

## Academic Appointments

2025 – **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**  
present Postdoctoral Fellow in Aeronautics and Astronautics  
Advisor: Prof. Julie Shah

## Education

2018 – 2025 **Brown University**  
Ph.D. in Computer Science  
Advisor: Prof. Stefanie Tellex

2021 **Brown University**  
M.S. in Computer Science  
Advisor: Prof. Stefanie Tellex

2017 **University of California, Berkeley**  
B.S. in Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences  
Advisor: Prof. Ken Goldberg and Prof. David Wagner

## Fellowships, Awards and Honors

Brown **National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program**, 2018  
**Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Graduate Scholarship**, 2018

UC Berkeley **Tau Beta Pi, National Engineering Honor Society**, 2014  
**Eta Kappa Nu, National EECS Honor Society**, 2014  
**Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship**, 2014

## Publications

- HRI 2026 **LEGS-POMDP: Language and Gesture-Guided Object Search in Partially Observable Environments**  
I. He, S. Tellex, **J.X. Liu**  
*ACM/IEEE International Conference on Human-Robot Interaction (HRI) 2026.*
- RA-L 2025 **Open-vocabulary Pick and Place via Patch-level Semantic Maps**  
M. Jia, H. Huang, Z. Zhang, C. Wang, L. Zhao, D. Wang, **J.X. Liu**, R. Walters, R. Platt, S. Tellex  
*IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters (RA-L) 2025.* [PDF, Website]
- IROS 2024 **Lang2LTL-2: Grounding Spatiotemporal Navigation Commands Using Large Language and Vision-Language Models**  
**J.X. Liu**, A. Shah, G. Konidaris, S. Tellex, and D. Paulius  
*IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS) 2024.* [PDF, Website]
- IJCAI 2024 **A Survey of Robotic Language Grounding: Tradeoffs between Symbols and Embeddings**  
V. Cohen\*, **J.X. Liu\***, R. Mooney\*, S. Tellex\*, D. Watkins\*  
*International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI) 2024 Survey Track.* [PDF]
- ICRA 2024 **LTL-Transfer: Skill Transfer for Temporally-Extended Task Specifications**  
**J.X. Liu\***, A. Shah\*, E. Rosen, M. Jia, G.D. Konidaris, S. Tellex  
*IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA) 2024.* [PDF, Website]

- CoRL 2023 **Grounding Complex Natural Language Commands for Temporal Tasks in Unseen Environments**  
**J.X. Liu\***, Z. Yang\*, I. Idrees, S. Liang, B. Schornstein, S. Tellex, A. Shah  
*Conference on Robot Learning (CoRL) 2023*. [PDF, Website, Brown News]  
*AAAI Fall Symposium on Unifying Representations for Robot Application Development (UR-RAD) 2023*. **Best Paper Finalist**.
- INTERSPEECH 2023 **Style-transfer based Speech and Audio-visual Scene Understanding for Robot Action Sequence Acquisition from Videos**  
 C. Hori, P. Peng, D. Harwath, **J.X. Liu**, K. Ota, S. Jain, R. Corcodel, D. Jha, D. Romeres, J. Le Roux  
*INTERSPEECH 2023*. [PDF]
- ICRA 2022 **Generalizing to New Domains by Mapping Natural Language to Lifted LTL**  
 E. Hsiung, H. Mehta, J. Chu, **J.X. Liu**, R. Patel, S. Tellex, G. D. Konidaris  
*IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA) 2022*. [PDF]
- ACNS 2020 **Minority Reports Defense: Defending Against Adversarial Patches**  
 M. McCoyd, W. Park, S. Chen, N. Shah, R. Roggenkemper, M. Hwang, **J.X. Liu**, D. Wagner  
*Applied Cryptography and Network Security Workshops (ACNS) 2020*. [PDF]
- ICRA 2018 **Dex-Net 3.0: Computing Robust Vacuum Suction Grasp Targets in Point Clouds Using a New Analytic Model and Deep Learning**  
 J. Mahler, M. Matl, **J.X. Liu**, A. Li, D. Gealy, K. Goldberg  
*IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA) 2018*. [PDF, Website]
- ICISS 2018 **Detecting Phone Theft Using Machine Learning**  
**J.X. Liu**, D. Wagner, S. Egelman  
*International Conference on Information Science and System (ICISS) 2018*. [PDF]
- RSS 2017 **Dex-Net 2.0: Deep Learning to Plan Robust Grasps with Synthetic Point Clouds and Analytic Grasp Metrics**  
 J. Mahler, J. Liang, S. Niyaz, M. Laskey, R. Doan, **J.X. Liu**, J. A. Ojea, K. Goldberg  
*Robotics: Science and Systems (RSS) 2017*. [PDF, Website]

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## Invited Talks

- Oct 2025 UIUC, CS Colloquium
- Oct 2025 Tufts, HRI Seminar
- Jan 2025 USC, Robotics Seminar
- Dec 2024 Brown, Brown Database Group
- Oct 2024 Amazon Robotics, Amazon Robotics Research Fall Symposium and PhD Communication Competition
- Oct 2024 UT Austin, Forum for Artificial Intelligence
- Oct 2024 CU Boulder, CS Colloquium
- Sep 2024 MIT, Interactive Robotics Group
- Sep 2024 UT Austin, Center of Autonomy
- Aug 2024 Arizona State, Logos Robotics Lab
- Jul 2024 Oxford, CS Department Seminar
- Oct 2022 Northeast Robotics Colloquium

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## Guest Lectures

- Spring 2025 Brown, CSCI 1470: Deep Learning

Fall 2024 Brown, CSCI 1951X: Formal Proof and Verification

## Workshop Organization

RSS 2024 Workshop on Task Specification for General-Purpose Intelligent Robots. [Website]

## Industry Experience

Summer 2022 **Research Intern**, *Mitsubishi Electric Research Laboratories*, Cambridge, MA

Summer 2015 **Software Engineer**, *NetSuite*, San Mateo, CA

## Mentorship

2024 - 2025 Lekai Chen (CU Boulder Ph.D.)

2024 - 2025 Ivy He (Brown Ph.D.)

2023 - 2025 Yichen Wei (Brown Master's)

2023 - 2024 Anneke Wernerfelt (Haverford Undergraduate. Now Master's at UPenn)

2023 - 2024 Sofia Juliani (Rutgers Undergraduate)

Spring 2021 Shihab Khalfalla (UConn Undergraduate. Now at Microsoft)

2021 - 2022 Eric Hsiung (Brown Master's. Now Ph.D. at UT Austin)

2020 - 2021 Tyler Edwards (UPenn Undergraduate. Now Master's at UPenn)

2020 - 2021 Suchen Zheng (Brown Master's. Now Ph.D. at Yale)

## Service

Brown **First-year Ph.D. student mentor**, 2021-2023

**Google exploreCSR** (explorecsr.cs.brown.edu), Spring 2021

Review **JMLR** 2025, **CoRL-W** 2024, **RSS-W** 2024, **IROS** 2024, **ICRA** 2023, **ICRA** 2022