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Areas of Expertise

Computer Vision, Deep Learning, Remote Sensing, Medical Imaging, Multimodal Integration

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1 Education

2005–2010	Ph.D. in Computer Science Adviser: Robert Pless, Ph.D. Thesis: Calibrating and Using the Global Network of Outdoor Webcams	Washington University in St. Louis
1995–1999	B.S. in Computer Science (Minor in Mathematics) <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> with Honors	University of Missouri

2 Appointments and Affiliations

Active

Professor (with Tenure) 2022–	Dept. of Computer Science & Engineering, Washington University <i>St. Louis, MO</i>
Affiliated Faculty 2022–	Division of Computational & Data Sciences, Washington University <i>St. Louis, MO</i>
Affiliated Faculty 2022–	Imaging Science Program, Washington University <i>St. Louis, MO</i>

Affiliated Faculty 2023–	Electrical and Systems Engineering, Washington University <i>St. Louis, MO</i>
Affiliated Faculty 2023–	AI for Health Institute, Washington University <i>St. Louis, MO</i>
Associate Faculty 2022–	Taylor Geospatial Institute <i>St. Louis, MO</i>
Faculty Scholar 2023–	Center for the Environment, Washington University <i>St. Louis, MO</i>
Biodiversity Fellow 2022–	Living Earth Collaborative <i>St. Louis, MO</i>
Technical Consultant / Owner / Founder 2019–present	Multidomain Vision Research, LLC <i>St. Louis, MO</i>

Prior

Professor (with Tenure) 2021–2022	Dept. of Computer Science, University of Kentucky <i>Lexington, KY</i>
Director of Graduate Studies (Data Science) 2020–2022	Dept. of Computer Science, University of Kentucky <i>Lexington, KY</i>
Member 2017–2022	Institute for Biomedical Informatics, University of Kentucky <i>Lexington, KY</i>
Associate Professor (with Tenure) 2016–2021	Dept. of Computer Science, University of Kentucky <i>Lexington, KY</i>
Co-Department Chair (interim) 2019–2020	Dept. of Computer Science, University of Kentucky <i>Lexington, KY</i>
Affiliated Faculty 2010–2019	Center for Visualization and Virtual Environments, University of Kentucky <i>Lexington, KY</i>
Visiting Research Scientist (sabbatical) 2017–2018	Orbital Insight, Inc. <i>Mountain View, CA</i>
Assistant Professor 2010–2016	Dept. of Computer Science, University of Kentucky <i>Lexington, KY</i>
Computer Vision Research Intern 2008	ObjectVideo, Inc. <i>Reston, VA</i>
Graduate Research Assistant 2005–2010	Dept. of Computer Science & Engineering, Washington University <i>St. Louis, MO</i>

3 Awards

- Best Paper Award (out of 75 valid submissions) [EarthVision Workshop 2024 at IEEE/CVF Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)]
- Highlighted Reviewer Recognition (top 8%) [ICLR 2022]
- Outstanding Reviewer Recognition [BMVC 2021]

- Outstanding Reviewer Recognition (top 10%) [NeurIPS 2020]
- Outstanding Reviewer Recognition [ICCV 2019]
- University of Kentucky, College of Engineering Dean’s Award for Excellence in Research [2018]
- Google Faculty Research Award [2018]
- Outstanding Reviewer Recognition [CVPR 2017]
- National Science Foundation CAREER Award [2016]
- Google Faculty Research Award [2016]
- Best Student Paper Award at Applied Imagery Pattern Recognition [2009]
- Ph.D. Forum Prize at the ACM/IEEE International Conference on Distributed Smart Cameras [2009]
- Best Talk Award for the Doctoral Student Seminar, Department of Computer Science, the Washington University in St. Louis, [Fall 2006]

4 Publications

Preprints

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- [5] F. Qiao, Z. Xiong, X. Zhu, Y. Ma, Q. He, and N. Jacobs, *MCPDepth: omnidirectional depth estimation via stereo matching from multi-cylindrical panoramas*, Aug. 2024. arXiv: [2408.01653](https://arxiv.org/abs/2408.01653) [cs.CV].

Refereed Conference Papers

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- [2] D. Cher, B. Wei, S. Sastry, and N. Jacobs, “VectorSynth: Fine-grained satellite image synthesis with structured semantics,” in *IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV)*, Mar. 2026. arXiv: [2511.07744](https://arxiv.org/abs/2511.07744) [cs.CV].
- [3] A. Wollam, K. Ashley, M. Shugaev, O. Arend, I. Y. Semenov, H. Dashtestani, S. Ravi, and N. Jacobs, “Towards unconstrained cross-view pose estimation,” in *IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV)*, Mar. 2026.

- [4] A. Elallaf, N. Jacobs, X. Ye, M. Chen, and G. Liang, “Beta distribution learning for reliable roadway crash risk assessment,” in *Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*, Jan. 2026. arXiv: [2511.04886 \[cs.CV\]](#).
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5 Funding

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- Total funding: \$10,203,326
 - by role:
 - * PI: \$4,234,003
 - * Co-PI/Co-I: \$5,969,323
 - by source:
 - * Federal: \$9,799,904 (inc. subcontracts on Federal awards)
 - * Industry: \$199,107
 - * Foundation: \$159,000
 - * Internal: \$45,315 (only includes competitively awarded funds)

This excludes a \$28,861,434 NIH CTSA grant, on which I don't deem my contribution essential to the success of this award.

Grants (awarded/active)

1. *Learning-Based Visual Event Demarcation*
 PI: **Nathan Jacobs**
 Co-PI(s)/Co-I(s): Anderson Rocha (UNICAMP)
 Sponsor: Global Incubator Seed Grant (WashU Internal Funding)
 Total Award: \$25,000
 Duration: 2022–2023
2. *WATCH: Wide Area Terrestrial Change Hypercube*
 PI: **Nathan Jacobs**
 Sponsor: Kitware / Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity (IARPA)
 Total Award: \$305,941.48 (Phase 1); \$851,489 (Phase 1–3)
 Duration: 2020–2022 (Phase 1); 2020–2024 (Phase 1–3)

3. *Measures of Information via Representation Learning*
 PI: Luis Sanchez-Giraldo
 Co-PI(s)/Co-I(s): **Nathan Jacobs**
 Sponsor: Department of Defense (DEPSCoR)
 Total Award: \$582,376
 Duration: 2021–2024
4. *GeoSearch: Image-based Geolocation using Rank Aggregated Hash Index (Phase 2, direct)*
 PI: **Nathan Jacobs**
 Sponsor: Blue Halo / National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA)
 Total Award: \$250,000
 Duration: 2021–2023
5. *Spatio-Temporal Association and Curve Kernel Networks (STACKNet)*
 PI: **Nathan Jacobs**
 Sponsor: Blue Halo / MDA
 Total Award: \$483,000 (Phase 1 and 2)
 Duration: 2020–2023
6. *Geolocalization Pipeline for Ground Level Images*
 PI: **Nathan Jacobs**
 Sponsor: Blue Halo / National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA)
 Total Award: \$19,944 (Phase 1), \$249,988 (Phase 2), \$153,261 (Phase 3, Year 1)
 Duration: 2018–2022

Grants (completed)

