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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Mechanical Engineering

Los Angeles, CA

Expected 2024

- Cumulative GPA: 3.89

- Statics, Materials, Kinematics, Dynamics, Control Theory, Circuits, Mechanisms, Fluid Mechanics, Thermodynamics, Heat Transfer

Udacity: School of Autonomous Systems

Self-Driving Car Nanodegree Program

Private Online

Present

- Bayesian Inference, Kalman Filtering for Localization, C++ Performance Optimization, Data Structures and Algorithms, Trajectory Visualization in Python, Image Classification for Computer Vision, Model Training for Machine Learning
- In progress: Robotics Software Engineer Nanodegree Program

Saddleback College | Irvine Valley College

Associate of Science (A.S.), Engineering, Physics, and Mathematics

Mission Viejo, CA

Graduated 2019

- Cumulative GPA: 3.92

- Honors College Board Spokesman, Honors Program Completed, Phi Theta Kappa Honors Society, UC IGETC Full Transfer
- Calculus, Differential Equations, Linear Algebra, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, English Composition, Economics, Humanities, Music

PUBLICATIONS

MiniKers: Interaction-Powered Smart Environment Automation

September 2022

Xiaoying Yang, Jacob Sayono, Jess Xu, Jiahao Nick Li, Josiah Hester, Yang Zhang

Proceedings of the ACM on Interactive, Mobile, Wearable and Ubiquitous Technologies (IMWUT)

Publication: <https://doi.org/10.1145/3550287>

RESEARCH

Human-Centered Computing & Intelligent Sensing Research Laboratory (HiLab at UCLA)

Human-Computer Interaction Undergraduate Researcher | Internship

Los Angeles, CA

Jan 2022 – Present

- Published full paper as 2nd author to IMWUT with proven understanding of integrated circuit and deployment for user study
- Created a new source of clean power from human interaction, which was [featured in the news](#) and [funded by the NSF](#) (\$550,000)
- Designed 12 unique mechanisms to transform objects into self-powering automation with smart-sensing and app-enabling features

Verifiable & Control-Theoretic Robotics Research Laboratory (VECTR at UCLA)

Autonomous Aerial and Multi-Robot Systems Undergraduate Researcher | Internship

Los Angeles, CA

Jun 2022 – Present

- Performed environment scan using LiDAR and odometry to localize and build 3D model dense point clouds of UCLA campus
- Implemented ROS2 for multi-agent robot communication to utilize autonomous ground and air units for cave/mine exploration
- Optimized C++ code to improve runtime, tested robotic algorithms in simulator, and verified controls on a customizable drone

AWARDS

2022 UCLA Chih-Ming Ho Quasi-Endowed Scholarship Fund

- Established in 2014 to support an undergraduate student in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering who has exemplified both academic and research excellence on an interdisciplinary level

2018 Saddleback College Honors Program

- Awarded upon completing the Saddleback College Honors curriculum, which required fulfilling research-based honors classes, maintaining a high GPA, and volunteering every semester for 2 years

EXPERIENCE

DevX Moonshot (Autonomous Rover)

Product Manager and Autonomy Engineering Manager | Part-time

Los Angeles, CA

Dec 2021 – Present

- Rallied 5 cross-functional teams to plan each timeline & iteration for all aspects of BruinBot: mobile app, server, rover hardware
- Trained software team to specialize in localization, path planning, and vision algorithms in simulated configuration workspace

The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)

Computer Vision and Robotics Software Engineer | Underwater Autonomous Vehicle Project

Los Angeles, CA

Sep 2021 – May 2022

- Established image processing and object detection using MATLAB to identify lattice points and boundaries of underwater path
- Built robotic controls architecture and motion planning using simulations in ROS for tasks determined by RoboSub competition

Control Systems Engineer | Assistive Robot Project

Oct 2019 – June 2020

- Proven intermediate programming skills in C++/Python and familiarity in Linux OS environment via Raspberry Pi and Arduino IDE
- Built DIY high-power H-Bridge solution to avoid expenses in buying additional controllers for drivetrain and arm motors

Bruin Racing (SAE Supermileage) at UCLA

Powertrain Engineer | Gas and Electrical Vehicles Project

Los Angeles, CA

Sep 2021 – Apr 2022

- Developed Hall effect encoder sensor for RPM detection and PID throttle control system on embedded system with C++
- Taught new members about gas vehicle's engine system and electrical components required for vehicle startup via ignition

INDUSTRY

ROBOTIS (Robot is ...)

Mechatronics Engineer | Internship

Lake Forest, CA

May 2019 – Aug 2019

- Demonstrated control in servos with microcontrollers, programming sets of movements (dancing, waving, bowing) on RoboPlus
- Assisted beginner customers to control servos without complex code by creating compatible software (EZ-Builder) in application

Technical Skills Practitioner | Training

Jan 2019 – Apr 2019

- Created stress analysis machine for company's office under a \$300 budget, avoiding unnecessary big expenses on testing
- Abstracted different final print outcomes based on various settings for future interns to reference to in their own 3D printing

SKILLS

Mechanical

- 3D Printing | SolidWorks (Certified License) | Mechanism | Product Design | SolidCam | CAD, Fusion 360 | Manufacturing | CNC

Electrical

- Arduino | Raspberry Pi | Embedded Systems | Microcontrollers | Sensors | Servo | Motor Control | Soldering | Altium | EAGLE

Software

- Python | C++ | Linux | MATLAB | Computer Vision | Machine Learning | ROS/ROS2 | Perception | Motion Planning | Algorithms

REFERENCES

Dr. Yang Zhang yangzhang@ucla.edu

- Assistant Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at UCLA
- Human-Centered Computing and Intelligent Sensing Laboratory ([HiLab](#))

Ph.D., Human-Computer Interaction

Carnegie Mellon University (CMU)

Dr. Brett Lopez brlopez@ucla.edu

- Assistant Professor of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at UCLA
- Verifiable & Control-Theoretic Robotics Laboratory ([VECTR](#))

Ph.D., Aerospace Engineering

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

PATENTS

Systems and Methods for Interaction-Powered Smart Environment Automation

Filed September 2022

- U.S. Patent and Trademark Office | UCLA Technology Development Group

COMMUNITY

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

Saddleback College | Administrator Coordinator

Mission Viejo, CA

Jan 2017 – May 2019

- Organized school-related council meetings, volunteered at community blood drives, cooperated with other society members to plan recreational on-campus events, and served in college orientation weeks
- Participated in monthly local food drives, outreached students to increase attendance at candidate forums, helped feed orphaned pets at animal shelters, and publicized various issues during on-campus awareness months

Associated Student Government

Saddleback College | Honors Board Spokesman, Mentor, and Tutor

Mission Viejo, CA

Jan 2018 – Jan 2019

- Represented all honors students to voice suggestions for strong improvements on academic experience; tutored math and physics