

# Dominic Roberts



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## EDUCATION

- Jan. 2016 – present      **Computer Science PhD Candidate, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL.**
- Collaborators: Prof. David Forsyth, Prof. Mani Golparvar-Fard.
  - Thesis topic: Vision-based productivity monitoring of agents operating in built environments.
  - Overall GPA: 3.97/4.00
- Sep. 2011 – Aug. 2015      **MSc in Applied Mathematics, Université de Lille 1, Lille, France, and MSc in Engineering with specialization in Machine Learning/Data Science, Ecole Centrale de Lille, Lille, France.**
- Sep. 2009 – Aug. 2011      **Undergraduate-level math & theoretical physics classes, Lycée Louis Le Grand, Paris, France.**

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research focus is on computer vision and its applications to construction management, particularly in the area of activity analysis of construction resources. Ongoing projects include

- action segmentation methods that are informed by 2D pose
- semantic segmentation of scenes depicting built environments

## PUBLICATIONS

- (journal submission under review)      **Synthesizing pose sequences from 3D assets for vision-based activity analysis**  
Wilfredo Torres Calderon, *Dominic Roberts*, Mani Golparvar-Fard
- (journal submission under review)      **Human-object interaction recognition for automatic construction site safety inspection**  
Shuai Tang, *Dominic Roberts*, Mani Golparvar-Fard
- Jan. 2020 (forthcoming)      **Vision-based construction worker activity analysis informed by body posture**  
*Dominic Roberts*, Shuai Tang, Wilfredo Torres Calderon, Mani Golparvar-Fard  
Journal of Computing in Civil Engineering
- Sep. 2019      **End-to-end vision-based detection, tracking and activity analysis of earthmoving equipment filmed at ground level**  
*Dominic Roberts*, Mani Golparvar-Fard  
Automation in Construction
- Jul. 2019      **An annotation tool for benchmarking methods for automated construction resource pose estimation and activity analysis**  
*Dominic Roberts*, Mingzhu Wang, Wilfredo Torres Calderon, Mani Golparvar-Fard  
2019 International Conference on Smart Infrastructure and Construction (ICSIC)
- Jun. 2019      **Annotating 2D imagery with 3D kinematically configurable assets of construction equipment for training pose-informed activity analysis and safety monitoring algorithms**  
*Dominic Roberts*, Yunpeng Wang, Ali Sabet, Mani Golparvar-Fard  
2019 ASCE International Conference on Computing in Civil Engineering

- Mar. 2018      **Vision-based construction activity analysis in long video sequences via Hidden Markov Models: experiments in earthmoving operations**  
*Dominic Roberts, Mani Golparvar-Fard, Juan Carlos Niebles, JunYoung Gwak, Ruxiao Bao:*  
 2018 Construction Research Congress (CRC)
- Jun. 2017      **Detecting and Classifying Cranes Using Camera-Equipped UAVs for Monitoring Crane-Related Safety Hazards**  
*Dominic Roberts, Mani Golparvar-Fard*  
 2017 ASCE International Workshop on Computing in Civil Engineering (IWCCE)

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

- Jun.-Aug. 2017    **Internship at AutonomouStuff, Peoria, IL**
- Implemented software capable of detecting & localizing pedestrians, cars and trucks in real time on the NVIDIA PX2
- May-Aug. 2015    **Internship at Bluefern Computing Centre, Christchurch, New Zealand.**
- Designed software facilitating development of equations modelling neurovascular coupling.
- Jan.-Jul. 2014:    **Internship at Rookiz, La Défense, France:**
- Developed and implemented new features for the website of a Kickstarter-style start-up company.

#### IT SKILL SET

- Programming languages:      *Proficiency: Python, C/C++, MATLAB*  
    *Experience with: JavaScript, Java, R, Swift*
- Deep learning frameworks:      *Proficiency: PyTorch, TensorFlow*  
    *Experience with: Caffe, MatConvNet*
- Other:                                  *GNU/Linux, Unity, Google Tango, ROS, SQL, HTML/CSS*