1. *NURI: Semantic Representations for Multi-Viewpoint Multimodal Geolocation*
 PI: **Nathan Jacobs**
 Sponsor: Johns Hopkins University, Applied Physics Laboratory / National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA)
 Total Award: \$196,000 (base)
 Duration: 2020–2022
2. *R01: Ex vivo single molecule tools to analyze membrane receptor dynamics*
 PI: Christopher Richards
 Co-PI(s)/Co-I(s): Jim Pauly, Ahmed Abdel-Latif, David Heidary, **Nathan Jacobs**
 Sponsor: National Institutes of Health (NIH)
 Total Award: \$1,510,803
 Duration: 2021–2022 (my role ended when I left the University of Kentucky)
3. *UL1: Kentucky Center for Clinical and Translational Science*
 PI: Philip A. Kern
 Co-PI(s)/Co-I(s): **Nathan Jacobs** and many others
 Sponsor: National Institutes of Health (NIH)
 Total Award: \$28,893,663
 Duration: 2021–2022 (my role ended when I left the University of Kentucky)
4. *CCT: Context and Colorization for Tracking (Phase 2)*
 PI: **Nathan Jacobs**
 Sponsor: Intelligent Automation Inc. / Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)
 Total Award: \$200,000
 Duration: 2020–2021

5. *Video to Feature Data Association and Geolocation*
PI: **Nathan Jacobs**
Sponsor: Novateur Research Solutions / National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA)
Total Award: \$29,503 (Phase 1), \$149,883 (Phase 2)
Duration: 2018–2021
6. *CAREER: Learning and Using Models of Geo-Temporal Appearance*
PI: **Nathan Jacobs**
Sponsor: National Science Foundation (NSF)
Total Award: \$499,426
Duration: 2016–2021
7. *R01: Monomeric G-proteins and Cardioprotection from Heart Failure*
PI: John Satin
Co-PI(s)/Co-I(s): Douglas Andres, Ahmed Abdel-Latif, **Nathan Jacobs**, Peter Kekenyes-Huskey
Sponsor: National Institutes of Health (NIH)
Total Award: \$1,575,279
Duration: 2016–2020
8. *Group Travel Grant for the Doctoral Consortium to be Held in Conjunction with IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition*
PI: **Nathan Jacobs**
Sponsor: National Science Foundation (NSF)
Total Award: \$22,500
Duration: 2019–2020
9. *DLALA: Deep Learning for Airborne LiDAR Analysis*
PI: **Nathan Jacobs**
Sponsor: Orbital Insight
Total Award: \$104,927
Duration: 2019–2020
10. *Listening to Markets: A Temporal Convolutional Net (TCN) Analysis of Conservatism in Company Reporting*
PI: Dan Stone
Co-PI(s)/Co-I(s): **Nathan Jacobs**, Mark Lauersdorf, Hong Xie
Sponsor: University of Kentucky
Total Award: \$33,315
Duration: 2018–2019
11. *Calibrated Pose Regression Networks*
PI: **Nathan Jacobs**
Sponsor: The Design Knowledge Company / Air Force Research Lab (Wright-Patterson AFB)
Total Award: \$155,700 (Phase 3)
Duration: 2018–2019
12. *Group Travel Grant for the PhD Forum to be Held in Conjunction with IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision*
PI: **Nathan Jacobs**
Sponsor: National Science Foundation (NSF)
Total Award: \$13,625
Duration: 2018–2019
13. *ASER Multi Center Review of Blunt Splenic Trauma: Optimal CT Diagnosis, Characterization*
PI: James Lee (Radiology)

Co-PI(s)/Co-I(s): David Nickels, **Nathan Jacobs**, Emily Slade

Sponsor: American Society of Emergency Radiology

Total Award: \$5,000

Duration: 2018–2019

14. *Mechanism of a Novel Stable Compensatory Cardiac Hypertrophy Model*

PI: Jonathan Satin

Co-PI(s)/Co-I(s): Douglas Andres, **Nathan Jacobs**, Moriel Vandsburger

Sponsor: American Heart Association

Total Award: \$154,000

Duration: 2016–2018

15. *NIP: GeoLookbook: Modeling Worldwide Human Visual Appearance*

PI: **Nathan Jacobs**

Sponsor: National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA)

Total Award: \$299,204

Duration: 2014–2018

16. *Crossview ConvNets for Near/Remote Sensing*

PI: **Nathan Jacobs**

Sponsor: Google

Total Award: \$46,209

Duration: 2016–2017

17. *WALDO: Wide Area Localization of Depicted Objects*

PI: **Nathan Jacobs**

Sponsor: Object Video / Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Activity (IARPA)

Total Award: \$373,395

Duration: 2012–2016

18. *CSSG: ContextualEyes: A Context-Aware Surveillance System*

PI: **Nathan Jacobs**

Sponsor: Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)

Total Award: \$743,131

Duration: 2011–2015

19. *Image-Net: Discriminatory Imaging and Network Advancement for Missiles, Aviation, and Space*

PI: Brent Seales

Co-PI(s)/Co-I(s): Ken Calvert, James Griffioen, Jane Hayes, **Nathan Jacobs**, Victor Marek, Thomas Seigler, Suzanne Smith, Mirosław Truszczyński, Ruigang Yang

Sponsor: United States Army Space and Missile Defense Command / United States Army Forces Strategic Command

Total Award: \$2,092,905

Duration: 2011–2012

Donations

1. *Google Cloud Compute Research Credits*

Sponsor: Google

Amount/Value: \$5,000

PI: **Nathan Jacobs**

Date: Aug 2018

2. *NVIDIA Titan X GPU*

Sponsor: NVIDIA

Amount/Value: \$778

PI: **Nathan Jacobs**

Date: Oct 2016

3. <i>AWS Research Education Grant</i>	PI: Nathan Jacobs
Sponsor: Amazon	Date: Jul 2015
Amount/Value: \$5,000	
4. <i>NVIDIA Tesla K40 GPU</i>	PI: Nathan Jacobs
Sponsor: NVIDIA	Date: Dec 2014
Amount/Value: \$3,900	

6 Talks

1. “(Almost) Two Decades of Vision Across altitudes” (keynote), Oct 2025, Workshop on 3D-VAST From street to space: 3D Vision Across altitudes (ICCV 2025 Workshop), Honolulu, Hawaii
2. “Learning to Map Anything, Anywhere, Anytime” (keynote), Nov 2023, The International Conference on Digital Image Computing: Techniques and Applications (DICTA), Port Macquarie, Australia
3. “Learning to Map Anything, Anywhere, Anytime” (keynote), Oct 2023, ACM Multimedia Workshop (UAVs in Multimedia: Capturing the World from a New Perspective), Ottawa, Canada
4. “A Cost-Sensitive Approach To Dimensionality Reduction for Multispectral Imagery”, Jul 2023, International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium, Pasadena, CA
5. “Explorations in Self-Supervised Learning for Change Detection”, Jul 2023, International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium, Pasadena, CA
6. “Toward Dynamic Multimodal Remote Sensing: From Buildings and Populations to Soundscapes and Aesthetics”, Apr 2023, Living Earth Collaborative, Washington University, St. Louis, MO
7. “Domain-Inspired Deep Learning for Computer Vision, Remote Sensing, and Medical Imaging”, Oct 2022, Imaging Science Seminar, Washington University, St. Louis, MO
8. “Computer Vision for Multimodal Remote Sensing”, Aug 2022, WashU Geospatial Working Group Research Workshop, Washington University, St. Louis, MO
9. “A Structure-Aware Method for Direct Pose Estimation”, Jan 2022, IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV), Waikoloa Village, HI
10. Panelist for “Non-Traditional Careers in Computer Science” Nov 2021, ACM-W, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY
11. “Mapping the Visual World Using Webcams, Cell Phones, and Satellites”, Oct 2021, Washington University in St. Louis, MO
12. “Learning Geo-Temporal Scene Models from Webcams, Cell Phones, and Satellites” (Keynote), Oct 2021, International Workshop on Distributed Smart Cameras, an ICCV Workshop (virtual)
13. “Mapping the Visual World Using Webcams, Cell Phones, and Satellites”, Dec 2020, University of Campinas, Unicamp, Brazil (virtual)
14. “Exploring the Intersection of Localization, Mapping, and Image Understanding” (Keynote), Aug 2020, ECCV Workshop on Long-Term Visual Localization (virtual)
15. “Deep Convolutional Neural Networks: Foundations to Frontiers (a 2-day short course)”, Mar 2020, Brazilian Space Agency (INPE), Sao Jose dos Campos, Brazil
16. “What, Where, and When: Mapping the World Using Webcams, Cell Phones, and Satellites”, Mar 2020, Brazilian Space Agency (INPE), Sao Jose dos Campos, Brazil

