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# Chris Rockwell

EDUCATION University of Michigan

Ann Arbor, MI

Ph.D. in Computer Science and Engineering

Sep. 2020 - Aug. 2025 (Expected)

• Advisors: Justin Johnson, David F. Fouhey

Master of Science, Computer Science and Engineering

Sep. 2018 - May 2020

• GPA: 4.00/4.00

• Advisors: David F. Fouhey, Jia Deng

Bachelor of Science, Economics

Sep. 2011 - May 2015

Minors in Computer Science, Mathematics

• GPA: 3.95/4.00

Interests

Computer Vision, Machine Learning

Publications

Dynamic Camera Poses and Where to Find Them

Chris Rockwell, Joseph Tung, Tsung-Yi Lin, Ming-Yu Liu, David F. Fouhey and Chen-

Hsuan Lin CVPR, 2025

**Project Page** 

FAR: Flexible, Accurate and Robust 6DoF Relative Camera Pose Estimation

Chris Rockwell, Nilesh Kulkarni, Linyi Jin, JJ Park, Justin Johnson and David F. Fouhey CVPR, 2024 (Highlight)

**Project Page** 

Scalable 3D Captioning with Pretrained Models

Tiange Luo\*, Chris Rockwell\*, Honglak Lee<sup>†</sup> and Justin Johnson<sup>†</sup>

NeurIPS (Datasets and Benchmarks Track) 2023

**Project Page** 

The 8-Point Algorithm as an Inductive Bias for Relative Pose Prediction by ViTs

Chris Rockwell, Justin Johnson and David F. Fouhey

3DV 2022

**Project Page** 

PlaneFormers: From Sparse View Planes to 3D Reconstruction

Samir Agarwala, Linyi Jin, Chris Rockwell and David F. Fouhey

 $ECCV\ 2022$ 

**Project Page** 

FWD: Real-time Novel View Synthesis with Forward Warping and Depth

Ang Cao, Chris Rockwell and Justin Johnson

**CVPR 2022** 

Project Page

Understanding 3D Object Articulation in Internet Videos

Shengyi Qian, Linyi Jin, Chris Rockwell, Siyi Chen and David F. Fouhey

CVPR 2022

**Project Page** 

PixelSynth: Generating a 3D-Consistent Experience from a Single Image

Chris Rockwell, David F. Fouhey and Justin Johnson

ICCV 2021

**Project Page** 

Full-Body Awareness from Partial Observations Chris Rockwell and David F. Fouhey ECCV 2020 Project Page

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### NVIDIA, Deep Imagination Research Group

Santa Clara, CA

Research Intern | Hosts: Chen-Hsuan Lin, Tsung-Yi Lin

Mar. 2024 - Oct. 2024

Internet Scale Camera Curation – Dynamic Camera Poses

• Curate and annotate cameras for 100K dynamic Internet videos from 3.1M diverse videos

## Meta Reality Labs, Computational Photography Research

Seattle, WA

Research Scientist Intern | Hosts: Hung-Yu Tseng, Jia-Bin Huang May 2022 - Dec. 2022

Novel View Synthesis

• Produce lightweight radiance field conditioned upon a single image

### Michigan Vision Lab

Ann Arbor, MI

Graduate Research Assistant | Advisor: Justin Johnson

May 2020 - Present

Internet Scale 3D-Text Modeling - Scalable 3D Captioning

• Apply powerful VLM pipeline to caption 660K 3D assets, finetune text-to-3D models

Novel View Synthesis

- PixelSynth: Introduce powerful generative model, enabling 3D-consistent extrapolation
- FWD: Real-time NVS using pointcloud and transformer; predecessor to 3DGS

Fouhey AI Lab Ann Arbor, MI

Graduate Research Assistant | Advisor: David F. Fouhey

May 2019 - Present

Relative Camera Pose Estimation

- 8-Point ViT: Include 8-Point machinery in ViT block to improve relative pose estimation
- FAR: Fuse correspondence and learning-based pipeline, yielding best-of-both estimates

3D Reconstruction – PlaneFormers

• Introduce transformer to learn to refine planar reconstruction

3D Object Articulation – Understanding 3D Object Articulation

- Collect rich dataset of people articulating objects and learn axes of object articulation
- 3D Human Pose Estimation Full-Body Awareness
- Propose self-training method to substantially improve human pose on internet video

#### Princeton Vision and Learning Lab

Princeton, NJ

Graduate Research Assistant | Advisor: Jia Deng

May 2018 - May 2019

2D Human Pose Estimation

- $\bullet$  Add bottleneck-to-attention module to improve  $Stacked\ Hourglass$  accuracy 0.7% Meta-Learning
- Improve finetune model to within 0.1 avg. rank of meta-learning baseline on Meta-Dataset

### Strategic Reasoning Group

Ann Arbor, MI

Undergraduate Research Assistant | Advisor: Michael P. Wellman May 2013 - Jul. 2013

Agent-based simulation of High-Frequency Trading and Latency Arbitrage

• Model trading agents with varying speeds to measure effects of latency arbitrage

SERVICE

Reviewer: CVPR (2023 Outstanding Reviewer), NeurIPS (2023 Top Reviewer), ICCV, ECCV, 3DV, ICLR, ICML, TPAMI

AI4ALL Project Instructor: lead vision project for nine underrepresented high-schoolers AI4ALL Curriculum Advisory Board Member: contributed to national curriculum Technical Mentor: mentored five students with David F. Fouhey, including one in African Undergraduate Research Adventure (AURA); mentored two BNP interns Graduate Student Advisory Committee: represented CSE students to improve experience

PROFESSIONAL

TuringSense, INC.

Santa Clara, CA

Experience Technical Consultant, Computer Vision

Feb. 2021 - Apr. 2021

• Suggested and implemented improvements to TuringSense home yoga product

Citadel, LLC.

New York, NY

Trader, Global Fixed Income

Apr. 2017 - Oct. 2017

• Designed, implemented and executed trading strategies to enhance team's portfolio

**BNP** Paribas

New York, NY

Interest Rates and FX Structuring Analyst

Jul. 2015 - Mar. 2017

• Created systematic hedging strategies and priced bespoke options for institutional clients