
Education

University of Southern California	Los Angeles, CA
Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering	2015 – 2021
<i>Thesis:</i> Learning Multi-Annotator Subjective Label Embeddings	
<i>Advisor:</i> Dr. Shri Narayanan	
University of Southern California	Los Angeles, CA
M.Sc. in Electrical Engineering	2015 – 2021
Universidad de Chile	Santiago, Chile
Electrical Engineering Diploma	2007 – 2013
<i>Thesis:</i> Early Online Detection of High Volatility Clusters using Particle Filters	
<i>Advisor:</i> Dr. Marcos Orchard	
<i>Honors:</i> Graduated with highest honors	
Universidad de Chile	Santiago, Chile
B. Sc. in Electrical Engineering	2007 – 2013
<i>Honors:</i> Graduated with honors	

Experience








Amazon Web Services	SUNNYVALE, CA
Applied Scientist II	Jul '21 – present
Automatic speech recognition (ASR) for chatbots.	
Amazon Lab126	LOS ANGELES, CA (REMOTE)
Applied Scientist II Intern	May '20 – Aug '20
Deep audiovisual models for video summarization and highlight detection [C1].	
Signal Analysis and Interpretation Lab, University of Southern California	LOS ANGELES, CA
Research Assistant	Aug '15 – May '21
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tracking Individual Performance with Sensors (TILES, part of IARPA's MOSAIC program)<ul style="list-style-type: none">Design and implementation of two longitudinal data collections of physiological and behavioral data of hospital workers. Tasks included: data curation, analysis, development of models, and publication of data sets [J5, J3, C6].Annotation fusion<ul style="list-style-type: none">Design of algorithms to generate unique labels for supervised machine learning from diverse annotations of subjective constructs [J4, C5, C7, C8, C9].Mice Ultrasonic Profile ExTractor (MUPET)<ul style="list-style-type: none">Mentored a Master's student to refactor the code available at https://github.com/mvansegbroeck/mupet.Mentored an undergraduate student to improve the dictionary learning of the MUPET software using sparse subspace clustering techniques [C4]. This work was possible due to the refactoring mentioned above.	
Ingeniería y Geofísica Ltda.	SANTIAGO, CHILE
Research Engineer	Oct '13 – Jan '14
Signal processing for a low-cost ultrasonic anemometer.	
Electrical Engineering Dept., Universidad de Chile	SANTIAGO, CHILE
Research Assistant	Mar '12 – Sep '13
Volatility estimation of financial returns using Particle Filters. Detection of low-likelihood/high-risk events in financial time series [J6, J7].	
Infosys	BANGALORE, INDIA
Engineering Intern	Jan '12 – Mar '12
Development of a modular framework for mitosis detection in histopathological images using MATLAB.	
Electrical Engineering Dept., Universidad de Chile	SANTIAGO, CHILE
Research Assistant	Aug '11 – Dec '11
Study of Information Theory tools in statistical learning for the self-modeling of robots.	

Publications


In progress








- [I1] Projna Paromita, **Karel Mundnich**, Amrutha Nadarajan, Brandon M. Booth, Shrikanth S. Narayanan, and Theodora Chaspari. Modeling inter-individual differences in ambulatory-based multimodal signals via metric learning: A case study of personalized well-being estimation of healthcare workers. In preparation for *Smart Health*.
- [I2] Benjamin Girault, Joanna Yau, Tiantian Feng, **Karel Mundnich**, Amrutha Nadarajan, Brandon M. Booth, Eric Hsieh, and Shrikanth Narayanan. TILES-2019, a longitudinal physiologic and behavioral data set of hospital residents in medical intensive care units. In preparation for *Nature Scientific Data*.
- [I3] Tiantian Feng, **Karel Mundnich**, and Shrikanth Narayanan. Relationship between Smartphone Usage and Work Shift Schedules in Hospital Nurses. In preparation for *IEEE Journal of Biomedical and Health Informatics*.

