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## Education

- 2018 - present    **PhD in Computer Science**  
The Johns Hopkins University  
Advisor: Chien-Ming Huang
- 2021              **MS in Computer Science**  
The Johns Hopkins University
- 2015 - 2018      **BS in Electrical and Computer Engineering**  
The University of Texas at Austin

## Honors & Awards

- 2019              Inaugural Engineering/Nursing Joint Fellowship, *The Johns Hopkins University*
- 2018              Howard and Jacqueline Chertkof Endowed Fellowship, *The Johns Hopkins University*
- 2018              National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2018              Graduating Honors, *The University of Texas at Austin*
- 2018              Roberto Rocca Scholarship, *Tenaris*
- 2017              Braden Communication Scholarship, *The University of Texas at Austin*
- 2015 - 2017      University Honors, *The University of Texas at Austin*

## Research Experience

- 2018 - present    Graduate Researcher, **Intuitive Computing Laboratory**  
*The Johns Hopkins University*
- 2017 - 2018      Undergraduate Research Assistant, **Nuclear and Applied Robotics Group**  
*The University of Texas at Austin*
- 2016              Undergraduate Researcher, **Rockwell Automation Laboratory**  
*Texas A&M University*

## Publications

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2021              **G. Ajaykumar, M. Stiber, and C.-M. Huang.**  
“Designing User-Centric Programming Aids for Kinesthetic Teaching of Collaborative Robots”  
*Robotics and Autonomous Systems*

- 2021 **G. Ajaykumar**, M. Steele, and C.-M. Huang.  
 “A Survey on End-User Robot Programming”  
*ACM Computing Surveys (CSUR)*
- PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE FULL PAPERS
- 2020 J. Han\*, **G. Ajaykumar\***, Z. Li, and C.-M. Huang.  
 “Structuring Human-Robot Interactions via Interaction Conventions”  
*In Proceedings of the 29th IEEE International Symposium on Robot and Human Interactive Communication (RO-MAN’20)* \*equal contribution
- 2020 Y. Wang, **G. Ajaykumar**, and C.-M. Huang.  
 “See What I See: Enabling User-Centric Robotic Assistance Using First-Person Demonstrations”  
*In Proceedings of the 2020 ACM/IEEE International Conference on Human-Robot Interaction (HRI’20)*  
 Acceptance Rate: 24%
- PEER-REVIEWED WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE SHORT PAPERS
- 2021 **G. Ajaykumar** and C.-M. Huang.  
 “Multimodal Robot Programming by Demonstration: A Preliminary Exploration”  
*2021 RSS Workshop on Accessibility of Robot Programming and the Work of the Future*
- 2021 **G. Ajaykumar**, A. Mao, J. Brown, and C.-M. Huang.  
 “FACT: A Full-body Ad-hoc Collaboration Testbed for Modeling Complex Teamwork”  
*2021 ICRA Workshop on Social Intelligence in Humans and Robots*
- 2020 **G. Ajaykumar** and C.-M. Huang.  
 “User Needs and Design Opportunities in End-User Robot Programming”  
*2020 HRI Late-Breaking Report*

## Teaching Experience

- Fall 2019 Teaching Assistant, **EN.601.490/690 Introduction to Human-Computer Interaction**  
 Department of Computer Science, The Johns Hopkins University

## Professional Service

### CONFERENCE PAPER REFEREE

- 2021 International Conference on Human-Robot Interaction (HRI)  
 2020 International Symposium on Robot and Human Interactive Communication (RO-MAN)  
 2019 International Conference on Human-Robot Interaction (HRI)

### JOURNAL ARTICLE REFEREE

ACM Transactions on Human-Robot Interaction

## OUTREACH

2019

Girl Scouts Robotics Workshop Speaker, Designing Robots That Help People  
Maryland Science Center, Baltimore, MD