

Education

Arizona State University, Tempe AZ
Ira Fulton Schools of Engineering:

Aug 2020 - Present
PhD, Computer Science

Arizona State University, Tempe AZ
Ira Fulton Schools of Engineering:
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences:

GPA: 3.22
Bachelors of Science, Computer Science
Bachelors of Science, Molecular Biosciences & Biotechnology
Bachelors of Science, Mathematics
May 2018

Graduation Date:

Research Experience

Arizona State University, Tempe AZ
Graduate Research, Advisor: Lalitha Sankar

January 2020 - Present

- Conduct deep learning experiments on novel loss functions

Arizona State University, Tempe AZ

August 2018 – Dec 2019

Graduate Research, Efficient Vehicles & Sustainable Transportation

- Collected and Aligned LiDAR and Camera data
 - ~ 30 hours of pedestrian LiDAR Data
 - ~ 2.5 hours of aligned LiDAR and varying focal length camera data
- Designed and developed deep learning models for distance estimation from camera data

Arizona State University, Tempe AZ

August 2017 – May 2018

Undergraduate Research Assistant/ Graduate Research, Biodesign

- Handling with Terabytes of Microbe Data for Network Analysis
- Utilize programs and programming to analyze data within ASU Research Computing Cluster (Saguaro)

Work Experience

American Express, Deer Valley AZ

June 2017 – August 2017

Software Engineer III Intern, ITSM Suite Development & Integration

- Designed, Implemented, and Documented ITSM API endpoints within Apigee for Internal American Express Customers (Departments)
- Tested API endpoints through SoapUI and Postman
- Developed basic MEAN stack applications and hosted them in American Express servers

American Express, Desert Ridge AZ

June 2016 – August 2016

Software Engineer III Intern, Employee and Communications Technology

- Designed and implemented a web application that retrieves relationships from a graph database (Neo4j) and visualizes said relationships within a graphical user interface (Javascript and AngularJS Framework)
- Implemented a Java program that imports American Express' data about its internal applications and technologies into a graph database.

Skills

Languages: Python, Java, Javascript

Libraries: pyTorch, sci-kit learn, matplotlib, pandas

Related Experiences

Arizona State University, Tempe AZ

August 2017 – December 2017

Undergraduate TA, CSE 471 Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

- Undergraduate TA for a class that I took during Sophomore year of University.
- Holding office hours and answer questions in online forums to help AI projects which are done in python

Leadership

Venue Coordinator, SWHacks

2016 - 2017

- Plan and organize the venue operations for SWHacks - a hackathon - which will be held at Arizona State University (Spring 2017)

Director of Operations, Software Developers Association (SoDA) (Website: <http://thesoda.io/>)

2016 - 2017

- Oversee all logistics and operations for SoDA (i.e., room reservations, food for events, or anything that the organization needs to operate)

Events Planning Committee Lead, Software Developers Association (SoDA)

2016 - 2017

- Manage and schedule meetings between other officers under the Events Planning Committee to schedule the organization's events for each semester

University Outreach Chair, Software Developers Association (SoDA)

2015 - 2016

- Managed communications between university professors and other student organizations with SoDA.

Publications and Preprints

- Gupta, Chitrak, **John Kevin Cava**, Daipayan Sarkar, Eric A. Wilson, John Vant, Steven Murray, Abhishek Singharoy, and Shubhra Kanti Karmaker. "Mind reading of the proteins: Deep-learning to forecast molecular dynamics." *bioRxiv* (2020).
- John Kevin Cava**, Todd Houghton, Hongbin Yu. Towards Generalizable Distance Estimation By Leveraging Graph Information. *Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision Workshops* 2019.
- John Kevin Cava**, Gaoyang Li, Wei Du, Huansheng Cao. WITOD: A Tool for Within-Taxon Operational Taxonomic Unit Diversity Analysis. *bioRxiv*, 813444