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Education

Candidate for PhD, Computer Science   *Montreal, Quebec, Canada*

McGill University / Mila   *2014-Present*

- Cumulative GPA: 4.0/4.0
- Member of Reasoning and Learning Lab

Master of Mathematics, Computer Science   *Waterloo, Ontario, Canada*

University of Waterloo   *2012-2014*

- Cumulative GPA: 91.80%
- Member of Computational Neuroscience Research Group

Bachelor of Mathematics, Honors Computer Science, Co-op, CogSci Option   *Waterloo, Ontario, Canada*

University of Waterloo   *2007-2012*

- Cumulative GPA: 88.07%
- Dean's Honors List with Distinction

Publications

Conference / Journal Articles

- **Crawford, E.**, and Pineau, J. (2020). Exploiting Spatial Invariance for Scalable Unsupervised Object Tracking. *AAAI*.

- **Crawford, E.**, and Pineau, J. (2019). Spatially Invariant Unsupervised Object Detection with Convolutional Neural Networks. *AAAI*.

- Dong, Y, Shen, Y., **Crawford, E.**, van Hoof, H., and Cheung, J.C.K. (2018). BanditSum: Extractive Summarization as a Contextual Bandit. *EMNLP*.

- Kroger, B., **Crawford, E.**, Bekolay, T., and Eliasmith, C. (2016). Modeling interactions between speech production and perception: speech error detection at semantic and phonological levels and the inner speech loop. *Frontiers in Computational Neuroscience*.

- **Crawford, E.**, Gingerich, M., and Eliasmith, C. (2015). Biologically plausible, human-scale knowledge representation. *Cognitive science*.

- **Crawford, E.**, Gingerich, M., and Eliasmith, C. (2013). Biologically plausible, human-scale knowledge representation. *Conference of the Cognitive Science Society*.

Workshops and Preprints

- **Crawford, E.**, and Pineau, J. (2020). Learning 3D Object-Oriented World Models from Unlabeled Videos. *ICML Workshop on Object-Oriented Learning.* **Oral / Honorable Mention.**

- **Crawford, E.**, and Pineau, J. (2019). Spatially Invariant, Label-free Object Detection. *NeurIPS Workshop on Perception as Generative Reasoning.*

- Venkattaramanujam, S., **Crawford, E.**, Doan, T., and Precup, D. (2019). Self-supervised Learning of Distance Functions for Goal-Conditioned Reinforcement Learning. *arXiv preprint arXiv:1907.02998.*

- **Crawford, E.**, and Pineau, J. (2018). Spatially Invariant Attend, Infer, Repeat. *NeurIPS Workshop on Modeling the Physical World.*

- **Crawford, E.**, Rabusseau, G. and Pineau, J. (2017). Sequential Coordination of Deep Models for Learning Visual Arithmetic. *arXiv preprint arXiv:1809.04988.*

- Voelker, A., **Crawford, E.**, and Eliasmith, C. (2014). Learning large-scale heteroassociative memories in spiking neurons. *Unconventional Computation and Natural Computation.*

THESES

- **Crawford, E.** (2015). Biologically plausible, human-scale knowledge representation. Master of Mathematics Thesis, University of Waterloo.

SOFTWARE

- **Crawford, E.** (2013-2015). MPI backend for the Nengo neural simulator. *https://github.com/nengo/nengo-mpi.*
- **Crawford, E.** (2010-2015). Contributions to Nengo neural simulator core library. *https://github.com/nengo/nengo.*

Awards & Scholarships

Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarship - Doctoral - $70,000 – NSERC	*2016/09-2018/08*
David R. Cheriton Graduate Scholarship - $20,000 – University of Waterloo	*2012/09-2014/08*
Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarship - Masters - $17,000 – NSERC	*2012/09-2013/08*
President's Graduate Scholarship - $10,000 – University of Waterloo	*2012/09-2013/08*
Ontario Graduate Scholarship - $15,000 (Declined) – Gov. of Ontario	*2012/09-2013/08*
Computational Neuroscience Summer Program - $4,000 – University of Pennsylvania	*2011/05-2011/07*
Undergraduate Student Research Award - $4,500 – NSERC	*2011/01-2011/04*
Undergraduate Student Research Award - $4,500 – NSERC	*2010/01-2010/04*
Industrial Undergraduate Student Research Award - $4,500 – NSERC	*2008/09-2008/12*
President's Scholarship - $2,000 – University of Waterloo	*2007/09-2007/12*

Experience

Machine Learning Consultant   *San Francisco, California, USA*
PERSONA IDENTITIES INC.   *2019*
- Designed and implemented machine learning solutions for document verification applications.

Teaching Assistant   *Montreal, Quebec, Canada*
SCHOOL OF COMPUTER SCIENCE, MCGILL UNIVERSITY   *2014-2016*
- Implemented game-playing platform for AI course project, ran tournament between submitted agents.
- Held office hours, marked papers, gave tutorials.

Teaching Assistant   *Waterloo, Ontario, Canada*
DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO   *2012-2014*
- Held office hours, marked papers, gave tutorials.

Research Assistant   *Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA*
DEPARTMENT OF OTORHINOLARYNGOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA   *2011*
- Implemented computational methods for identifying neural receptive fields based on neurophysiological data.

Lead Developer   *Waterloo, Ontario, Canada*
COMPUTATIONAL NEUROSCIENCE RESEARCH GROUP, UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO   *2010-2011*
- Designed and implemented GPU backend for Nengo neural simulation package.

Developer   *Waterloo, Ontario, Canada*
ACRONYM SOFTWARE   *2009*
- Implemented UI features for wood and masonry engineering software in C++ and C#.

Skills

TensorFlow, PyTorch, Python, Linux, C, C++, MPI, CUDA, LaTeX, Git, Java, Scheme