Journals

- [J1] Arindam Jati, Amrutha Nadarajan, Raghuveer Peri, **Karel Mundnich**, Tiantian Feng, Benjamin Girault, and Shrikanth Narayanan. Temporal Dynamics of Workplace Acoustic Scenes: Egocentric Analysis and Prediction. *IEEE/ACM Transactions on Audio, Speech and Language Processing*, 29:756–769, 2021. .
- [J2] Vinesh Ravuri, Projna Paromita, **Karel Mundnich**, Amrutha Nadarajan, Brandon M Booth, Shrikanth S Narayanan, and Theodora Chaspari. Investigating group-specific models of hospital workers' well-being: Implications for algorithmic bias. *International Journal of Semantic Computing*, 14(4):477–499, 2020.
- [J3] **Karel Mundnich**, Brandon M. Booth, Michelle L'Hommedieu, Tiantian Feng, Benjamin Girault, Justin L'Hommedieu, Mackenzie Wildman, Sophia Skaaden, Amrutha Nadarajan, Jennifer L. Villatte, Kristina Lerman, Emilio Ferrara, and Shrikanth Narayanan. TILES-2018, a longitudinal behavioral and pyshologic dataset of hospital workers. *Sci Data*, 7(354), 2020. .
- [J4] **Karel Mundnich**, Brandon M. Booth, Benjamin Girault, and Shrikanth Narayanan. Generating Labels for Regression of Subjective Constructs using Triplet Embeddings. *Pattern Recognition Letters*, 128:385–392, 2019. .
- [J5] Brandon M Booth*, **Karel Mundnich***, Tiantian Feng*, Amrutha Nadarajan, Tiago H. Falk, Jennifer L. Villatte, Emilio Ferrara, and Shrikanth Narayanan. Multimodal Human and Environmental Sensing for Longitudinal Behavioral Studies in Naturalistic Settings: Framework for Sensor Selection, Deployment, and Management. *J Med Internet Res*, 21(8):e12832, Aug 2019. .
- [J6] **Karel Mundnich** and Marcos E. Orchard. Early Online Detection of High Volatility Clusters using Particle Filters. *Expert Systems with Applications*, 54:228–240, 2016. .
- [J7] **Karel Mundnich**, Marcos E. Orchard, Jorge F. Silva, and Patricio Parada. Volatility Estimation of Financial Returns using Risk-Sensitive Particle Filters. *Studies in Informatics and Control*, 22(3):297–306, September 2013. .
- [J8] Federico Flores, Roberto Rondanelli, Marcos Díaz, Richard Querel, **Karel Mundnich**, Luis Alberto Herrera, Daniel Pola, and Tomás Carricajo. The Life Cycle of a Radiosonde. *Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society*, 94(2):187–198, 2013. .

Peer-reviewed conferences

- [C1] **Karel Mundnich**, Alexandra Fenster, Aparna Khare, and Shiva Sundaram. Audiovisual highlight detection in videos. In *ICASSP 2021 - 2021 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP)*, 2021. .
- [C2] Vinesh Ravuri, Projna Paromita, **Karel Mundnich**, Amrutha Nadarajan, Brandon M Booth, Shrikanth S Narayanan, and Theodora Chaspari. Group-specific models of healthcare workers' well-being using iterative participant clustering. In *2020 Second International Conference on Transdisciplinary AI (TransAI)*, pages 115–118. IEEE, 2020. .

