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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Adaptable and efficient vision-language agents with limited user input

Keywords: vision-language, transfer learning, multi-modal, foundation models, large language models

## EDUCATION

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### University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

*PhD Candidate in Computer Science*

Advisors: Derek Hoiem, Yuxiong Wang

Urbana, IL

*Aug. 2020- Dec. 2025 (Expected)*

### Massachusetts Institute of Technology

*Masters of Engineering in Computer Science and Electrical Engineering*

Thesis Title: Unifying Threat Data with Public Knowledge

Cambridge, MA

*Sept 2019 - May 2020*

### Massachusetts Institute of Technology

*Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Engineering*

Research Advisors: Erik Hemberg, Una-May O'Reilly

Cambridge, MA

*Sept 2015 - May 2019*

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

*Graduate Researcher*

Combining foundation models for more efficient and effective learning

Urbana, IL

*Fall 2020-Present*

### Amazon

*Applied Science Intern, Manager: Greg Hager, Mentor: Mohsen Malmir*

Category discovery with unlabeled data

Virtual

*May 2022- Aug 2022*

### Amazon

*Applied Science Intern, Manager: Greg Hager, Mentor: Ejaz Ahmed*

Transfer learning with limited labels

Virtual

*May 2021 - Aug 2021*

### Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, ALFA Lab

*Graduate Researcher*

Evolutionary algorithms for network security

Cambridge, MA

*Aug 2019-May 2019*

### Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, ALFA Lab

*Advanced Undergraduate Researcher*

Attack simulations for robust network configurations

Cambridge, MA

*Aug 2018-May 2019*

## PUBLICATIONS AND PREPRINTS

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- [1] **M. Shlapentokh-Rothman**, Y.-X. Wang, and D. Hoiem, "Template-based visual program distillation," *In Submission*, 2024.
- [2] **M. Shlapentokh-Rothman\***, A. Blume\*, Y. Xiao, Y. Wu, S. TV, H. Tao, J. Y. Lee, W. Torres, Y.-X. Wang, and D. Hoiem, "Region-based representations revisited," in *CVPR*, 2024.
- [3] H. Tao, S. T V, **M. Shlapentokh-Rothman**, T. Gupta, H. Ji, and D. Hoiem, "WebWISE: Unlocking web interface control for LLMs via sequential exploration," in *NAACL (Findings)*, Jun. 2024.
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- [8] **M. Shlapentokh-Rothman**, E. Hemberg, and U.-M. O'Reilly, "Securing the software defined perimeter with evolutionary co-optimization," in *Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference Companion*, 2020.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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<b>Computational Photography</b> UIUC CS 445, Graduate TA	Spring 2021, 2023
<b>Artificial Intelligence</b> UIUC CS 440, Graduate TA	Fall 2020

## SERVICE

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<b>Reviewer</b> CVPR, NeurIPS, ICLR, ICML	2022-Present
<b>UIUC Vision Cluster</b> Student Administrator	2022-Present
<b>UIUC Vision Mini-Conference</b> Co-Organizer	April 2023