

# Eashan Adhikarla

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## OBJECTIVE

To acquire a challenging research internship role utilizing my skills in Deep Learning, and Computer Vision.

## EDUCATION

Lehigh University, GPA - 3.83/4.0

**Ph.D.** in Computer Science (Machine Learning)

**Bethlehem, PA, USA**

Aug 2020 - Present

Lehigh University, GPA - 3.62/4.0

**M.S.** in Computer Science

**Bethlehem, PA, USA**

Aug 2018 - May 2020

Rajiv Gandhi Proudyogiki Vishwavidyalaya (RGPV), GPA - 3.7/4.0

**B.E.** in Computer Science

**Bhopal, MP, India**

Aug 2013 - May 2017

## PUBLICATIONS

- *B.Tierney, E.Dart, E.Kissel, E.Adhikarla*, Exploring the use of the BBRv2 Congestion Control Algorithm for use on Data Transfer Nodes (**Best Paper Award**)
- *E.Adhikarla, B.D.Davison*, Face Mask Detection in real-world Webcam Images
- *E.Adhikarla, D.Luo, B.D.Davison*, Memory Defense: More Robust Classification via a Memory-Masking Autoencoder
- *E.Adhikarla, B. Austin*, Estimating an HPC Facility's Capacity For Accommodating Real-time Workflows, [Internship Thesis](#)

**SC INDIS**, 2021

**ACM GoodIT**, 2021

*to be added*, **arXiv**, 2021

**NERSC**, 2019

## EXPERIENCE

**Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL)**

*Ph.D. Summer Intern (ESnet)*, (Supervisor: [Dr. Ezra Kissel](#))

**Berkeley, CA**

June 2021 - Present

- Deployed a deep learning approach to automate the dynamic auto-tuning of pacing rate in DTNs
- Developed kernel level system & traffic control operations in DTNaaS docker container.
- Integrated a supporting tool that can dynamically visualize the elastic search data for real-time parameter optimization.

**Lehigh University**

*Peer Mentor*, (Supervisor: [Dr. Brian D. Davison](#))

**Bethlehem, PA, USA**

May 2020 - Aug 2020

- Led a session each week for 15 REU interns in one-to-one meetings, focusing on their conceptual understanding and development.
- Funded by NSF — [CNS-1757787](#)

**Resilience Research Group for SARS-CoV-2**

*Research Assistant*, (Supervisor: [Dr. Brian D. Davison](#))

**Bethlehem, PA, USA**

May 2020 - Aug 2020

- Image Gathering for face masks in the United States and designing a novel face-mask detection algorithm for a data science survey research on SARS-CoV-2.
- Funded by Lehigh Research Grants.

**Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL)**

*Research Intern (NERSC)*, (Supervisor: [Dr. Brian Austin](#))

**Berkeley, CA, USA**

May 2019 - Aug 2019

- Developed scripts to fetch and analyze petabytes of data from the SLURM scheduler.
- Analyzed & estimated real-time queues in the scheduler for optimizing the policies for incoming jobs.
- Developed three real-time policies that potentially improved the allocation procedure.

**Persistent Systems**

*Machine learning Intern*, (Supervisor: [Dr. Bhushan Garware](#))

**Pune, MH, India**

June 2017 - Aug 2017

- Developed a facial recognition and verification system using Google's FaceNET research as the baseline which can directly learn from the 128x128 low dimensional representation.
- Added additional OpenCV features on top of it, which can differentiate between 3-D and 2-D images (a drawback of Google's FaceNET)
- Designed a purely browser-based RSA compliant module to work with FIDO keys.

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

### Memory Defense: More Robust Classification via a Memory-Masking Autoencoder

Aug 2020

- Designed a robust auto-encoder for detecting adversarial images to mitigate adversarial attacks in a machine learning model.
- Designed a close proximity approximation estimator which can distinguish between distinct and distance manifold from different classes.

### Face-Mask Detection on real-world Webcam dataset

Feb 2021

- Successfully collected ~1010 Gb of public webcam data, by capturing image frames periodically from over 80 webcams across United States.
- Applied Coco-annotation semi-automated labelling to develop ground-truth labels.
- Re-implemented 4 state-of-the-art face detection algorithms for face detection & face mask detection to analyze their effectiveness in real-world dataset.
- Reported face mask usage across United States from Jun 23' 2020 to Feb 10' 2020.

### Sequence Generative Adversarial Nets with Policy Gradient

Jan 2020

- Seq-GAN is a unique approach which models the data generator as a stochastic policy in reinforcement learning to solve the problem with improvements in pre-processing.
- The RL reward signal comes from the GAN discriminator judged on a complete sequence, and is passed back to the intermediate state-action steps using Monte Carlo search.

### Facial Recognition and Verification System

Jan 2017

- Working with the accuracies and flaw removal strategies with re-implementation of Open-Face, for improving the range of applications in the domain of Security.
- Resolved the false positive 2-D inputs by introducing more features in Stage 1 (face detection) as:  
a.) Orientation Normalization b.) 3D surface representation.

## PEER REVIEW

- IEEE Big Data Conference Fall 2021
- ACM International WSDM Conference Fall 2021
- ACM SIGIR Conference on Research and Development in Information Retrieval Spring 2021
- IEEE Big Data Conference Fall 2020

## SKILLS

Programming Languages — C++, Python, Bash, Scala  
Web Backend Technologies — MySQL, MongoDB, NoSQL, HTML5.  
Web Frontend Technologies — Pytorch, Tensorflow, OpenCV, dlib, Boost-C++, Cmake, scikit-learn, Docker, Apache Spark MLlib, git, Latex

## TEACHING ASSISTANT

- CSE 160 - Introduction to Data Science Spring 2021
- CSE 017 - Programming and Data Structures Fall 2020
- CSE 017 - Programming and Data Structures Fall 2019
- CSE 160 - Introduction to Data Science Spring 2019
- CSE 001 - Breadth of Computing Fall 2018

## ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

- **PC Rossin Fellowship**, Lehigh University (Spring 2021)
- Awarded by Cognizant, for the **Outstanding Project Award** in Facial Recognition with Deep Neural Network (2016-17)
- **Best Project Award** by the Department of Computer Science in RGPV university for 'Physical Intrusion Detection System' (2015-16)
- Ranked among **top 1 percentile** in TESTimony'16 organised by Tata Consultancy Services. (2015)
- Awarded by H.C.Verma (Experimental Physicist): Winner of the **National Level SCIECS'16**: Quiz Competition organised by National Institute of Technology, Bhopal (MANIT). (2016)
- Awarded a Trophy from **Central Board of Secondary Education** (CBSE) for performance in English subject (2013)
- Presented a Abstract Paper on Shell-shock Vulnerability at **National level technical symposium** in Bhopal that explained about how the attack vector works, the risks involved and how to mitigate them.
- **All India Rank 598** in International Maths-Science Olympiads (2007)