

# JESSICA LOO

PhD Student, Duke University  
jessica.loo@duke.edu

---

## EDUCATION

### PhD, Biomedical Engineering, Duke University

2017 – Present

4.0 GPA

GRE® Quantitative reasoning: 170 (97<sup>th</sup> percentile)

Verbal reasoning: 163 (92<sup>nd</sup> percentile)

Analytical writing: 4.5 (82<sup>nd</sup> percentile)

### MEng, Biomedical Engineering, Imperial College London

2011 – 2015

1<sup>st</sup> Class Honours (equivalent to 4.0 GPA)

---

## RESEARCH / WORK EXPERIENCE

### Duke Reading Center

August 2017 – Present

- Developing image analysis software for optical coherence tomography (OCT), scanning laser ophthalmology (SLO), and microperimetry images.
- Analyzing OCT, SLO, and microperimetry images for clinical studies and trials.

### Vision and Image Processing Laboratory, Duke University

August 2017 – Present

- Developing deep learning-based algorithms for clinical applications such as the automatic segmentation and quantification of biomarkers in retinal and corneal diseases on OCT and slit-lamp images.

### Neuramatrix Sdn. Bhd.

January 2016 – May 2017

- Developed a deep learning-based algorithm in Python/TensorFlow for a property insurance company to automatically classify property age based on Google Street View images.
- Developed image processing algorithms in C/C++ such as the automatic detection of salient points in images.

### Developmental Biomechanics Laboratory, Imperial College London

June 2014 – August 2015

- Developed a diagnostic test in MATLAB for the classification of fetal health based on leg and head movement parameters modelled and extracted from clinical cine-MRI scans.
- Developed algorithms in MATLAB to semi-automatically track the positions of the hip, knee, ankle, and spine in fetal cine-MRI scans for investigations into how skeletal development is affected by fetal movement in the womb, particularly in hip dysplasia cases.

---

## PUBLICATIONS

**J. Loo**, M. F. Kriegel, M. M. Tuohy, K. H. Kim, V. Prajna, M. A. Woodward, and S. Farsiu, “Open-source automatic segmentation of ocular structures and biomarkers of microbial keratitis on slit-lamp photography images using deep learning,” *IEEE Journal of Biomedical and Health Informatics* (*in press*), **2020**.

**J. Loo**, T. E. Clemons, E. Y. Chew, M. Friedlander, G. J. Jaffe, and S. Farsiu, “Beyond Performance Metrics: Automatic Deep Learning Retinal OCT Analysis Reproduces Clinical Trial Outcome,” *Ophthalmology* 127(6), 793-801, **2020**.

K. J. McHugh, D. Li, J. C. Wang, L. Kwark, **J. Loo**, V. Macha, S. Farsiu, L. A. Kim, and M. Saint-Geniez, “Computational modeling of retinal hypoxia and photoreceptor degeneration in patients with age-related macular degeneration,” *PLOS One* 14(6), e0216215, **2019**.

**J. Loo**, L. Fang, D. Cunefare, G. J. Jaffe, and S. Farsiu, “Deep longitudinal transfer learning-based automatic segmentation of photoreceptor ellipsoid zone defects on optical coherence tomography images of macular telangiectasia type 2,” *Biomedical Optics Express* 9(6), 2681-2698, **2018**.

S. Verbruggen, **J. Loo**, T. Hayat, J. Hajnal, M. Rutherford, A. Phillips, and N. Nowlan, “Modelling the biomechanics of fetal movement,” *Biomechanics and Modelling in Mechanobiology* 15(4), 995-1004, **2016**.

---

## CONFERENCES

**J. Loo**, T. E. Clemons, E. Y. Chew, M. Friedlander, G. J. Jaffe, and S. Farsiu, “Automatic Deep Learning OCT Analysis Algorithm Reliably Reproduces Expert-Evaluated Outcome of a Randomized Clinical Trial for Macular Telangiectasia Type 2 Treatment,” *ARVO Annual Meeting*, Vancouver, BC, **2019** (Poster presentation).

S. Farsiu, **J. Loo**, M. F. Kriegel, M. Tuohy, V. Prajna, and M. A. Woodward, “Deep learning-based automatic segmentation of stromal infiltrates and associated biomarkers on slit-lamp images of microbial keratitis,” *ARVO Annual Meeting*, Vancouver, BC, **2019** (Poster presentation).

M. F. Kriegel, **J. Loo**, V. Prajna, S. Farsiu, M. Tuohy, P. M. Gomp, L. Niziol, and M. A. Woodward, “Reliability of physicians’ measurements when manually annotating images of microbial keratitis,” *ARVO Annual Meeting*, Vancouver, BC, **2019** (Poster presentation).

**J. Loo**, T. E. Clemons, E. Y. Chew, M. Friedlander, G. J. Jaffe, and S. Farsiu, “Deep Learning Retinal OCT Analysis Reliably Predicts the Outcome of a Real-World Clinical Trial,” *Ophthalmic Technologies XXIX*, San Francisco, CA, **2019** (Oral presentation).

**J. Loo**, L. Fang, D. Cunefer, G. J. Jaffe, and S. Farsiu, “Deep learning-based automatic segmentation of ellipsoid zone defects in optical coherence tomography images of macular telangiectasia type 2,” *ARVO Annual Meeting*, Honolulu, HI, **2018** (Oral presentation).

A W A R D S	
<b>John T. Chambers Fellowship Program (Duke University)</b> One Year Special Award	2019 – 2020
<b>John T. Chambers Fellowship Program (Duke University)</b> One Year Special Award	2018 – 2019
<b>Medical Imaging Training Program (Duke University)</b> Affiliated Scholar	2018 – 2019
<b>Duke Ophthalmology Trainee Day Scientific Symposium (Duke University)</b> Best research presentation award	2018
<b>Fitzpatrick Institute for Photonics Symposium (Duke University)</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> place poster award	2018
<b>Stephen Richardson Prize (Imperial College London)</b> Best MEng project award	2015
<b>Engineering Dean’s List (Imperial College London)</b> Top 10% of the class	2013, 2014, 2015

<b>TECHNICAL SKILLS</b>	Windows OS, Linux OS, MATLAB programming, C/C++ programming, Python programming, TensorFlow, MatConvNet, SolidWorks, PSPICE, LTSPICE
<b>OTHER QUALIFICATIONS</b>	Machine Learning by Stanford University (Coursera certification: WBV7QCZLNfZV) Trinity-Guildhall Music Performance, Grade 8 (Piano); ABRSM, Grade 5 (Music theory)