17. “Learning to Map Visual Appearance”, Feb 2020, Keeping Current Seminar, University of Kentucky (Computer Science), Lexington, KY
18. “Learning to Map Visual Appearance”, Jan 2020, Wageningen University, Netherlands
19. “What, Where, and When: Mapping the World Using Webcams, Cell Phones, and Satellites”, Nov 2019, University of Kentucky (Forestry), Lexington, KY
20. “Learning to Map the Visual World”, Jul 2019, Wright State University, Dayton, OH
21. “Understanding Places Using Ground-Level and Overhead Views” (Keynote), May 2019, Kentucky Geological Society (Annual Symposium), Lexington, KY
22. “Understanding Places Using Ground-Level and Overhead Views”, Feb 2019, Notre Dame University, South Bend, IN
23. “A Generative Model of Worldwide Facial Appearance” (Keynote), Jan 2019, Workshop on Demographic Variations in Performance of Biometric Algorithms, Waikoloa Village, HI
24. “A Generative Model of Worldwide Facial Appearance”, Jan 2019, IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision, Waikoloa Village, HI
25. “A Weakly Supervised Approach for Estimating Spatial Density Functions from High-Resolution Satellite Imagery”, Nov 2018, ACM SIGSPATIAL, Seattle, WA
26. “Understanding Places Using Ground-Level and Overhead Views”, Oct 2018, Commonwealth Computational Summit, Lexington, KY
27. “GeoLookbook: Modeling Worldwide Human Visual Appearance (Year 4)”, Sep 2018, National Academy of Sciences (IC Academic Research Symposium), Washington, DC
28. “Understanding Places Using Ground-Level and Overhead Views”, Aug 2018, Oak Ridge National Lab, Oak Ridge, TN
29. “WhatGoesWhere: Predicting Object Distributions from Above”, Jul 2018, IGARSS, Valencia, Spain
30. “Building World Models for Situated Training and Planning”, May 2018, Air Force Science and Technology 2030 Workshop, Bloomington, IN
31. “Recent Advances in Image Understanding”, May 2018, DASC, Lexington, KY
32. “(Tutorial) Recent Advances in Deep Learning: Fusing Overhead and Ground-Level Views for Remote Sensing”, April 2018, USGIF Annual Symposium, Tampa, FL
33. “Understanding Places Using Ground-Level and Overhead Views”, Feb 2018, CVPR Area Chair Meeting, Toronto, Canada
34. “GeoLookbook: Modeling Worldwide Human Visual Appearance (Year 3)”, Sep 2017, National Academy of Sciences (IC Academic Research Symposium), Washington, DC
35. “GPU Accelerated Computer Vision, Remote Sensing, and Machine Learning”, Aug 2017, Kentucky Geological Service, Lexington, KY
36. “Fusing Overhead and Ground-Level Imagery to Improve Scene Understanding”, Jul 2017, Planet, San Francisco, CA
37. “Learning about When and Where from Imagery”, Jun 2017, Orbital Insight, Mountain View, CA

38. “(Tutorial) Recent Advances in Deep Learning: Fusing Overhead and Ground-Level Views for Remote Sensing”, Jun 2017, USGIF Annual Symposium, San Antonio, TX
39. “How Computers See People (extended)”, May 2017, CCTS Biomedical Informatics Seminar Series, Lexington, KY
40. “Understanding Places Using Ground-Level and Overhead Views”, May 2017, Midwest Vision Meeting, Chicago, IL
41. “How Computers See People”, Feb 2017, Suds’n Science Speaker Series, West Sixth Brewing, Lexington, KY
42. “Learning about When and Where from Imagery”, Feb 2017, University of Missouri, Department of Computer Science
43. “Localization, Mapping, and Image Understanding”, Feb 2017, USGIF Machine Learning Symposium
44. “Deep Convolutional Neural Networks: Concepts and Examples (in Computer Vision)”, Nov 2016, University of Kentucky, Society of Industrial and Applied Mathematics
45. “Crossview Convolutional Networks”, Oct 2016, Applied Imagery and Pattern Recognition, Washington, D.C.
46. “GeoLookbook: Modeling Worldwide Human Visual Appearance (Year 2)”, Sep 2016, National Academy of Sciences (IC Academic Research Symposium), Washington, DC
47. “Deep Convolutional Neural Networks: Concepts and Examples”, Jul 2016, University of Kentucky: Systems Biology and Omics Integration Seminar
48. “Crossview Methods for Localization and Mapping”, Jun 2016, IEEE CVPR Workshop on “Vision from Satellite to Street” (invited talk)
49. “A Fast Method for Estimating Transient Scene Properties”, Mar 2016, Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision, Lake Placid, NY
50. “Novel Cues for Geocalibration”, Feb 2016, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
51. “Novel Cues for Camera Geocalibration”, Jan 2016, Uber Advanced Technology Center, Pittsburgh, PA
52. “Novel Cues for Geocalibration: Cloudy Days, Rainbows, and More”, Oct 2015, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA
53. “Using Geotagged Internet Imagery to Understand the World”, Sep 2015, Université Laval, Quebec City, Canada
54. “face2gps: Estimating Geographic Location from Facial Features”, Sep 2015, International Conference on Image Processing, Quebec City, Canada
55. “GeoLookbook: Modeling Worldwide Human Visual Appearance”, Sep 2015, National Academy of Sciences (IC Academic Research Symposium), Washington, DC
56. “Exploring the Geo-Dependence of Human Face Appearance”, Mar 2014, Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision, Steamboat Springs, CO
57. “Estimating Cloudmaps from Outdoor Image Sequences”, Mar 2014, Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision, Steamboat Springs, CO
58. “Scene Geometry from Several Partly Cloudy Days”, Oct 2013, International Conference on Distributed Smart Cameras, Palm Springs, CA
59. “Unlocking the Potential of the Global Network of Outdoor Webcams”, Apr 2013, Rochester Institute of Technology

