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EDUCATION

Present Sept. 2023	Masters of Science - Thesis, SCHOOL OF COMPUTER SCIENCE, MCGILL UNIVERSITY, Montréal, Canada Degree : Computer Science Thesis Topic : Tactile Sensing and Foundation Models for Robot Manipulation. Supervisor : Gregory Dudek CGPA : 4.00/4.00
May 2023 Sept. 2019	Bachelor of Science, SCHOOL OF COMPUTER SCIENCE, MCGILL UNIVERSITY, Montréal, Canada Degree : Honours Computer Science & Biology, Minor in Statistics CGPA : 3.79/4.00

WORK EXPERIENCE

May 2025 Sept. 2024	Teaching Assistant, MCGILL UNIVERSITY, Montréal, Canada <ul style="list-style-type: none">TA for COMP462 & COMP561, Computational Biology Methods and COMP421, Database SystemTA for COMP421, Database System
Aug. 2023 May 2022	Research Intern, SAMSUNG AI CENTRE, Montréal, Canada <ul style="list-style-type: none">Multimodal tactile sensors (working on software and hardware)Human-Robot InteractionZero-shot transfer in reinforcement learning using hypernetworksContact shape estimation using visual-tactile sensors
Aug. 2021 Sept. 2020	Research Assistant, MCGILL UNIVERSITY, Montréal, Canada <ul style="list-style-type: none">Volunteer research position in Joseph Vybihal's lab at McGill UniversityNeural network classification with limited training data and Research on image inpainting

PUBLICATIONS

- 2025 Abyaneh, A., **Morissette, C.**, Danesh, M., Houssaini, A., Meger, D., Dudek, G. and Lin, H. 2025. "Contractive diffusion policies : Robust action diffusion via contractive sampling with differential equations." *In Review at International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) 2026.*
- 2025 Wen, S., Meriaux, E., Guzmán, MS., **Morissette, C.**, Si, C., Baghi, B. and Dudek, G., "Scalable Aerial GNSS Localization for Marine Robots". *In IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), Robots in the Wild Workshop 2025.*
- 2024 Jilani, A., Hogan, F.R., **Morissette, C.**, Dudek, G., Jenkin, M. and Siddiqi, K. 2024. "Visual-Tactile Inference of 2.5D Object Shape from Marker Texture". *In IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters, presented at ICRA 2025.*
- 2023 Rezaei-Shoshtari, S., **Morissette, C.**, Hogan, F.R., Dudek, G. and Meger, D., 2023. "Hypernetworks for Zero-shot Transfer in Reinforcement Learning". *In Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (Vol. 37).*
- 2022 **Morissette, C.**, Baghi, B.H., Hogan, F.R. and Dudek, G., 2022. "A Study of Human-Robot Handover through Human-Human Object Transfer". *In Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems, Human in the Loop Learning (HiLL) Workshop (NeurIPS) 2022.*

PATENTS

- 2024 Jilani, A., Hogan, F.R., **Morissette, C.**, Dudek, G., Jenkin, M. and Siddiqi, K. "Optical tactile sensor and method for estimating shape from touch". United States Patent US 18,378,447. United States Patent and Trademark Office. 19 Sept. 2024
- 2024 Rezaei-Shoshtari, S., **Morissette, C.**, Hogan, F.R., Dudek, G. and Meger, D. "Hypernetworks for Zero-shot Transfer in Reinforcement Learning". United States Patent US 18,385,696. United States Patent and Trademark Office. 20 Juin. 2024

SELECT HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2024 –Present Fonds de Recherche du Quebec - Nature et Technologies (FRQ-NT) Award.
- 2023 AAAI-23 Student Scholarship
- 2020 –2021 Faculty Of Science Scholarships, Top 5% of the Faculty

SKILLS

Programming	Python, Java, C++, C, C#, MATLAB
Machine Learning Frameworks	PyTorch, TensorFlow
Platforms	ROS, Docker
Robotic Software	Mujoco, Bullet, MoveIt, OpenCV
Other Software	onShape, \LaTeX






RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Robotics
- Haptics/Manipulation/Tactile Sensing
- Human-Robot Interactions
- Representation Learning
- Reinforcement Learning
- Robot Learning
- Foundation Models for Robot Learning
- Biomechanics

RELEVANT COURSES

COMP 514 - Applied Robotics, McGill
COMP 550 - Natural Language Processing, McGill
COMP 551 - Applied Machine Learning, McGill
COMP 558 - Fundamentals of Computer Vision, McGill
Coursera - Neural Networks & Deep Learning, Coursera
COMP 765 - Intelligent Robotics, McGill
COMP 417 - Robotics and Intelligent Systems, McGill
COMP 424 - Artificial Intelligence, McGill
IFT 6135B - Representation Learning, UdeM

SELECT PROJECTS

- MODALITY FUSION FOR VLA MODELS** 2025
- > Collaboration with NVIDIA Research.
 - > Developed a tactile-augmented VLA model.
 - > Examined application of pre-trained tactile representation.
- VISUAL-TACTILE INFERENCE OF 2.5D OBJECT SHAPE FROM MARKER TEXTURE** 2024
-  Paper
- > Developed a contact shape estimation approach for visual-tactile sensors.
 - > Created a 2.5D Shape from Marker Texture algorithm
- HYPERZERO** 2023
-  Paper  SAIC-MONTREAL/hyperzero
- > Developed a framework that allows for approximating RL solutions by learning the mapping between the MDP specifics and the near-optimal policy.
 - > Created the method HyperZero using hypernetworks for zero-shot transfer.
- CONTEXTUAL CONTROL SUITE** 2023
-  SAIC-MONTREAL/contextual-dm-control
- > Built upon DeepMind control suite & allowed dynamics/rewards changes
- A STUDY OF HUMAN-ROBOT HANDOVER THROUGH HUMAN-HUMAN OBJECT TRANSFER** 2022
-  Paper
- > Investigated changes in handover behaviour when transferring hazardous objects.
 - > Designed and adapted a version of the See-Through-your-Skin (STS) visuotactile sensor.

LANGUAGES

French Native/First Language
English Native/First Language

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Present May 2024	Volunteer, PSSAR NETWORK : SUPPORTING STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS AT RISK, Montréal, Canada <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Match students with professors and graduate programs in Canada.> Assist with graduate school applications.
Jan. 2024 Jun. 2022	Volunteer, WOMEN IN AI & ROBOTICS, Montréal, Canada <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Core member of the Women in AI and Robotics (WAIR) group.> Helped found the WAIR Youth Group.> Organized & Participated in Robotics Hackathons.
Feb. 2023	Session Chair, AAAI CONFERENCE ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, Washington DC, USA <ul style="list-style-type: none">> Chaired two sessions on <i>ML : Deep Neural Architectures</i> during 2023 conference