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#### **Education**

#### **University of Pennsylvania:** School of Engineering and Applied Sciences

Graduating May 2021

BSE in Computer and Information Science: Digital Media Design, Minor in Mathematics

**Selected Coursework:** Data Structures and Algorithms (Java), Introduction to Computer Graphics (C++/OpenGL), Physically-based Rendering (C++/OpenGL), Big Data Analytics (Python, SQL, MapReduce, Sparks), Digital Figure Modeling (Maya, ZBrush).

#### **Jack Kent Cooke Merit Scholarship Recipient**

One of the most competitive scholarships in the nation with a 1.6% acceptance rate, covering \$40k in costs annually over 4 years.

#### **Rewriting the Code Undergraduate Fellow**

Selected from thousands of applicants to participate in women-in-tech community and professional developments.

## **Experience**

# Full-stack Software Engineering Intern, CBRE Build | Seattle, WA

June 2019 - Present

- Rebuilding Extract-Transform-Load pipeline for processing real estate transactions with \$6 billion gross revenue/year, utilized in applications across 3 teams. Technologies include Python's multiprocessing, Django, PostgreSQL, ElasticSearch, Docker, AWS.
- Improving Deal IQ's UI performance by migrating frontend features from **AngularJS** to **ReactJS**.
- Used GraphQL to integrate Deal IQ data with CBRE's meta database for research and development.
- Participated in Agile development with Kaban workflow, Jira, and version control and code review via Gitlab.

# Teaching Assistant, University of Pennsylvania | Philadelphia, PA

May 2019 - Present

• Hold weekly office hours and grade exams for CIS240, computer architecture course (C, Assembly) with over 100 students enrolled per semester.

#### Research Assistant, Perelman School of Medicine | Philadelphia, PA

December 2018 - June 2019

- Created a new procedure to quickly generate binary masks for cardiac wave scans using OpenCV and MATLAB.
- Implemented a U-Net model in **Keras** and trained with **AWS GPU Instances** to segment aortic waves from overlapping waves with 82% accuracy. To be used as a plugin in a software helping physicians to efficiently analyze catheterization waveform scans.

#### Teaching Assistant, Engineering Summer Academy at Penn | Philadelphia, PA

June – July 2018

• Introduced computer graphics concepts and 3D modeling in **Maya** to 28 high school students from around the world in course taught by Dr. Mark Van Langeveld.

# **Projects**

### Monte Carto Path Tracer | A C++ and OpenGL physically-based renderer built in Qt

February 2019 - Present

- Reduced render time by over 50% with optimization techniques such as early termination with Russian Roulette.
- Increased scene complexity via homogenous particle rendering (fog), signed-distance functions, and depth of field.
- Integrated **k-d tree** data structure into photon mapper to improve efficiency while maintaining physical accuracy standards.

#### **PennCourseRec** | An nlp web application course recommender

May 2019 - Present

- Implemented **NLP** recommendation engine in **Python**, combining doc2vec and tf-idf models with sentiment analysis to return accurate results based on user's ideal course description.
- Designed and implemented data models in **Django** to store 1500 course objects in **PostgreSQL**.
- Created friendly user interface elements using **Bootstrap**, **HTML**, **CSS** and **JavaScript**.

#### **WeathAR** | Android app for visualizing weather data in AR

September 2018

- Collaborated with team of 4 to create an app to minimize human loss from weather disasters in under 48-hour timeframe.
- Programmed C# scripts to map weather data to 3D weather assets in Unity to display on mobile app.

# **Leadership and Involvements**

#### Penn Women in Computer Science | Mentor

September 2018 – Present

Mentor incoming freshman students on course selection, extracurriculars, and coursework management.

SIGGRAPH – Special Interest Group on Computer Graphics | External Relations Chair

September 2018 – Present

Plan networking events with other local chapters, organize alumni panels, run skill-sharing workshops for local UPenn chapter.

Pennaach – South Asian Fusion Dance Troupe | Dancer and Marketing Chair

September 2017 – May 2019

Facilitated the marking effort for dance shows of over 200 attendees via social media, promotional videos, and posters.