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Education

- Masters of Science in Computer Science
University of Southern California (USC) May 2017
Los Angeles, CA
- Bachelors of Science in Physics
Stony Brook University (SBU) May 2015
Stony Brook, NY

Honors and Awards

- NSF Graduate Research Fellowship in Neuroscience Apr. 2015
- SBU Provost Award for Academic Excellence (20/3700 graduating students chosen by faculty) Apr. 2015
- 2nd Place in Physics and Mathematics at 23rd Annual CSTEP Statewide Student Conference Apr. 2015
- SBU Researcher of the Month (1 school-wide per month) Dec. 2014
- Howard Hughes Medical Institute Minority Undergraduate Research Fellowship Jun. 2014
- Life Sciences Summer Undergraduate Research Program Fellowship Jun. 2013
- Sigma Pi Sigma Physics Honor Society (only 2nd year student inducted) Mar. 2013
- SBU Scholar of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Sep. 2012
- Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation NSF Scholar Sep. 2011
- Dean's List

Computational Research Experience

University of Southern California, Computer Science Department (Yan Liu) Los Angeles, NY
Machine Learning Group Spring 2016 –

- Used Python and Theano to develop a Variational Adversarial Domain Adaptation (VADA) neural network model for domain adaptation
- Improved model performance by extending it from single-source to multi-source domain-adaptation

Stony Brook University, Physics Department (Axel Drees) Stony Brook, NY
Heavy Ion Research Group Spring 2013 – Summer 2015

DOE funded project: “*Modeling a Detection of internally reflected Cherenkov light (DIRC) Particle Detector for High-Multiplicity Collisions*”

- Created Monte Carlo to generate the Cherenkov light data of a DIRC particle detector
- Developed a pattern recognition algorithm to identify particles from the generated Cherenkov light data
- Led software development of C++ libraries and programs used for simulations and analyses

Stony Brook University, Neurobiology Department (Giancarlo La Camera) Stony Brook, NY
NSF LSAMP Scholar in Computational Neuroscience Group Fall 2014

- Performed spectral analyses of neural data using MATLAB
- Used temporal patterns to determine behavioral correlates of neural activity

Caltech, Computations and Neural Systems Department (Ralph Adolphs) Pasadena, CA
Howard Hughes Medical Institute MURF Fellow in Emotion and Social Cognition Laboratory Summer 2014
HHMI funded project: *“Modeling the Influence of Situational Variation on Theory of Mind”*
• Developed an experimental paradigm to study the role of *attribution on theory of mind*
• Wrote a web platform for administering experiments with user input-contingent trial progression and data presentation

University of Minnesota, Biomedical Engineering Department (Matthew Johnson) Minneapolis, MN
Neuromodulation Research and Technology Laboratory Summer 2013
NIH funded project: *“Transitioning from Hoc to Python as the Tool for Computational Modeling of Neurons, Networks, and Deep Brain Stimulation”*
• Simulated deep brain stimulation of a sub-cortical structure of the brain linked to Parkinson’s disease with a library developed in Python that interfaced with simulation environment NEURON
• Developed framework for future python-NEURON interfacing

Additional Research Experience

National Central University, Mechanical Engineering Department (Shenqyang Shy) Jhongli City, Taiwan
Turbulent Combustion Laboratory Summer 2012
project: *“Testing Theories in Fluid Dynamics”*
• Explored boundary layer conditions, and laminar and turbulent flow of fluids through pipes of varying cross-sections

Presentations

- *“Modeling a DIRC Particle Detector for High-Multiplicity Collisions”*, 23rd Annual CSTEP Statewide Student Conference, Bolton Landing, NY, April 2015
- *“Modeling the Influence of Situational Variation on Theory of Mind”*, Summer Seminar Day, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA, August 2014
- *“Transitioning from Hoc to Python as the Tool for Computational Modeling of Neurons, Networks, and Deep Brain Stimulation”*, 22nd Annual CSTEP Statewide Student Conference, Bolton Landing, NY, April 2014
- *“Modeling a Detection of internally reflected Cherenkov light (DIRC) Particle Detector for High-Multiplicity Collisions”*, URECA Celebration of Undergraduate Research & Creativity, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY, April 2014
- *“Transitioning from Hoc to Python as the Tool for Computational Modeling of Neurons, Networks, and Deep Brain Stimulation”*, Poster Symposium, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, August 2013

Panels

- *Graduate School External Fellowship Boot Camp*, Los Angeles, CA, August 2016
- *Engineering Graduate Diversity Symposium*, Los Angeles, CA, October 2015
- *Black Student Association: What it Takes to go to Graduate School*, Los Angeles, CA, October 2015
- *Collegiate Science and Technology Entry Program Undergraduate Research Panel*, Stony Brook, NY, October 2014

Professional Affiliation

- Society of Physics

Programming Experience

- Python, C++, Java, MATLAB, JavaScript, PHP, Fortran95, Hoc, and shell script

Software Experience

- Theano, Latex, ROOT, NEURON