

#### ROBOTICIST · ELECTRICAL ENGINEER

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#### **Education**

**Carnegie Mellon University** 

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

M.S. IN ROBOTICS

August 2019 - Present

**Brigham Young University** 

Provo, Utah

B.S. IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

August 2015 - April 2019

- Graduated summa cum laude (4.0 GPA)
- · Emphasis in Signals and Systems

# **Academic Employment**

#### **DOE Delivery Energy Productivity Project**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

August 2019 - Present

- Creating a neural network to select motion primitives for a UAV to fly in windy urban environments
- Building and validating an energy model for autonomous unmanned ground vehicles
- · Developing a path-planning algorithm which factors in risk, energy consumption, and wind

#### **UAV Gesture Commands Project**

Provo, Utah

RESEARCH ASSISTANT September 2018 - April 2019

- Designed and trained a model to classify ten gestures using accelerator and gyroscope measurements with an accuracy of 95%.
- Presented the research at the ICUAS 2019 conference
- Designed and tested intuitive gestures and behaviors for natural directing of a fleet of UAVs
- Submitted article to the Journal of Intelligent & Robotics Systems

Utah Underwater Robotics Provo, Utah

Executive Director January 2016 - April 2019

- Directed a statewide STEM outreach program, impacting over 800 K-12 students annually
- Designed and organized the annual competition
- Worked closely with local companies to fund and promote the program

Multi-Mission Project Provo, Utah

RESEARCH ASSISTANT March 2017 - April 2019

- Developed a search algorithm for cooperating UAVs which maximizes area knowledge and the number of tracked targets using Gaussian process regressions
- Presented the research at the ICUAS 2018 conference
- Implemented a Gaussian Mixture Model-based Kalman filter for more accurate target tracking with heterogeneous sensors

BYU Mathematics Provo, Utah

TEACHER ASSISTANT

August 2015 - December 2015

- Taught lectures on calculus twice per week
- Graded assignments and held office hours for all math sections where I taught one-on-one and in small groups to help students master the subject

# **Professional Employment\_**

Near Earth Autonomy
ROBOTICS ENGINEERING INTERN

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

May 2019 - August 2019

Scalar Analytics

Sandy, Utah

SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT INTER

June 2016 - July 2016

- Worked directly with the director of operations in building a new and efficient customer relationship management program
- Created scripts to automate the workflow of employees, saving hours of time each day

**DECEMBER 10, 2019** 

#### **Publications**

John Akagi, Brady G. Moon, Xingguang Chen, Cameron K. Peterson, "Gesture Commands for Controlling High-Level UAV Behavior," 2019 International Conference on Unmanned Aircraft Systems.

Brady G. Moon, Cameron K. Peterson, "Learned Search Parameters For Cooperating Vehicles using Gaussian Process Regressions," 2018 International Conference on Unmanned Aircraft Systems.

John Akagi, Timothy Devon Morris, Brady G. Moon, Xingguang Chen, Cameron K. Peterson, "Gesture Commands for Controlling High-Level UAV Behavior," Journal of Intelligent & Robotic Systems (Submitted To).

# Volunteer and Leadership Experience

Sandy, Utah

VICE PRESIDENT January 2018 - June 2019

- Founded an educational toy start-up as part of a selective interdisciplinary fellowship program
- · Product successfully funded on Kickstarter
- Won 3 business model and design competitions
- · Mentored by industry leaders from Microsoft, Tinder, and Chrysler

Self-Help Homes Provo, Utah

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** August 2015 - April 2019

- · Directed and instructed up to 70 volunteers weekly in assisting low-income families build their own homes
- Personally helped construct over 50 homes

**IEEE and BYU Mechatronics** Provo. Utah

CLUB PRESIDENCIES

- January 2017 April 2019 · Led as vice chair in IEEE and vice president in the BYU Mechatronics club
- Designed and planned projects to help students further their knowledge and skills, such as maze-solving robots, Bluetooth RC cars, binary clocks, and ROVs

# Scholarships & Grants\_

- NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, Three-year stipend and educational allowance 2019
- Warren Rollins and Murdell Hull Scholarship, Received for graduating from BYU with a 4.0 GPA 2019
- 2018 NSF Research Experiences for Undergraduates Supplement, Supplemental funding for work on cooperative control of UAVs
- 2018 Crocker Innovation Fellowship, Year-long interdisciplinary innovation experience and fellowship stipend
- Tau Beta Pi Scholarship, For academic achievement, extracurricular activity, and high potential for contributions in engineering 2018
- 2018 Edwin S. Hinckley Scholarship, Two semesters tuition and stipend for exemplary service contributions and academic standards
- BYU ORCA Research Grant, Research grant awarded to build a gesture controller for UAVs 2017
- Sallie Mae Bank Scholarship (2x), Twice received this \$5000 scholarship from Sallie Mae Bank for excellence in engineering 2017
- 2013 Heritage Scholarship, Eight semester full tuition scholarship through Brigham Young University
- Nordstrom Scholar, National four-year scholarship and was one of 40 selected out of 12,000 applicants 2012

#### **Honors & Awards**

- 2019 Summa Cum Laude, Brigham Young University
- 2019 President's Volunteer Service Award (4x), National recognition for 150-250 hours of volunteer service each year
- 1st Place Miller Business Model Competition, \$5000 prize for Kiri, the screenless smart toy, and also won Crowd Favorite 2019
- 1st Place BYU Social Venture Academy Best Product, \$2000 prize for Kiri 2019
- 2019 1st Place BYU Department of Technology IoT Competition, \$500 prize for Kiri
- 2019 2nd Place Opportunity Quest Business Model Competition, \$2000 prize for Kiri
- 3rd Place BYU Student Innovator of the Year, \$2000 prize for Kiri 2019
- Gold Medal Congressional Award, National award for public service, personal development, physical fitness, and exploration 2018
- Goldwater Honorable Mention, Scholarship aiming to Identify "this Nation's next generation of research leaders" 2018
- 2008 Eagle Scout, Highest achievement in the Boy Scouts of America

### Technical Skills

Programming C++, C, Python, Matlab, Latex **Technologies** ROS, Gazebo, Git, Pytorch, OpenCV

### **Projects**

**AUVSI Student Unmanned Aerial Systems Competition** Developed a robust RRT path planner for the AUVSI SUAS competition. This planner avoided obstacles while minimizing the waypoint capture error through ensuring long straight paths through waypoints. Also fabricated and repaired many fixed-wing UAVs, created an image distortion correction program for letter and shape recognition, and many other tasks over the three years on the team.

**Autopilot Implementation** Implemented the autopilot from *Small Unmanned Aircraft: Theory and Practice* in Python. This includes an implementation of the controller, estimator, path planner, and path manager.

# **Society Memberships**

Tau Beta Pi IEEE-Eta Kappa Nu Golden Key International Honors Society

#### **Extracurricular Activities**

**BYU Mechatronics Club** Vice President, reinstated the club, planned and carried many mechatronics projects

**BYU Triathlon Club** 6:00 AM workouts and competing in triathlons

**BYU Irish Band** Pianist, performed for many events

**IEEE BYU Student Branch**Vice Chair, coordinated many electronics projects, connected students with recruitment opportunities **ACM BYU Chapter**Participated in many coding competitions and hackathons, winning 1st place in one competition

Y-Serve Service in various groups such to build homes, play with children, and assist refugess

A Cappella Joined a group called "In Tune", recorded multiple albums, and performed in four venues

Photography & Videography Various hired and self-motivated projects, toured across Europe with a BYU dance team as media specialist