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## EDUCATION

**Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science** *2013-present*  
University of Maryland College Park

**Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Engineering, magna cum laude** *2009-2013*  
**Bachelor of Science, Applied Mathematics, magna cum laude** *2009-2013*  
University of Nevada Reno

## EXPERIENCE

**Graduate Research Assistant** *August 2014-present*  
University of Maryland, College Park

- Use attribute classifiers to perform face verification on unconstrained face images.

**Research Intern** *May 2014-August 2014*  
NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory

- Incorporated stereo data into Random Forest classification of geologic types.
- Performed exhaustive testing on four new datasets collected from the Mojave Desert.
- Improved classification performance over the original algorithm by as much as 10% on some datasets.

**Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant** *August 2013-May 2014*  
University of Maryland, College Park

- Created and graded homework, quizzes, programming projects, and exams for Artificial Intelligence class.
- Integrated internal and external meta-cognition into an artificial dialog agent (ALFRED).

**Research Intern** *May 2012-August 2012, May 2013-August 2013*  
NASA AMES Research Center

- Developed a structure from motion framework compatible with other localization techniques for use on low-resolution rover and high-resolution planetary images with the Advanced Navigation subgroup of the Intelligent Robotics Group.

**Undergraduate Research Assistant** *November 2010-December 2012*  
University of Nevada, Reno

- Improved performance of template tracking system using Random Projections in place of Principal Component Analysis for dimensionality reduction.
- Integrated Sparse Bundle Adjustment into the Structure from Motion system to improve accuracy.

**NSF REU Participant** *May 2011-August 2011*  
University of Central Florida

- Developed a template-based tracking framework for use in a larger human tracking system with a Ph.D. candidate.

## SERVICE

**WICSE:** Women into Computer Science and Engineering UNR Student Member *November 2010-May 2013*  
**ACM** UNR Student Member *January 2011-May 2013*  
**SIAM** Student Member *August 2013-present*  
**IEEE** Student Member *February 2014-present*

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

Dean's List University of Nevada, Reno

August 2009-May 2013

Computer Science and Engineering Senior Service Award

May 2013

Computer Science Dean's Fellowship University of Maryland, College Park

2013-2014, 2014-2015

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program, Honorable Mention

2014

## **COMPETITIONS**

1. "Higher-Order Contract Counterexamples" abstract accepted into the ACM Student Research Competition of the International Conference on Functional Programming, 2014.

## **CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PUBLICATIONS**

1. Guang Shu, Afshin Dehghan, Omar Oreifej, **Emily Hand**, Mubarak Shah, "Part-based Multiple-Person Tracking with Partial Occlusion Handling," in CVPR, 2012.
2. Don Perlis, Mike Cox, Michael Maynard, Elizabeth McNany, Matthew Paisner, Vika Shivashankar, **Emily Hand**, Jared Shamwell, Tim Oates, Tongchun Du, Darsana Josyula and Manual Caro, "A Broad Vision for Intelligent Behavior: Perceptual Real-World Cognitive Agents," in Advances in Cognitive Systems, Workshop on Metacognition and Artificial Situated Agents 2013.
3. **Emily Hand**, Darsana Josyula, Matthew Paisner, Elizabeth McNany, Michael T. Cox and Don Perlis, "Two Approaches to Implementing Metacognition," in The Sixth International Conference on Advanced Cognitive Technologies and Applications, COGNITIVE 2014.
4. A.V. Nefian, X. Bouysounouse, L. Edwards, T. Kim, **E. Hand**, J. Rhizor, M. Deans, G. Bebis, T. Fong, "Planetary Rover Localization within Orbital Maps," in the International Conference on Image Processing, 2014.