# Matt Corsaro

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## EDUCATION

**Brown University** Providence, RI 2017-Present Ph.D. in Computer Science, GPA: 4.00/4.00 Advisors: George Konidaris and Stefanie Tellex Northeastern University Boston, MA M.S. in Computer Science, GPA: 3.96/4.00, Advisor: Robert Platt 2015 - 2017Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Troy, NY B.S. in Electrical Engineering, GPA: 3.98/4.00 2012 - 2015

## Publications

- [1] M. Corsaro, S. Tellex, and G. D. Konidaris, "Learning to detect multi-modal grasps for dexterous grasping in dense clutter", in Proceedings of the 2021 IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems, Sep. 2021.
- T. Nguyen, N. Gopalan, R. Patel, M. Corsaro, E. Pavlick, and S. Tellex, "Affordance-based robot object retrieval", Autonomous Robots, Aug. 2021.
- B. Tang, M. Corsaro, G. D. Konidaris, S. Nikolaidis, and S. Tellex, "Learning Collaborative Pushing and Grasping Policies in Dense Clutter", in Proceedings of the 2021 International Conference on Robotics and Automation, May 2021.
- T. Nguyen, N. Gopalan, R. Patel, M. Corsaro, E. Pavlick, and S. Tellex, "Robot Object Retrieval with Contextual Natural Language Queries", in Robotics: Science and Systems XVI, Jul. 2020.

## Research Experience

**Brown University** Providence, RI 2017-Present

Research Assistant @ George Konidaris's Intelligent Robot Lab

- Grasp Detection for Intelligent Manipulation
- Ongoing dissertation research on robot grasping and abstraction for intelligent manipulation.
- Completed course projects involving Action-Conditional Video Prediction using Deep Networks in Atari Games and integrating deep learning into Skill Discovery in Continuous Reinforcement Learning Domains using Skill Chaining.

#### Northeastern University

Boston, MA

Research Assistant @ Robert Platt's The Helping Hands Lab

2015 - 2017

- Grasp Pose Detection in Dense Clutter with a UR5
- Ported the system described in High Precision Grasp Pose Detection in Dense Clutter to a UR5 robot and helped to improve the grasp success rate.

#### Harvard University

Cambridge, MA

Summer Research Intern @ Robert Howe's Harvard Biorobotics Lab

Summer 2014

- Grasp Point Recognition from Geometric Cues
- Integrated a computer vision algorithm to detect and execute grasps with a real robot.

## Work Experience

#### Mitsubishi Electric Research Laboratories

Cambridge, MA

Robot Research Science Intern

Summer 2021

- Robotic manipulation research project that will be detailed in upcoming publication.

Locus Robotics Wilmington, MA

Robot Software Engineering Intern

Summer 2017

- Depth Estimation from 2D Images
- Computer vision project to extract point clouds from monocular camera feed on mobile robot.

Locus Robotics Wilmington, MA

Robot Software Engineering Intern

Summer 2016

- 3D Vision for Mobile Robots
- Integrated 3D depth sensor with mobile robot platform, improved 3D data processing pipeline.

Vecna Technologies Cambridge, MA

Robot Software Engineering Intern

Summer 2015

- Navigation for Mobile Robots
- Worked on mobile robot navigation stack to execute predictable motion paths.

#### The Boeing Company

Troy, NY

Rensselaer Multidisciplinary Capstone Design Project

Spring 2015

- Robot Arms for Airplane Assembly
- Led multidisciplinary group of students in designing and simulating robotic arms for automated airplane wing maintenance and assembly.
- Held weekly conference calls with Boeing engineer, presented results to group of Boeing employees.

#### AWARDS

• Andries van Dam Graduate Fellowship	2017–2018
• RPI Wynatt James William Prize	2015
• Boeing Scholarship	2015
• RPI Medal	2012

#### TEACHING

• Grad Teaching Assistant at Brown University Topics in Collaborative Robotics (CSCI 2951K) Spring 2018

• Teaching Assistant at Northeastern University Foundations of Artificial Intelligence (CS 5100) Spring 2017

• **Head Teaching Assistant** at Northeastern University Foundations of Artificial Intelligence (CS 5100)

Fall 2016

### ACADEMIC SERVICE

- Journal Reviewing:
  - IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters

2021

- Conference Reviewing:
  - IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation

2021, 2022

2018-2020

#### **MENTORSHIP**

Bingjie Tang, Brown University, M.S. 2020
 Now Ph.D. Student at University of Southern California
 Project: Learning Combined Planar Pushing and 6 DoF Grasping Policies

Anthony Cruz, Brown University, Sc.B. 2018

2017–2018

Now Software Engineer at Google

• Four high school students from the MET High School

Mentored four students through Brown's CSCI 1951R: Intro to Robotics curriculum.

## SKILLS

• **Programming:** C++, Python

• Deep Learning: TensorFlow

• Robot Software: ROS, PCL

• Simulation: Drake, MuJoCo

 Some additional experience with: PyTorch, PyBullet, MATLAB

## Outreach & Service

• Outreach Coordinator for the Intelligent Robot Lab and Humans to Robots Lab

2018—Present
Schedule lab tours and presentations for elementary, middle, and high school student groups, scout groups, visiting
university officials, professional groups, alumni, and staff. Traveled to local schools and the Rhode Island Robot Block
Party to teach the community about robotics.

Application Feedback Program for Underrepresented Applicants
 Assisted three PhD applicants from underrepresented groups by reviewing their résumés, statements of purpose, and other documents, providing advice, and helping them navigate the PhD application process.

• Brown University Graduate Student Council

One of the computer science department's representatives to the grad student council.

• Brown CS Department Info Khan

2021—Present
Responsible for maintaining the graduate student web structure and assisting students in establishing their web
presence.

2018-2019

## Selected Coursework

### **Brown University**

CSCI 2470 Deep Learning CSCI 2951X Reintegrating AI CSCI 2951F Learning and Sequential Decision Making

## Northeastern University

CS 5335 Robotic Science and Systems CS 6140 Machine Learning CS 5100 Foundations of Artificial Intelligence CS 7800 Advanced Algorithms CS 7600 Intensive Computer Systems CS 7400 Intensive Principles of Programming Languages

#### RPI

 $ESCE\ 4480$  Robotics I  $ESCE\ 4510$  Digital Control Systems  $CSCI\ 1200$  Data Structures  $ECSE\ 4790$  Microprocessor Systems  $MATH\ 4100$  Linear Algebra