

## ABOUT ME

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I am a Ph.D. student at the University of Michigan. I aim to computationally model the reasoning processes and memory systems that enable humans to learn from direct instruction and small amounts of experience.

## EDUCATION

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### The University of Michigan

Ph.D. in Computer Science and Engineering, Certificate in Cognitive Science

Ann Arbor, MI

2024–Current

### The University of Michigan

M.S. in Computer Science and Engineering

Ann Arbor, MI

2022–2024

### The University of Texas

B.S. in Computational Engineering, Certificate in Evidence and Inquiry

Austin, TX

2016–2020

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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- Outstanding Paper Award at AIA Workshop @ COLM Fall 2025
- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Winter 2024
- CSE Department Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award Fall 2023
- CSE Department Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award Winter 2023
- Northrop Grumman BRAVO to our Stars (3x) 2021–2022
- FSTI Award for Excellence in Chemistry Spring 2018
- TIDES Advanced Summer Research Fellowship Summer 2017
- Engineering Honors Scholarship 2016–2020
- Polymathic Scholars Interdisciplinary Humanities and Natural Science Honors 2016–2020

## CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS

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- [C1] A. Z. Liu, X. Wang, **J. Sansom**, *et al.*, “Interactive and expressive code-augmented planning with large language models”, in *ACL*, 2025.
- [C2] Y. Huang, **J. Sansom**, Z. Ma, F. Gervits, and J. Chai, “DriVLMe: Exploring Foundation Models as Autonomous Driving Agents That Perceive, Communicate, and Navigate”, in *IRROS*, 2024.
- [C3] Z. Ma, **J. Sansom**, R. Peng, and J. Chai, “Towards A Holistic Landscape of Situated Theory of Mind in Large Language Models”, in *Findings of EMNLP*, 2023.

## WORKSHOP PUBLICATIONS

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- [W1] Y. Fu, R. Qiu, X. Wang, *et al.*, “Beyond blind following: Evaluating robustness of llm agents under imperfect guidance”, in *AIA Workshop @ COLM*, 2025.
- [W2] **J. Sansom**, M. Khalifa, H. Lee, and J. Chai, “Show or tell? interactive task learning with large language models”, in *Multi-Turn Interactions in LLMs Workshop @ NeurIPS*, 2025.

## JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

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- [J1] E. Lejeune, A. Khang, **J. Sansom**, and M. Sacks, “FM-Track: A Fiducial Marker Tracking Software for Studying Cell Mechanics in a Three-Dimensional Environment”, in *SoftwareX* 11, 2020, p. 100417.
- [J2] A. Khang, A. Rodriguez, M. Schroeder, **J. Sansom**, E. Lejeune, and M. Sacks, “Quantifying Heart Valve Interstitial Cell Contractile State Using Highly Tunable Poly(Ethylene Glycol) Hydrogels”, in *Acta Biomaterialia* 96, 2019, pp. 354–367.

## INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

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### LG AI Research

Research Intern

Ann Arbor, MI  
2023–2024

- Crowdsourced more than 10,000 examples of people using the internet for AI model training
  - \* Created a Chromium extension for recording browser interactions and a server for hosting virtual machines
  - \* Automated task creation and quality checks of crowdsourced data

### Northrop Grumman

Systems Engineer (Technical Level II), Pathways Rotational Training Program

San Diego, CA  
2020–2022

- Leveraged my expertise in the HW-, SW-, and algorithm-level architecture of a fielded, software-defined radio to:
  - \* Assist a cross-organizational team with the design and deployment of a novel DSP algorithm
  - \* Author and obtain customer funding for a proposal detailing improvements to a fielded DSP algorithm
- Created the AI Corporate Catalog, a company-wide database of AI/ML capabilities
- Led a small team in the design and deployment of a C++ unit testing infrastructure

### Ansys Government Initiatives

Corporate Systems Engineering Intern

Exton, PA  
Summer 2019

- Used Python to quantify the accuracy of orbital decay forecasts in STK, AGI’s primary software offering
- Helped develop multiple simulations that modeled orbital dynamics, communications links, and terrain effects
- Outlined a strategy to bolster STK’s collaborative capabilities and presented it to the senior development team

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- **Graduate Student Instructor** at the University of Michigan (**Outstanding GSI Award**)  
*Introduction to Natural Language Processing (EECS 487)* Winter 2023
- **Graduate Student Instructor** at the University of Michigan (**Outstanding GSI Award**)  
*Introduction to Natural Language Processing (EECS 487)* Fall 2023

## PRESENTATIONS

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- **J. Sansom** “Investigating Methodology for Global Optimization,” presented at the College of Natural Sciences Undergraduate Research Forum. April 13th, 2018; Austin, TX. (**FSTI Award for Excellence in Chemistry**)

## REVIEWING EXPERIENCE

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- **Conferences:** ICML ’25
- **Workshops:** SCALR @ COLM ’25, Multi-Turn Interactions in LLMs @ NeurIPS ’25

## SKILLS

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- **Languages:** Python, C++, JavaScript, HTML, MATLAB, Bash
- **Software Tools:** PyTorch, Jax, NLTK, Transformers, W&B, Scikit-Learn, NumPy, SciPy, Git, Docker, OpenMP, Selenium, Playwright, Flask

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

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- Chair of Northrop Grumman Pathways Professional Development Committee 2021–2022  
*Planned and successfully launched a new technical mentorship program for early-career engineers*
- Volunteer at the Arc and the Rosedale School 2018–2019  
*Helped adults and children with cognitive disabilities develop life skills and provided constant positive feedback*
- Eagle Scout and Troop Guide in the Boy Scouts of America 2016  
*Led a team of 30 to construct shelves for a homeless shelter. Taught younger scouts various scouting skills*