June '17

#### SELECTED FIRST-AUTHOR PUBLICATIONS (Full list: CV)

- [1] Bimbraw, K., Steines, D. (2025, May). Tranfer Learning and Quantization for Efficient AP vs. LA X-Ray View Classification on an Edge Device. In MIDL. Paper. [2] Bimbraw, K., Wang, Y., Liu, J., & Koike-Akino, T. (2024, July). GPT Sonograpy: Hand Gesture Decoding from Forearm Ultrasound Images via VLM.
- In arXiv:2407.10870. Paper.
- [3] Bimbraw, K., Zhang, H. K., & Islam, B. (2024, September). Forearm Ultrasound based Gesture Recognition on Edge. In IEEE-EMBS BSN 2024. Paper.
- [4] Bimbraw, K., Liu, J., Wang, Y., & Koike-Akino, T. (2024, July). Random Channel Ablation for Robust Hand Gesture Classification with Multimodal Biosignals. In 2024 IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Conference (EMBC) (pp. 1-6). IEEE. Paper.
- [5] Bimbraw, K., & Zhang, H. K. (2024, April). Mirror-based Ultrasound System for Exploring Hand Gesture Classification through Convolutional Neural Network and Vision Transformer. In Medical Imaging 2024 (Vol. 12932, pp. 218-222). SPIE. Paper and Video.
- [6] Bimbraw, K., Rothenberg, J., & Zhang, H. K. (2023, October). Leveraging Ultrasound Sensing for Virtual Object Manipulation in Immersive Environments. In IEEE-EMBS International Conference on Body Sensor Networks 2023. Paper. Video.
- [7] Bimbraw, K., & Zhang, H. K. (2023, September). Estimating Force Exerted by the Fingers Based on Forearm Ultrasound. In IEEE IUS. Paper. Video.
- [8] Bimbraw, K., Bimbraw, K., & Zheng, M. (2023, January). Towards The Development of a Low-Latency, Biosignal-Controlled Human-Machine Interaction System. In 2023 IEEE/SICE International Symposium on System Integration (SII) (pp. 1-7). IEEE. Paper. Video.
- [9] Bimbraw, K., Nycz, C. J., Schueler, M. J., Zhang, Z., & Zhang, H. K. (2022, May). Prediction of Metacarpophalangeal joint angles & Classification of Hand configurations based on Ultrasound Imaging of the Forearm. In: IEEE ICRA (pp. 91-97). IEEE. Paper. Video. Journal: IEEE Transactions on Medical Robotics & Bionics. [10] Bimbraw, K., Ma, X., Zhang, Z., Zhang, H. (2020). Augmented Reality-Based Lung Ultrasound Scanning Guidance. In: ASMUS 2020. Paper Link. Video.