60. “Geo-temporal Computer Vision: Applications to the NGA”, Nov 2011, National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency
61. “Geo-temporal Computer Vision: Applications to the Army”, Oct 2011, Army Research Lab
62. “Localizing, Calibrating, and Using Thousands of Outdoor Webcams”, Feb 2011, University of North Carolina–Charlotte
63. “Using Clouds Shadows to Infer Scene Structure and Camera Calibration”, Jun 2010, CVPR, San Francisco, CA
64. “Passive Vision and The Power of Collective Imaging”, Apr 2010, Object Video Inc., Reston, VA
65. “Localizing, Calibrating, and Using Thousands of Outdoor Webcams”, Apr 2010, University of Kentucky
66. “Time-Lapse Vision: Localizing, Calibrating, and Using Thousands Outdoor Webcams”, Apr 2010, Google, Mountain View, CA
67. “Passive Vision and The Power of Collective Imaging”, Jan 2010, Google, Mountain View, CA
68. “Incorporating Domain Constraints in Urban Vehicle Tracking”, Nov 2010, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO
69. “Compressive Sensing and Differential Image-Motion Estimation”, Mar 2010, ICASSP, Dallas, TX
70. “The Global Network of Outdoor Webcams: Properties and Applications ”, Nov 2009, ACM GIS, Seattle, WA
71. “Passive Vision: The Global Webcam Imaging Network”, Oct 2009, AIPR, Washington, DC
72. “Calibrating and Using the Global Network of Outdoor Webcams”, Aug 2009, ICDSC, Italy
73. “Adventures in Archiving and Using Three Years of Webcam Images”, Jun 2009, CVPR Workshop on Internet Vision, Miami, FL
74. “Recent Work: Webcams and Grooves”, Aug 2009, Object Video, Reston, VA
75. “Location-Specific Models for Tracking”, Jan 2008, WMVC, Copper Mountain, CO
76. “Using natural cues to geo-locate and geo-orient distributed cameras”, Jan 2008, VISN, Copper Mountain, CO
77. “Foreground Modeling: The Shape of Things That Came”, Feb 2007, WMVC, Austin, Texas

7 Service

University Service

- Washington University in St. Louis (2022–present)
 - 2023–present: Director of PhD Admissions, Department of Computer Science & Engineering
 - 2023–present: Faculty Advisor, WashU Robomaster Club
 - 2023–present: Faculty Technology Advisory Committee, James McKelvey School of Engineering
 - 2022–present: Leadership Team, Geospatial Working Group
 - 2022–present: Research Council, Taylor Geospatial Institute
 - 2023–present: Faculty Search Committee, Imaging Science Program
 - 2023–present: Curriculum Committee, Imaging Science Program
 - 2022–present: Faculty Search Committee, Computer Science & Engineering Department

- 2022–2023: Strategic Planning Steering Committee, James McKelvey School of Engineering
- University of Kentucky (2010–2022)
 - 2021–2022: Institute for Biomedical Informatics: Steering Committee
 - 2019–2022: Computer Science Department: Executive Committee
 - 2019–2022: College of Engineering: Master Planning/Space Committee
 - 2018–2019, 2020–2022: College of Engineering: Research Advisory Committee
 - 2020–2022: College of Engineering: Graduate Studies Team
 - 2013–2017, 2018–2022: Computer Science Department: Faculty Search Committee
 - 2020–2021: Computer Science Department: Chair Search Committee
 - 2020: College of Engineering: Recruiting Advisory Committee
 - 2018–2019: University Senate (Academic Facilities Committee, Technology Committee)
 - 2017: Member (Information Technology Task Force for Research Enablement and Outreach)
 - 2015–2016: Computer Science Department: ABET Committee
 - 2010–2012, 2015–2016: Computer Science Department: Media and Outreach
 - 2013: Center for Visualization and Virtual Environment: Director Search Committee
 - 2013: Computer Science Department: Chair Search Committee
 - 2012–2013: Computer Science Department: Curriculum Development Committee
 - 2012–2013, 2015: Engineering Day (oral presentation and/or software demonstration)

Professional Service

- Area Chair:
 - IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) [2018, 2019, 2021, 2023, 2024 (senior), 2025 (lead), 2026 (senior)]
 - European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV) [2022, 2024 (lead)]
 - IEEE/CVF International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV) [2023, 2025 (lead)]
 - Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) [2024]
 - IEEE/CVF Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV) [2014, 2022, 2023]
- Organizing Committees:
 - IEEE/ISPRS Workshop on Large Scale Computer Vision for Remote Sensing Imagery (EARTHVISION) [2019–2023, 2025–2026]
 - Foundational Models Beyond the Visual Spectrum (workshop at IEEE/CVF Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV)) [2026]
 - Doctoral Consortium Co-Chair: IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) [2017, 2019, 2024, 2025]
 - Industrial/Government Relations Chair: IEEE/CVF Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV) [2024]
 - Doctoral Consortium Chair: IEEE/CVF Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV) [2018, 2022]

- Video Proceedings Chair: IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) [2015]
- IEEE Workshop on Motion and Video Computing (WMVC) [2011]
- Guest Editor:
 - ISPRS Journal of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing [2024], Special Issue “Vision Language Models for Remote Sensing Analysis and Interpretation”
 - IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Applied Earth Observations and Remote Sensing (J-STARS) [2021], Special Issue “Integrating User Generated Contents for Remote Sensing Applications”
 - Elsevier Computer Vision and Image Understanding (CVIU) [2019], Special Issue “Computer Vision for Remote Sensing”
- Panelist:
 - Roundtable Discussion at 1st Workshop on Computer Vision for Earth Observation (CV4EO) Applications 2024 (Hosted as part of IEEE/CVF Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV) 2024)
- Session Chair:
 - IEEE International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium (IGARSS) [2020,2023]
 - IEEE/ISPRS Workshop on Large Scale Computer Vision for Remote Sensing Imagery (EARTHVISION) [2019]
 - IEEE/CVF Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV) [2016, 2019, 2022, 2024]
 - IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) [2018, 2024, 2025]
 - IEEE/ACM International Conference on Distributed Smart Cameras [2013]
- Reviewing for Journals:
 - Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences [2024]
 - IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing [2020]
 - ISPRS Journal of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing [2020]
 - IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence [2011×2, 2012, 2018, 2019]
 - ISPRS Journal of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing [2019]
 - IEEE Transactions on Geoscience and Remote Sensing [2017]
 - IEEE Transactions on Multimedia [2011, 2016]
 - Elsevier Computer Vision and Image Understanding [2010, 2013, 2016×2]
 - IEEE Transactions on Computational Imaging [2016]
 - IEEE Journal on Selected Topics in Remote Sensing [2015]
 - Springer Machine Vision and Applications [2014]
 - IEEE Sensors [2014]
 - Elsevier Image and Vision Computing [2013]
 - IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems for Video Technology [2007–2011]
 - IEEE Computer Graphics and Applications [2010]
 - IEEE Transactions on Aerospace and Electronic Systems [2010]
 - Elsevier Computers and Electronics in Agriculture [2010]

