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Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

Ph.D. School of Earth and Space Exploration, Arizona State University, 2019
B.S. Department of Computer Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2014

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS/EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Research Professor — 2019-Present
Department of Geographical Sciences — College Park, MD
University of Maryland, College Park

Onboard Software Engineer — 2014-2015
Planet Labs (Planet, Inc.) — San Francisco, CA

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

1. Kerner, H. R., Wagstaff, K. L., Bue, B. D., Gray, P., Bell III, J. F., Ben Amor, H (2019). Deep Learning Methods Toward Generalized Change Detection on Planetary Surfaces. *Journal of Selected Topics in Applied Earth Observations and Remote Sensing*, 12(10), pp. 3900-3918, https://doi.org/10.1109/JSTARS.2019.2936771.

2. Kerner, H. R., Ben Amor, H., Bell III, J. F. (2018). Context-Dependent Image Quality Assessment of JPEG-Compressed Mars Science Laboratory Mastcam Images using Convolutional Neural Networks. *Computers and Geosciences*, 118, pp. 109-121, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cageo.2018.06.001.

3. Kwan, C., Chou, B., Kwan, L., Larkin, J., Ayhan, B., Bell III, J. F., Kerner, H. R. (2017). Demosaicing Enhancement using Pixel-Level Fusion. *Signal, Image and Video Processing*, 12(4), pp. 749-756, https://doi.org/10.1007/s11760-017-1216-2.

Peer-Reviewed Conference Proceedings

4. Kerner, H. R., Wellington, D. F., Wagstaff, K. L., Bell III, J. F., Kwan, C., Ben Amor, H. (2019). Novelty Detection for Multispectral Images with Application to Planetary Exploration. *Innovative Applications of Artificial Intelligence (IAAI/AAAI)*, pp. 9484-9491, https://doi.org/10.1609/aaai.v33i01.33019484.

Manuscripts in Review

5. Kerner, H. R., Wagstaff, K. L., Bue, B. D., Wellington, D. F., Jacob, S., Bell, J. F., Kwan, C. Ben Amor, H. Comparison of Novelty Detection Methods for Multispectral Images in Rover-Based Planetary Exploration Missions. *Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery.*

6. Kerner, H. R., Hardgrove, C., Czarnecki, S., Gabriel, T. S. J., Mitrofanov, I., Litvak, M., Sanin, A., Lisov, D. Analysis of Active Neutron Measurements from the Mars Science Laboratory Dynamic Albedo of Neutrons Instrument: Intrinsic Variability, Outliers, and Implications for Future Investigations. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Planets.*

Books

7. Kerner, H. R. (2019). Machine Learning on Mars: A New Lens on Data from Planetary Exploration Missions. Ph.D. Dissertation, Arizona State University.

Manuscripts in Preparation

8. Aye, K. M., D'Amore, M., Helbert, J., Kerner, H. R. (est. 2020). Machine Learning for Planetary Science. In preparation for *Elsevier Science and Technology Books.*

Opinion Articles

9. Our path to Mars needs to look beyond launch. *Houston Chronicle*, 2016.

10. Space technology can help sustain Earth. *Scientific American*, 2016.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2019	NASA Center Innovation Fund Advanced Concepts University of Maryland, College Park; Jet Propulsion Laboratory	$100,000
2019	NASA Small Business Technology Transfer (SBIR/STTR) Phase I Arizona State University, Development Seed	$80,000
2018	NASA JPL Strategic University Research Partnership (SURP) Fellowship Arizona State University, Jet Propulsion Laboratory	$60,000
2016	NASA Small Business Technology Transfer (SBIR/STTR) Phase I Busek Co., Inc.; Arizona State University	$125,000

HONORS AND AWARDS

2019 ASU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Graduate Excellence Award
2018 Google Women Techmakers Scholarship
2018 ASU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Student Leader
2018 ASU Graduate and Professional Student Association Outstanding Mentor Award
2017 ASU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Doctoral Fellowship for First-Generation College Graduates
2017 Space Frontier Foundation Service to the Frontier Award

INVITED TALKS

2019 "Actionable Insights from Remote Sensing Enabled by Machine Learning, from Earth to Mars." International Space University, Strasbourg, France.
2019 "Actionable Insights from Remote Sensing Enabled by Machine Learning, from Earth to Mars." Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ.
2019 "Space for Earth." SpaceVision 2019, Tempe, AZ.
2019 "Actionable Insights from Remote Sensing Enabled by Machine Learning, from Earth to Mars." Women in Data Science at Stanford Earth, Palo Alto, CA.
2019 "Machine Learning for Remote Sensing." Committee on Seismology and Geodynamics (COSG) Fall Meeting, National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine, Washington, DC.
2019 "AI and Machine Learning." Space4Earth Hackathon, 70th International Astronautical Congress, Washington, DC.
2018 "Machine Learning on Mars." Google Scholar Retreat, Mountain View, CA.
2016 "Planetary Exploration, Machine Intelligence, and Gender Bias." CU Cafe, Boulder, CO.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Oral Presentations