- [C3] George Hadjiantonis, Projna Paromita, **Karel Mundnich**, Amrutha Nadarajan, Brandon M Booth, Shrikanth Narayanan, and Theodora Chaspari. Dynamical systems modeling of day-to-day signal-based patterns of emotional self-regulation and stress spillover in highly-demanding health professions. In *2020 42nd Annual International Conference of the IEEE Engineering in Medicine & Biology Society (EMBC)*, pages 284–287. IEEE, 2020. .
- [C4] Jiayi Wang, **Karel Mundnich**, Allison T. Knoll, Pat Levitt, and Shrikanth Narayanan. Bringing in the outliers: A sparse subspace clustering approach to learn a dictionary of mouse ultrasonic vocalizations. In *ICASSP 2020 - 2020 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP)*, pages 3432–3436, 2020. .
- [C5] Timothy Greer, **Karel Mundnich**, Matthew Sachs, and Shrikanth Narayanan. The role of annotation fusion methods in the study of human-reported emotion experience during music listening. In *ICASSP 2020 - 2020 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP)*, pages 776–780, 2020. .
- [C6] **Karel Mundnich**, Benjamin Girault, and Shrikanth Narayanan. Bluetooth based indoor localization using triplet embeddings. In *ICASSP 2019 - 2019 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP)*, pages 7570–7574, 2019. .
- [C7] Brandon M. Booth, **Karel Mundnich**, and Shrikanth Narayanan. Fusing Annotations with Majority Vote Triplet Embeddings. In *Proceedings of the 2018 on Audio/Visual Emotion Challenge and Workshop, AVEC'18*, pages 83–89. ACM, 2018. **Winner of the AVEC GES 2018 subchallenge.** .
- [C8] Brandon M Booth, **Karel Mundnich**, and Shrikanth Narayanan. A Novel Method for Human Bias Correction of Continuous-time Annotations. In *2018 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP)*, pages 3091–3095. IEEE, 2018. .
- [C9] **Karel Mundnich**, Md Nasir, Panayiotis Georgiou, and Shrikanth Narayanan. Exploiting Intra-annotator Rating Consistency through Copeland's Method for Estimation of Ground Truth Labels in Couples' Therapy. In *Proceedings of Interspeech 2017*, pages 3167–3171, 2017. .

Teaching Experience

Electrical Engineering Dept., Universidad de Chile

SANTIAGO, CHILE

Teaching Assistant & Grader

10 – '12

Courses: Principles of Communications, Analog Electronic Circuits, Seminar in Remote Atmospheric Sensing.

Skills & Background

Scientific Programming: Python, Julia, MATLAB. Classwork experience with C and Java.

Languages: Spanish (*mother tongue*), English (*IELTS score: 8.0/9.0 Oct '14*).

Relevant Coursework

At USC

- *Electrical Engineering:* Linear Algebra, Probability, Statistics, Random Processes, Mathematical Pattern Recognition, Machine Learning, Optimization for the Information and Data Sciences, Mathematics of Data
- *Data Sciences and Operations:* Machine Learning and Statistical Inference
- *Mathematics:* Mathematical Foundations of Statistical Learning Theory
- *Industrial Engineering:* Large Scale Optimization and Machine Learning

At Universidad de Chile

- *Electrical Engineering:* Computational Intelligence, Neural Networks and Information Theory for Learning, Estimation and Detection, Statistical Signal Processing, Optimal Control, Information Theory (audit)
- *Computer Science:* Algorithms and Data Structures, Design and Programming Methodologies, Systems Software Programming

Awards & Distinctions

AVEC Workshop 2018: Winner of the AVEC GES sub-challenge 2018 [C7].

ACM Multimedia 2018: NSF student travel award.

Outstanding Student Award (2010, 2012): Awarded to the top 6% of students of a given class (from a total of 700 students) with highest academic performance in the School of Engineering at Universidad de Chile.

Review work

Journals

- IEEE/ACM Transactions in Audio, Speech, and Language (TASL)
- IEEE/ACM Transactions in Affective Computing (TAFFC)
- Nature Communications Biology

Conferences

- Engineering in Medicine and Biology Conference (EMBC) 2019, 2020
 - Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) 2019, 2020
 - Affective Computing and Intelligent Interaction (ACII) 2021
 - International Conference on Multimodal Interaction (ICMI) 2021
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