- Cartography and Geographic Information Science [2010]
- Program Committee / Reviewer for:
 - Conferences
 - * International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) [2022, 2025]
 - * IEEE/CVF Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV) [2021, 2024, 2025]
 - * IEEE International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium (IGARSS) [2020]
 - * British Machine Vision Conference (BMVC) [2020]
 - * IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) [2006–2017, 2020]
 - * European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV) [2010, 2014, 2020]
 - * Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) [2010–2012, 2020]
 - * AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) [2020, 2026 (social impact track)]
 - * IEEE/CVF International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV) [2007, 2009, 2019, 2021]
 - * Asian Conference on Computer Vision (ACCV) [2010, 2016]
 - * IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA) [2016]
 - * International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) [2012]
 - * IEEE International Conference on Advanced Video and Signal-Based Surveillance (AVSS) [2010]
 - Workshops
 - * ICLR Workshop on Machine Learning for Remote Sensing [2023]
 - * IEEE/ISPRS Workshop on Large Scale Computer Vision for Remote Sensing Imagery (EARTHVISION) [2017, 2019, 2020]
 - * CVPR Workshop on Photogrammetric Computer Vision [2019]
 - * CVPR Workshop on DeepGlobe Satellite Challenge [2018]
 - * ACM International Workshop on Geotagging and Its Applications [2013]
 - * ICCV Workshop on Computer Vision for Converging Perspectives [2013]
 - * IEEE Workshop on Applications of Computer Vision [2012–2013]
 - * ECCV Workshop on Visual Analysis and Geo-Localization of Large-Scale Imagery [2012]
 - * ACM Workshop on Geotagging and Its Applications in Multimedia [2012]
 - * IEEE Workshop on Motion and Video Computation [2009–2011]
- Reviewing for Funding Agencies:
 - Panelist for NSF Information and Intelligent Systems Division [2019]
 - Panelist for NSF Information and Intelligent Systems Division [2018]
 - Panelist for NSF Information and Intelligent Systems Division [2017]
 - Panelist for NSF Division of Industrial Innovation and Partnerships [2016]
 - Panelist for NSF Information and Intelligent Systems Division [2016]
 - Panelist for NSF Information and Intelligent Systems Division [2015]
 - External reviewer for NSF Information and Intelligent Systems Division [2015]
 - External reviewer for Fonds de recherche du Quebec [2014]
- Advisory Committee for:
 - 1st Workshop on Computer Vision for Earth Observation (CV4EO) Applications 2024 (Hosted as part of IEEE/CVF Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV) 2024)

Memberships

- Senior Member: Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers
- Full Member: British Machine Vision Association and Society for Pattern Recognition
- Affiliate Member: International Association of Pattern Recognition

8 Teaching and Mentoring

Courses Taught

The following list summarizes the traditional, classroom courses I have taught:

- *Advances in Computer Vision*, CSE 659a, [F2024], Washington University in St. Louis
- *Computer Vision*, CSE 559a, [S2023, S2024, S2025], Washington University in St. Louis
- *Machine Learning*, CS 460g, [F2012, F2013, F2014, F2016, F2018, F2019], University of Kentucky
- *Computer Vision*, CS 636, [S2011, S2013, S2017], University of Kentucky
- *Learning-Based Methods for Computer Vision*, CS 585/685, [S2015], University of Kentucky
- *Advanced Topics in Computer Science: Machine Learning*, CS 685, [S2012], University of Kentucky
- *Intermediate Topics in Computer Science: Computational Photography*, CS 585, [F2010, F2011], University of Kentucky
- *Theory of Computation*, CECS 341, [F2002], University of Missouri

Mentoring

Postdoctoral Scholars

1. Adeel Ahmad (Ph.D. Geomatics, University of Punjab–Lahore) Dates: 2023–2024
Research Focus: Remote Sensing, Deep Learning, Land-Use Modeling
2. Benjamin Brodie (Ph.D. Mathematics, University of Kentucky) Dates: 2020–2022
Research Focus: Change Detection, Object Tracking, Re-Identification, Metric Learning
Employment: Research Scientist, Blue Halo

Ph.D. Students

1. [Paul Mihail](#) [*co-chair* with Judy Goldsmith] Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science
Title: Visualizing and Predicting the Effects of Rheumatoid Arthritis on Hands Date: May 2014
Employment: Professor, Computer Science, Valdosta State University
2. [Mohammad T. Islam](#) Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science
Title: Analyzing the Geo-Dependence of Human Face Appearance and Its Applications Date: Jul 2016
Employment: Associate Professor, Computer Science, Southern Connecticut State University
3. [Hamid Hamraz](#) Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science
Title: Computational Forest Modeling using Airborne Remote Sensing LiDAR Date: Apr 2018
Employment: Computational and Data Scientist, Microsoft

4. [Scott Workman](#) Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science
 Title: Leveraging Overhead Imagery for Localization, Mapping, and Understanding Date: Apr 2018
 Employment: Research Scientist, DZYNE Technologies
5. Menghua “Ted” Zhai Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science
 Title: Deep Probabilistic Models for Camera Geo-Calibration Date: Dec 2018
 Employment: Computer Vision Engineer, MatrixTime (startup)
6. [Zach Bessinger](#) Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science
 Title: Modeling and Mapping Location-Dependent Human Appearance Date: Dec 2018
 Employment: Senior Applied Scientist, Zillow
7. [Tawfiq Salem](#) Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science
 Title: Learning to Map the Visual and Auditory World Date: Jul 2019
 Employment: Visiting Assistant Professor, Computer and Information Technology, Purdue University
8. [Gongbo Liang](#) Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science
 Title: Clinical-Inspired Multi-Modal Deep Learning Medical Imaging Analysis Date: Oct 2020
 Employment: Assistant Professor, Computer Science, Eastern Kentucky University
9. [Usman Rafique](#) [*co-chair* with Samson Cheung] Degree: Ph.D., Electrical Engineering
 Title: Weakly Supervised Learning for Multi-Image Synthesis Date: Jul 2021
 Employment: Research Scientist, Kitware Inc.
10. [Hunter Blanton](#) Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science
 Title: Revisiting Absolute Pose Regression Date: Aug 2021
 Employment: Senior Computer Vision Engineer, Yembo (startup)
11. [Connor Greenwell](#) Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science
 Title: Probabilistic Cross-Domain Representation Learning Date: Jun 2022
 Employment: Senior R&D Engineer, Kitware Inc.
12. [Yu Zhang](#) Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science
 Title: Multimodal Domain Generalization Date: Mar 2023
 Employment: Assistant Professor, Computer Science, Boise State University
13. [Xin Xing](#) [*co-chair* with Ai-Ling Lin] Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science
 Title: Structured Attention for Image Analysis Date: Nov 2023
 Employment: Assistant Professor, University of Nebraska-Omaha
14. [Subash Khanal](#) Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science
 Title: Multimodal Representation Learning for Geospatial Soundscape Mapping Date: Jul 2025
15. Lydia Reader [*co-chair* with Ross Hammond] Degree: Ph.D., Computational & Data Sciences
 Title: Toward an Understanding of Heterogeneous Effects of Walkability on Children’s Physical Activity Date: May 2026 (est)
16. Aayush Dhakal Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science
 Title: TBD Date: May 2026 (est)
17. Srikumar Sastry Degree: Ph.D., Imaging Science
 Title: Task-Aligned Multimodal Representation Learning Date: Dec 2026)
18. Michael Lanier [*co-chair* with Yevgeniy Vorobeychik] Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science
 Title: TBD Date: May 2027 (est)

19. Zhexiao Xiong	Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science
Title: TBD	Date: May 2027 (est)
20. Alex Wollam	Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science
Title: TBD	Date: TBD
21. Tong Li [<i>co-chair</i> with Joshua Oltmanns]	Degree: Ph.D., Computational & Data Sciences
Title: TBD	Date: TBD
22. Nia Hodges	Degree: Ph.D., Electrical and Systems Engineering
Title: TBD	Date: TBD
23. Eric Xing	Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science
Title: TBD	Date: TBD
24. Daniel Cher	Degree: Ph.D., Computational & Data Sciences
Title: TBD	Date: TBD
25. Feng Qiao	Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science
Title: TBD	Date: TBD