2019 Kerner, H. R., Wagstaff, K. L., Bue, B. D., Wellington, D. F., Jacob, S., Bell III, J. F., Ben Amor, H. Comparison of Novelty Detection Methods for Multispectral Images from the Mastcam Instrument Onboard Mars Science Laboratory. 3rd Planetary Data Workshop, Flagstaff, AZ, June 18-20.
2019 Kerner, H. R., Wagstaff, K. L., Bue, B. D., Wellington, D. F., Jacob, S., Bell III, J. F., Ben Amor, H. Novelty Detection for Multispectral Images with Application to Planetary Exploration. Innovative Applications of Artificial Intelligence (IAAI), 33rd AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Honolulu, HI, January 27-31.
2018 Kerner, H. R., Wagstaff, K. L., Bue, B. D., Wellington, D. F., Bell III, J. F., Ben Amor, H. Novelty Detection for Multispectral Planetary Images. American Geophysical Union (AGU) Fall Meeting, Washington, DC, December 10-14.
2017 Kerner, H. R., Bell III, J. F., Ben Amor, H. Context-dependent image quality assessment of JPEG compressed Mars Science Laboratory Mastcam Curiosity images using convolutional neural networks. American Geophysical Union (AGU) Fall Meeting, New Orleans, LA, December 11-15.
2017 Kerner, H. R., Bell III, J. F., Ben Amor, H. Detecting and characterizing compression-related artifacts in Mars Science Laboratory Mastcam images. 48th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, The Woodlands, TX, March 20-24.

Poster Presentations

2019 Kerner, H. R., Wagstaff, K. L., Bue, B. D., Gray, P. C., Bell III, J. F., Ben Amor, H. Toward Generalized Change Detection on Planetary Surfaces with Deep Learning. American Geophysical Union (AGU) Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, December 9-14.
2019 Kerner, H. R., Hardgrove, C., Czarnecki, S. Analysis of Intrinsic Variability and

Outliers in Pulsed Neutron Data using the Mars Science Laboratory Dynamic Albedo of Neutrons Instrument. 50th Lunar and Planetary Science Conference, The Woodlands, TX, March 18-22.

2018 Wronkiewicz, M., Kerner, H. R., Harrison, T. Autonomous Mapping of Surface Features on Mars. American Geophysical Union (AGU) Fall Meeting, Washington, DC, December 10-14.

2018 Kerner, H. R., Wagstaff, K. L., Bue, Ben Amor, H. Change Detection on Mars: A Deep Learning Approach. Women in Machine Learning Workshop, NeurIPS, Montreal, Quebec, December 3.

2018 Kerner, H. R., Wagstaff, K. L., Bue, B. D., Wellington, D. F., Bell III, J. F., Ben Amor, H. Novelty Detection for Multispectral Images with Application to Planetary Exploration. IMA Workshop on Recent Advances in Machine Learning and Computational Methods for Geoscience, Minneapolis, MN, October 22-26.

Conference Service

2019 Session Chair/Co-Convener, "Machine Learning for Planetary Science," American Geophysical Union (AGU) Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, December 9-13.

2018 Session Co-Convener, "Machine Learning in Planetary Science: Introductions and Applications," American Geophysical Union (AGU) Fall Meeting, Washington, DC, December 10-14.

2017 Session Co-Convener, "Rise of Machine Learning: Salvation for Planetary Science in Times of Increasing Data Volume and Complexity," American Geophysical Union (AGU) Fall Meeting, New Orleans, LA, December 11-15.

2017 Co-Chair, NewSpace Europe Conference, Luxembourg City, November 16-17.

2015 Chair, NewSpace Conference, San Jose, CA, July 16-18.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught

CS for People Who Don't Know CS (Yet!) Spring 2015
Department of Computer Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Courses Assisted

Introduction to Programming Spring 2014
Department of Computer Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Introduction to Scientific Programming Fall 2013
Department of Computer Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Guest Lectures

Coding for Exploration — Fall 2019
School of Earth and Space Exploration, Arizona State University

Artificial Intelligence — Fall 2019+
School of Computing, Informatics, and Decision System Engineering, Arizona State University (Coursera)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Appointments

Assistant Research Professor — 2019-Present
Department of Geographical Sciences — College Park, MD
University of Maryland, College Park

Graduate Research Assistant — 2015-2019
School of Earth and Space Exploration — Tempe, AZ
Arizona State University

Research Intern — 2018, 2019
Machine Learning and Instrument Autonomy Group — Pasadena, CA
Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology

Mission Experience

Science Team Member, Mars Science Laboratory — 2016-Present
Payload Downlink Lead, Opportunity Mars Exploration Rover — 2016-2019

SERVICE

Reviewing

2019- *IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing*
2019- Brooke Owens Fellowship
2019 SpaceVision Conference Student Scholarships
2019 Women in Machine Learning Workshop, NeurIPS
2018 NASA Frontier Development Lab

Organizations and Committees

2019- Volunteer, Board of Directors, Research & Policy Committee
Women in Machine Learning (WiML)

2019- Member (advising early-stage investments)
Ubiquity Ventures Extended Team (UXT)

2015- Member, Board of Advisors
Students for the Exploration and Development of Space (SEDS) USA

2018-2019 Co-Chair, Women in Science Program
School of Earth and Space Exploration, Arizona State University

2015-2019 Member, Colloquium Committee
School of Earth and Space Exploration, Arizona State University

2015-2016 Executive Director
Space Frontier Foundation

Extracurricular Service

2018-2019	Curriculum Development, Prison Education Program School of Earth and Space Exploration, Arizona State University
2018	Algebra 1A and GED Math Instructor Adobe Mountain School, Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections
2018-2019	President, Devil Divers (Scuba Club) Arizona State University
2016-2019	Instructor, Girls Who Code Maie Bartlett Heard K-8 School

Professional Membership

Member, Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)
Member, American Geophysical Union (AGU)
Member, Women in Machine Learning (WiML)