

# NISHA GANDHI

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*"I believe in learning new things every day, or making machines learn them."*

## EDUCATION

**Stony Brook University, New York** (MS in Computer Science) **GPA: 3.64/4.0 | Dec '18**

**Course Highlights:** Machine Learning, Computer Vision, Natural Language Processing, Analysis of Algorithms, Probability & Statistics for Data Science, Database Systems.

**Pune Institute of Computer Technology, India** (BE in Information Technology) **GPA: 3.72/4.0 | May 17**

**Course Highlights:** Machine Learning, Data Structures, Operating Systems, Design & Analysis of Algorithms, Information Storage and Retrieval.

## SKILL SET

**Programming Languages** : Python (Advanced), C++ (Moderate)

**Tools & Technologies** : OpenCV, Keras, TensorFlow, PyTorch, MATLAB, SQL, NumPy, Scikit-Learn

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Computer Vision Lab, Stony Brook University** (Graduate Researcher) Summer 18

- Developing a model for Human Pose Estimation and Gesture Recognition in real-time from a livestream camera.
- This output will be used to display interactive/fun content on a big-screen in the university campus.

*Keywords: OpenPose, GRT, GPU Deep Learning, OpenCV, PyTorch, Python 3.6, Jetson TX2, CUDA, GStreamer*

**Human Interaction Lab, Stony Brook University** (Graduate Researcher) Spring 18

- Contributed to developing a speech-stream manipulation system to help public speakers produce fluent content.
- Reduced the rate of disfluent pauses from 3.65/minute to 1.76/minute by using Machine Learning classifiers.

*Keywords: Machine Learning, Audio Analytics, SVM, Logistic Regression, XGBoost, Kaldi, Python 3.6*

**AlgoAnalytics, India** (Machine Learning Intern) Spring 17

- Implemented Logo Detection & Recognition from 32 Logo classes using Deep-Learning techniques.
- Optimized training accuracy from 83% to 87.6% by hyper-parameter tuning and data augmentation.

*Keywords: Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN), Inception, Image Recognition, Transfer Learning, Tensorflow, Python*

## SELECT PROJECTS

**Yelp Data Analysis** | Probability & Statistics for Data Science Spring 18

- Performed data preprocessing, and found interesting trends such as location effect, event effect, seasonal effect on restaurant business.
- Applied techniques such as multiple Linear Regression, Time Series Analysis, Wald's Test etc. to find these trends.

*Keywords: Data Analysis, Data Mining, Pandas, NumPy, Scikit-Learn, Python 3.6*

**Human Action Classifier** | Machine Learning Spring 18

- Coded a Long Short-Term Memory model for classifying 10 human actions in video frame sequences using 3D locations of body joints. Achieved test accuracy of 80.5%.

*Keywords: RNN, LSTM, Sequence Classification, Python 2.7, PyTorch.*

**Drowsy Driver Detection** | Deep Learning, Computer Vision Fall 17

- Trained a Recurrent Neural Network based on the outputs of an eye-tracking model in videos.
- Predicted if a driver will fall asleep (on unseen videos) with a test accuracy of 87.5%.

*Keywords: CNN, RNN, LSTM, Keras, Python 2.7*

**Face Tracking in Videos** | Computer Vision Fall 17

- Detected faces in the first frame of a video and tracked it through the rest of the frames using various algorithms.

*Keywords: Haar Cascades, CamShift, MeanShift, Kalman Filter, Optical Flow, OpenCV, Python 2.7*

## PUBLICATIONS and CONTRIBUTIONS

- Submitted (co-authored) a research paper titled, "Increase Apparent Public Speaking Fluency by Speech Augmentation" to Spoken Language Technology IEEE 2018.
- Contributing to the Open Source Library, Gesture Recognition Toolkit (GRT), by providing python interface.