Visiting Ph.D. Students

1. Patrick Tutzauer (University of Stuttgart)	Dates: Fall 2017
Topic: Geospatial Trajectory Modeling	
2. Raian Vargas Maretto (INPE, Brazil)	Dates: 2018–2019
Topic: Deforestation Detection	
3. Rafael Padilha (UNICAMP, Brazil)	Dates: 2019–2020
Topic: Image Forensics	
4. Alex Levering (Wageningen University)	Dates: 2022–2023
Topic: Landscape Quality Assessment	

Masters Students

1. Feiyu Shi	Degree: MS, Computer Science
Title: Principal Component Analysis For Multi-size Images	Date: Dec 2013
2. Ryan Baltenberger	Degree: MS, Computer Science
Title: Estimating Transient Scene Attributes Using Deep Convolutional Neural Networks	Date: May 2016
3. William “Derek” Jones [<i>co-chair</i> w/ Sally Ellingson]	Degree: MS, Computer Science
Title: Scalable Feature Selection and Extraction with Applications in Kinase Polypharmacology	Date: May 2018
4. Weilian “William” Song	Degree: MS, Computer Science
Title: Image-Based Roadway Assessment using Convolutional Neural Networks	Date: May 2019
5. Armin Hadzic	Degree: MS, Computer Science
Title: Estimating Free-Flow Speed with LiDAR and Overhead Imagery	Date: May 2020
6. David Jones	Degree: MS, Computer Science
Title: Intensity Harmonization for Airborne LiDAR	Date: May 2021

7. Jacob Birge Degree: MS, Computer Science
Title: A Cost-Sensitive Approach To Multimodal Fusion Date: Dec 2021
8. Alex Greene Degree: MS, Computer Science
Title: Using Aerial Imagery to Estimate Ground-level Object Distributions Date: May 2023
9. Alex Wollam Degree: MS, Computer Science
Title: Exploring Sequential Outdoor Panorama Synthesis with Diffusion Models Date: Jul 2023
10. Hongzhang Wang Degree: MS, Computer Science
Title: Monocular Depth Estimation Date: Dec 2023
11. Nia Hodges Degree: MS, Engineering Data Analytics & Statistics
Title: Wide-Area Image Localization Date: May 2024
12. Wanzhou Liu Degree: MS, Computer Science
Title: High Efficiency Generalizable Driving World Model Date: Fall 2024
13. Lunchi Guo Degree: MS, Computer Engineering
Title: Deep Learning-Based Coordinate Prediction from Medical Fluoroscopic Images for Improved Radiation
Date: Fall 2024
14. Lunchi Guo Degree: MS, Computer Engineering
Title: MedVid-Align: Intelligent Analysis of Medical Procedure Videos Date: Spring 2025
15. Myan Sudharsanan Degree: MS, Computer Engineering
Title: VisionLLMs in the Automotive Domain: Finegrained Details of Traffic Signs and Passenger Vehicles
Date: Spring 2025
16. Ethan Weilheimer Degree: MS (thesis), Computer Science
Title: Partially Supervised Reinforcement Learning for GPS-Denied Navigation Date: Spring 2025
17. Vinh Pham Degree: MS, Engineering Data Analytics and Statistics
Title: Automated Satellite Imagery Analysis for Global Agricultural Field Boundary Detection Date: Spring 2025
18. Shuhan (Steven) Zhang Degree: MS, Computer Science
Title: Query-Specific Feature Transformation for Fine-Grained Image Retrieval Date: Spring 2025
19. Jingyun Ma Degree: MS, Computer Science
Title: Large Language Models for MCNP Input Generation Date: Spring 2025
20. Jackson McCall Degree: MS, Computer Science
Title: GeoSynth++: Large-Scale Satellite Image Synthesis Date: Spring 2025
21. Haris Naveed Degree: MS, Computer Science
Title: Deep Learning for Tree Canopy Height Estimation Date: Spring 2025
22. Yitao Yu Degree: MS, Computer Science
Title: Probabilistic Cross-Modal Embeddings Date: Fall 2025
23. Mohammad Rouie Miab Degree: MS, Computer Science
Title: Enhancing Semantic Precision in Text-to-Image Generation Date: Spring 2026

Undergraduate Research Students

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| 1. Jim Knochelmann
Title: User-Tools for Aerial Image Registration | Dates: 2011–2012 |
| 2. Kyle Kolpek
Title: Aerial Image Registration | Dates: 2012 |
| 3. Noora Aljabi
Title: Using Flickr to Map Phenological Trends | Dates: 2013 |
| 4. J. David Smith
Title: User-in-the-loop Camera Calibration | Dates: 2013–2015 |
| 5. Angelo Stekardis
Title: Understanding Facial Expressions | Dates: 2014–2015 |
| 6. Ryan Baltenberger
Title: Understanding Outdoor Scene Appearance | Dates: 2012–2015 |
| 7. Connor Greenwell
Title: Interactive Methods for Aerial Imagery Understanding | Dates: 2014–2016 |
| 8. Sam Davidson
Title: Applications of Generative Adversarial Networks to Social Media Imagery | Dates: 2016–2017 |
| 9. Aaron Mueller
Title: Deep Learning for Educational Data | Dates: 2018 |
| 10. Weilian Song
Title: Applications of Deep Convolutional Neural Networks to Geometric Computer Vision | Dates: 2016–2019 |
| 11. Yuhan Long
Title: Deep Learning for Medical Imaging | Dates: 2019 |
| 12. Thomas Barber
Title: Deep Learning for Remote Sensing | Dates: 2019 |
| 13. Sean Grate
Title: Deep Learning for Point Clouds | Dates: 2019–2020 |
| 14. Shashank Bhatt
Title: Multi-Object Tracking | Dates: 2020–2022 |
| 15. Evan Bolton
Title: Generating Synthetic Training Data using a Game Engine | Dates: 2021 |
| 16. Julia Stekardis
Title: Large-Scale Image Geo-Localization | Dates: 2021–2022 |
| 17. Gareth Walker
Title: Remote Sensing for Social Good | Dates: 2022 |
| 18. Matthew Mitchell
Title: Remote Sensing for Social Good | Dates: 2022 |
| 19. Cohen Archbold
Title: Automatic Real-Estate Price Estimation | Dates: 2020–2022 |

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| 20. Brian Wei | Dates: Fall 2025 |
| Title: Stereo Video Analysis | |
| 21. Dev Gupta | Dates: Fall 2025 |
| Title: Temporally-Consistent Stereo Video Generation | |
| 22. Ice Cui | Dates: Fall 2025 |
| Title: Leveraging Diffusion Transformers to Improve GeoSynth Scalability and Cross-Scale Consistency | |

