# nico**casale**

m.s. electrical engineering, they/them

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coding CUDA/HLSL C++/C# **MATLAB** Python Java LATEX

#### interests

GPU programming, machine learning, computer graphics

#### education

2017-2018 **M.S.** Electrical Engineering (3.74 GPA)

North Carolina State University (NCSU)

non-thesis, courses in data science, machine learning, random processes,

digital image/signal processing, linear algebra, computer architecture

2012-2017 **B.S.** summa cum laude (3.84 GPA) Electrical Engineering, specialization in Computer Engineering

2008-2012 high school diploma Independence/Butler High Schools

score of 5/5 on six AP exams, Academy of International Studies student

#### **experience**

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native english skilled spanish basic italian french german

05 2018 junior metadata programmer Earth Resources Technology (ERT)

ERT contracts with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

(NOAA) to make its swathes of data available to the public

2016-2017 independent researcher

NCSU

NCSU

GPU acceleration of an algorithm using NVIDIA's CUDA/C++, under guidance of Dr. Dror Baron. ~28x speedups achieved with a Tesla K80 for multi-

processor approximate message passing (MP-AMP)

08-12 2014

06-12 2015 cooperative education intern Analog Devices, Inc., Greensboro, NC

worked on communications infrastructure team under John Oates, Systems

Engineer. Improved project through three hardware revisions.

### projects

2018 –	music review website in React (Javascript)	github
	a project built with friends to host our gratuitous opinions on music	
01-06 2018	open source project contributions in python and C++	github
	OpenMined is a homomorphically-encrypted federated learning platfor	m that

seeks to provide a secure and sustainable way of training neural networks

02-05 2018 linear discriminant analysis and decision trees in MATLAB github

for ECE 759, LDA and Decision Trees were trained on MNIST and Ext. Yale Face Database B to garner an understanding of machine learning techniques

2017 orthographic projection in MATLAB ECE 592 (digital image processing)

given a photo of a box and its closest corner in image, program finds faces of

box and creates a 3-D model

since 2017	computer graphics in C++ and MATLAB	instagram (some code on github)		
	using mathematics and image processing conce			
	with OpenFrameworks (C++), MATLAB, and Goo	ogle's search API in python		
2016	internet of things (IoT) 'car'	ECE 306 (embedded systems)		
	built a small remote-controlled car with various I/O devices to a Texas Instru-			
	ments MSP430 Microcontroller, programmed in 0	C		

## presentations

08 2017	GPU implementation of row-wise approximate message passing (AMP) speedup of ~28x achieved with CUDA/C++
04 2017	poster at senior design day NCSU
	Keg It Out: an IoT beer monitoring service for brewers to optimize distribution.
	culmination of the Engineering Entrepreneurship Program for senior design

# volunteering

08 2018 –	Tranzmission Prison Books Project help to provide books for marginalized prison population	asheville S
03 2018	participated in Habitat For Humanity build-day helped build a new home for a community family	raleigh
03 2018	served at a pay-what-you-can restaurant served at a community restaurant with a sliding pay scal	A Place At The Table e, starting at \$0
06 2017	cooking & serving food at day-shelter served food to some of Raleigh's homeless and at-risk p	love wins ministries opulation
2016	family STEM nights local ele facilitated interactive engineering experiments for K-12 s	ementary & middle schools tudents
2016	peer tutor for Eta Kappa Nu (HKN, ECE honor societ offered free help to undergraduates in ECE courses	y) NCSU
2013-2016	SOUL Garden volunteer student-run garden which donates food to those in need	NCSU

# extracurriculars

2016-2018	facilitator, Wake Up Raleigh mindfulness group with weekly events, community engagement
2013-2015	facilitator, Buddhist Philosophies Club organized events, led discussions, community engagement and leadership
2016-2017	<b>Co-Op ambassador</b> informed students about the Co-Op program at State; opportunity to demonstrate leadership and character
2008 –	poetry & music writing published in three annual editions of NCSU's artistic and literary book