# MICHAEL J. DANIELCZUK

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## **EDUCATION**

University of California, Berkeley 2017-present *Ph.D. Student, Electrical Engineering* GPA: 3.96

**Princeton University** 2012-2016 BSE, Electrical Engineering, GPA: 3.88

Magna Cum Laude

Certificates in Robotics and Intelligent Systems, Computer Science, and Italian Language

## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

Peter Mark Prize 2016

Awarded annually to one graduate with an outstanding record in electronic materials and devices

Phi Beta Kappa 2016

Elected to academic honor society Phi Beta Kappa, representing the top 10% of Princeton's graduating class

Society of Sigma Xi 2016

Elected as an Associate Member

Gamma Kappa Alpha 2016

Elected to the National Italian Honor Society

Tau Beta Pi 2014

Elected to engineering honor society Tau Beta Pi as a junior, representing the top eighth of engineering class

Dorothea van Dyke McLane Prize 2013

One of six to receive the Dorothea van Dyke McLane Prize, which recognizes outstanding freshmen in Italian

Eagle Scout (Boy Scouts of America) 2012

# **LEADERSHIP**

**Bay Area Scientists in Schools** 2017-present Robotics Mentor to elementary school students

Princeton University 2012-2016

Leader Trainer & Instructor, Outdoor Action Tutor, McGraw Center

Captain & Treasurer, Running Club

FIRST LEGO League 2011-2012

Robotics Mentor to faculty children

## **SKILLS**

#### **Programming Languages:**

C, C++, Python, Matlab, Java, JavaScript

## **Software/Frameworks:**

Altium Designer, Cadence, ROS, QT, Bullet

#### Languages:

Italian, Latin, Etruscan

# PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

## VirtualAPT | New York, NY

2016-2017

Head of Electrical Engineering

- Designed hardware and software for robots that map and autonomously navigate retail, commercial, and residential spaces for filming virtual reality video
- Built a lens and camera system to capture and wirelessly stream 360 x 180° video

#### MIT Lincoln Laboratory | Lexington, MA

2015

Intern, Group 87, Advanced Imager Technology

- Worked in the Advanced Imager Technology group to characterize charge-coupled devices (CCDs) under development
- Implemented optical test setups, collected and analyzed data, and presented to the group

Nufern | Granby, CT

2014

Intern, R&D Laser, Electrical Engineering

- Designed and assembled printed circuit boards (PCBs) to test lasers under development
- Tested lasers being produced and developed documentation for future testing

## Northeast Utilities | Berlin, CT

2013

Student Technician, Transmission Protection and Controls Engineering

- Analyzed faults on transmission power lines and reported on system performance
- Corrected schematic diagrams to ensure substations operated correctly during faults

## RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

#### **Research Groups:**

Automation Sciences Lab, Professor Ken Goldberg, UC Berkeley

2017-present

- Develop a control policy for a robot that extracts specific objects for robust manipulation
- Analyze linear pushing policies for a robot to improve grasping of objects in a bin
- Develop computer vision algorithm to segment arbitrary objects by training on synthetic depth images

Sturm Lab, Professor James Sturm, Princeton University

2015-2016

- Researched and wrote a senior thesis which focused on creating an array of microphones from thin film piezoelectric materials that could perform simultaneous source separation
- Analyzed performance of several piezoelectric and electroferret materials and successfully built a working microphone array

# **Publications:**

- Xu, J., Danielczuk, M., Ichnowski, J., Mahler, J., Steinbach, E., Goldberg, K. (2019). Minimal Work: A Grasp Quality Metric for Deformable Hollow Objects. arXiv preprint arXiv:1909.11226.
- Danielczuk, M., Xu, J., Mahler, J., Matl, M., Chentanez, N., Goldberg, K. (2019). REACH: Reducing False Negatives in Robot Grasp Planning with a Robust Efficient Area Contact Hypothesis Model. *International Symposium of Robotics Research (ISRR)*.
- Correa, C., Mahler, J., Danielczuk, M., Goldberg, K. (2019). Robust Toppling for Vacuum Suction Grasping. IEEE Int. Conf. on Automation Science and Engineering (CASE).
- Wang, D., Tseng, D., Li, P., Jiang, Y., Guo, M., Danielczuk, M., Mahler, J., Ichnowski, J., Goldberg, K. (2019). Adversarial Grasp Objects. IEEE Int. Conf. on Automation Science and Engineering (CASE).
- Dong, Z., Krishnan, S., Dolasia, S., Balakrishna, A., Danielczuk, M., Goldberg, K. (2019).
  Automating Planar Object Singulation by Linear Pushing with Single-point and Multi-point Contacts.
  IEEE Int. Conf. on Automation Science and Engineering (CASE).
- Mahler, J., Matl, M., Satish, V., Danielczuk, M., DeRose, B., McKinley, S., Goldberg, K. (2019).
  Learning Ambidextrous Robot Grasping Policies. Science Robotics, 4(26), eeau4984.
- Danielczuk, M., Matl, M., Gupta, S., Li, A., Lee, A., Mahler, J., & Goldberg, K. (2019). Segmenting Unknown 3D Objects from Real Depth Images using Mask R-CNN Trained on Synthetic Point Clouds. IEEE Int. Conf. on Robotics and Automation (ICRA).
- Danielczuk, M.\*, Kurenkov, A.\*, Balakrishna, A., Matl, M., Martín-Martín, R., Garg, A., Savarese, S., & Goldberg, K. (2019). Mechanical Search: Multi-Step Retrieval of a Target Object from Clutter. IEEE Int. Conf. on Robotics and Automation (ICRA).
- Danielczuk, M., Mahler, J., Correa, C., Goldberg, K. (2018). Linear Push Policies to Increase Grasp Access for Robot Bin Picking. *IEEE Int. Conf. on Automation Science and Engineering (CASE)*.