High School Research Students

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| 1. Ryan Baltenberger | Dates: 2011–2012 |
| Title: Gesture-Based User Interaction with the Microsoft Kinect | |
| 2. Alex Lucas | Dates: 2014–2013 |
| Title: Evaluation of Automatic Face Detection Methods | |
| 3. Andrew Tapia | Dates: 2014–2015 |
| Title: Estimating Surface Reflectivity | |
| 4. Andrew Albrecht | Dates: 2016–2017 |
| Title: Mapping Social Media Imagery | |
| 5. C. J. Labianca | Dates: 2016–2017 |
| Title: Evaluation of Optimization Algorithms for Deep Convolutional Neural Networks | |
| 6. Ryan Landry | Dates: 2017–2018 |
| Title: RRADCL: Rapid Roadway Assessment with Deep Convolutional Learning | |
| 7. Cohen Archbold | Dates: 2017–2018 |
| Title: Photo-Geolocation using Convolutional Neural Networks | |
| 8. Nicole Wong | Dates: 2019–2020 |
| Title: Learning-Based View Synthesis | |
| 9. Chris Wang | Dates: 2019–2021 |
| Title: Multimodal Medical Imaging for Alzheimer’s Disease Classification | |
| 10. William Greenlee | Dates: 2021–2022 |
| Title: Deep Learning for Computer Vision | |
| 11. Krishna Bhatraju | Dates: 2021–2022 |
| Title: Deep Motion Estimation | |

Graduate Committees (as regular member or external examiner)

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| 1. Edwin Prem Kumar Sathiyamoorthy | Degree: M.S., Electrical Engineering |
| Role: member | Date: Spring 2011 |
| Title: Global Change Reactive Background Subtraction | |
| 2. Ju Shen | Degree: Ph.D., Electrical Engineering |
| Role: member | Date: Spring 2014 |
| Title: Computational Multimedia for Video Self Modeling | |

3. Hasan Sajid Degree: M.S., Electrical Engineering
 Role: member Date: Summer 2014
 Title: A Universal Background Subtraction System
4. Chenxi Zhang Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science
 Role: member Date: Fall 2014
 Title: Depth-assisted Image Segmentation, Enhancement and Visualization
5. Mao Ye Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science
 Role: member Date: Fall 2014
 Title: 3D Reconstruction and Motion Analysis of Deformable Objects with Consumer Depth Cameras
6. Yan Huang Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science
 Role: member Date: Fall 2014
 Title: Novel Computational Methods for Transcript Reconstruction and Quantification using RNA-SEQ Data
7. Shaoceng Wei Degree: Ph.D., Statistics
 Role: outside examiner Date: Spring 2015
 Title: Multi-state Models for Interval Censored Data with Competing Risk
8. Bo Fu Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science
 Role: member Date: Spring 2015
 Title: Towards Intelligent Telerobotics: Visualization and Control of Remote Robot
9. Harikrishnan Unnikrishnan Degree: Ph.D., Electrical Engineering
 Role: member Date: Fall 2015
 Title: Analysis of Vocal Fold Kinematics using High Speed Video
10. Sean Karlage Degree: M.S., Computer Science
 Role: member Date: Spring 2016
 Title: Diachronic Volume Registration for Analysis of Antiquities
11. Hasan Sajid Degree: Ph.D., Electrical Engineering
 Role: member Date: Summer 2016
 Title: Robust Background Subtraction for Moving Cameras and their Applications in Ego-vision Systems
12. Stanley Rosenbaum Degree: M.S., Computer Science
 Role: member Date: Fall 2016
 Title: A method for presenting volume and color of 3D objects via audio for the visually impaired
13. DhiShankar Bhattacharya Degree: M.S., Computer Science
 Role: member Date: Spring 2017
 Title: Analyzing Sybil Attacks and Similar Phenomena in Twitter Data
14. Wesley Hough Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science
 Role: outside examiner Date: Spring 2017
 Title: On Independence, Matching, and Homomorphism Complexes
15. Qingguo Xu Degree: M.S., Computer Science
 Role: member Date: Spring 2017
 Title: 3D Body Tracking using Deep Learning
16. Xiaofei Zhang Degree: M.S., Computer Science
 Role: member Date: Summer 2017
 Title: Mammogram and Tomosynthesis Classification Using Convolutional Neural Networks

17. Yajie Zhao Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science
 Role: member Date: Fall 2017
 Title: 3D Human Face Reconstruction and 2D Appearance Synthesis
18. Po-Chang Su Degree: Ph.D., Electrical Engineering
 Role: member Date: Fall 2017
 Title: Real-time Capture and Rendering of Physical Scene with an Efficiently Calibrated RGB-D Camera Network
19. Anthony Rios Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science
 Role: member Date: Summer 2018
 Title: Deep Neural Networks for Multi-Label Text Classification: Application to Coding Electronic Medical Records
20. Ethan Welty (University of Colorado–Boulder) Degree: Ph.D., Environmental Studies
 Role: member Date: Summer 2018
 Title: High-Precision Photogrammetry for Glaciology
21. Yannick Hold-Geoffroy (Laval University, Quebec, CA) Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science
 Role: member Date: Summer 2018
 Title: Learning Geometric and Lighting priors from Natural Images
22. Nkiruka Uzuegbunam Degree: Ph.D., Electrical Engineering
 Role: member Date: Oct 2018
 Title: Self-Image Multimedia Technologies for Feedforward Observational Learning
23. Nam Vo (Georgia Institute of Technology) Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science
 Role: member Date: Spring 2019
 Title: Image Geolocalization with Deep Learning
24. Jinping Zhuge Degree: Ph.D., Math
 Role: outside examiner Date: Spring 2019
 Title: Boundary layers in periodic homogenization
25. Ryan Zembrodt Degree: M.S., Computer Science
 Role: member Date: Spring 2019
 Title: Open-World Story Generation with Sequence-to-Sequence and Hierarchical Recurrent Encoder-Decoder Models
26. Jonathan Dingess Degree: M.S., Computer Science
 Role: member Date: Spring 2019
 Title: Epsilon-Superposition and Truncation Dimension in Average and Probabilistic Settings for Infinite-Variate Linear Problems
27. Genghis Goodman Degree: M.S., Computer Science
 Role: member Date: Summer 2019
 Title: A Machine Learning Approach to Artificial Floorplan Generation
28. Xinxin Zuo Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science
 Role: member Date: Oct 2019
 Title: Depth Enhancement and Surface Reconstruction with RGB-D sequence
29. Sifei Han Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science
 Role: member Date: Fall 2019
 Title: Text Mining Methods for Analyzing Online Health Information and Communication

30. Shivangi Srivastava (Wageningen University, Netherlands) Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science
Role: member Date: Feb 2020
Title: Mapping of urban landuse and landcover with multiple sensors: joining close and remote sensing with deep learning
31. Raian Maretto (National Institute for Space Research) Degree: Ph.D., Geoinformation Science
Role: member Date: Feb 2020
Title: Deep Learning techniques applied to classification of Remote Sensing Images
32. Kyle Helfrich Degree: Ph.D., Math
Role: member Date: Spring 2020
Title: Orthogonal Recurrent Neural Networks and Batch Normalization in Deep Neural Networks
33. Subash Khanal Degree: M.S., Electrical Engineering
Role: member Date: Spring 2020
Title: Mispronunciation Detection and Diagnosis in Mandarin Accented English Speech
34. Narjes Bozorg Degree: Ph.D., Electrical Engineering
Role: member Date: Nov 2020
Title: Articulatory-Wavenet: Deep Autoregressive Model for Acoustic-to-Articulatory Inversion
35. Céline Portenier (University of Bern) Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science
Role: external referee Date: Spring 2021
Title: High-resolution snow cover retrieval using public webcams
36. Ahmed Nassar (IRISA, Université Bretagne Sud, Vannes) Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science
Role: external referee Date: Spring 2021
Title: Learning to map street-side objects using multiple views
37. Alireza Shirvani Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science
Role: member Date: Summer 2021
Title: Personality and Emotion for Virtual Characters in Strong-story Narrative Planning
38. Sajad Javadinasab Hormozabad Degree: Ph.D., Civil Engineering
Role: member Date: Nov 2021
Title: Artificial Intelligence and Soft Computing in Smart Structural Systems
39. Chengxi Li Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science
Role: member Date: Spring 2022
Title: Supporting Stylized Language Models using Multi-Modality Features
40. Tarannum Shaila Zaman Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science
Role: member Date: Spring 2022
Title: An Automated Framework to Debug System-Level Concurrency Failures
41. David Adeniji Degree: Ph.D., Mechanical Engineering
Role: member Date: Spring 2022
Title: Establishing a Digital Process Twin for Aerospace Alloy Machining using In-situ Process Characterization and Physics Embedded Machine Learning Models
42. Eike Jens Hoffmann (Technical University of Munich) Degree: Ph.D., Data Science in Earth Observation
Role: reviewer Date: Oct 2022
Title: Predicting Building Functions on Large Scale by Fusing Social Media and Remote Sensing Data

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| 43. Arnab Sarkar | Degree: Ph.D., Physics |
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| 44. Yuan Liu | Degree: M.S., Computer Science |
| Role: member | Date: Fall 2022 |
| Title: Skeleton-Based Analysis of Melt Networks | |
| 45. Aiden McIlraith | Degree: M.S., Computer Science |
| Role: member | Date: Fall 2022 |
| Title: Spatial Transcriptome Visualizer | |
| 46. Zhou Chu | Degree: M.S., Computer Science |
| Role: member | Date: Fall 2022 |
| Title: Adapting at time series machine learning models to a real informatics pipe | |
| 47. Zihao Zou | Degree: M.S., Computer Science |
| Role: member | Date: Fall 2022 |
| Title: Deep Model-Based Architectures using Explicit Regularizers for Computational Imaging | |
| 48. Ashutosh Timilsina | Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science |
| Role: member | Date: Spring 2023 |
| Title: Peer-to-peer Energy Trading in Smart Residential Environment with User Behavioral Modeling | |
| 49. Nan Huang | Degree: M.S., Computer Science |
| Role: member | Date: Spring 2023 |
| Title: Toward Continuous Regularizer for Imaging Inverse Problems | |
| 50. Md Selim | Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science |
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| Title: Deep Learning Models for CT Image Standardization | |
| 51. Di Huang | Degree: M.S., Computer Science |
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| Title: Deep Neural Networks for Infant Pose Estimation | |
| 52. Peizhen Tong | Degree: M.S., Computer Science |
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| Title: Adversarial Patch Attacks on Deep Reinforcement Learning | |
| 53. David Sarpong | Degree: M.S., Computer Science |
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| Title: Real-Time Action Segmentation in a Smart Kitchen System | |
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| Title: Hard-Hearted Scrolls: A Noninvasive Method for Reading the Herculaneum Papyri | |
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| Role: member | Date: Fall 2023 |
| Title: Convolutional Neural Networks for Hyperspectral Image-to-Image Microscopy Translation | |
| 59. Fiona Xu | Degree: M.S., Computer Science |
| Role: member | Date: Fall 2023 |
| Title: Adversarial Attack on Graph Embeddings from Text Dataset | |
| 60. Kyle Montgomery | Degree: M.S., Computer Science |
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| Title: Exploring the Reasoning Abilities of Large Language Models | |
| 61. Joshua Tang | Degree: M.S., Computer Science |
| Role: member | Date: Spring 2024 |
| Title: Autonomous Vehicle Object Classification with Uncertainty | |
| 62. Patrick Lynch | Degree: M.S., Computer Science |
| Role: member | Date: Spring 2024 |
| Title: An Automated System for Detecting Errors in Oatmeal-Making Research Task | |
| 63. Owen Ma | Degree: M.S., Computer Science |
| Role: member | Date: Fall 2024 |
| Title: Towards Verified Vision-Based Neural Network Controllers for Autonomous Lane-Following | |
| 64. Minoos Hosseinzadeh | Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science |
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| Title: Smart QoS-Aware Resource Management For Edge Intelligence Systems | |
| 65. Junlin Wu | Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science |
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| Title: Trustworthy Autonomy Through Robust Control and Alignment | |
| 66. Evin Jaff | Degree: M.S., Computer Science |
| Role: member | Date: Fall 2024 |
| Title: SwiftFake: Real-Time Defense Against Deepfake Calls | |
| 67. Yin Li | Degree: M.S., Computer Science |
| Role: member | Date: Fall 2024 |
| Title: 3D Analysis of Spatial Transcriptome | |
| 68. Sizhe Zhang | Degree: A.M., Statistics |
| Role: member | Date: Fall 2024 |
| Title: ProofTutor: LLM-based formal math proving model | |
| 69. Ye Htet | Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science |
| Role: member | Date: Fall 2024 |
| Title: System Design and Task Scheduling for Real-Time Scientific Sensing Applications in Space | |
| 70. Zifan Wang | Degree: M.S., Computer Science |
| Role: member | Date: Spring 2025 |
| Title: GCHP Workload Balancing | |

71. Yuxuan Yang Degree: M.S., Computer Science
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72. Haris Naveed Degree: M.S., Computer Science
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 Title: Deep Learning for Tree Canopy Height Estimation
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 Title: Machine Learning for Mapping and Understanding Galaxy Clusters
74. Hao Liu Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science
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 Title: Toward Graph Foundation Models: Few-shot and Zero-shot Learning on Graphs
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 Title: Geometric Modeling through Multiple Implicit Functions
76. Morris Alper (Tel Aviv University) Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science
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 Title: Multimodal Learning for High-Level Semantic Understanding: From Interpretability to Real-World Applications
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 Role: member Date: Summer 2025
 Title: Computational Imaging under Incomplete Information
79. Weining Wang Degree: M.S., CSE
 Role: member Date: Spring 2026
 Title: Corrupted MRI Brain Image Restoration with Neural Networks
80. Sidrah Liaqat (University of Kentucky) Degree: Ph.D., Electrical Engineering
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 Title: Model-based Deep Learning Techniques for Detecting Behaviors Related to Autism Spectrum Disorder from Video
81. Nischal Khanal Degree: Ph.D., Imaging Science
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 Title: Cortical Motor Programs as Biomarkers for Functional Impairment and Recovery After Stroke
82. Christoph Gerhardt (Technische Universität Ilmenau) Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science
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 Title: Outdoor Appearance Transfer
83. Anindya Sarkar Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science
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| 84. Rachel Badzioch (Notre Dame University) | Degree: Ph.D., Biological Sciences |
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| 85. Ruiqi Wang | Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science |
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| Title: Real-time and Embedded Systems and Efficient Human Activity Recognition | |
| 86. Kyle Wolford | Degree: M.S., Computer Science |
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| Title: Enhancing Plug-and-Play Image Registration via Diffusion | |
| 87. Je-Hoon Michael Oh | Degree: Ph.D., Computational Systems Biology |
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| 88. Tri Pham | Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science |
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| Title: Adaptive Historical Context: Granular Activity Tracking for Interruption Recovery in Software Development | |
| 89. Lisa Liao | Degree: Ph.D., Computer Science |
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| 90. Yu Yan | Degree: Ph.D., EECE |
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