

Nare Karapetyan

Curriculum Vitae

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Research Interests: Area Coverage, Marine Robotics, Multi-robot Systems, Path Planning, Exploration

EDUCATION

2016 - 2021 **PhD in Computer Science**, University of South Carolina
Dissertation: "Robot Area Coverage Path Planning in Aquatic Environments"

2013 - 2015 **MSc in Computer and Information Science**, American University of Armenia (AUA)
Thesis: "Area Coverage for Multi-robot Systems"

2008 - 2012 **BSc in Applied Mathematics and Informatics**, Yerevan State University (YSU)
Thesis: "Global Value Numbering Optimization for WebKit Jit compiler"

02 - 05/2012 Visiting Undergraduate Student, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Moscow, Russia

EXPERIENCE

01/2022 - current Postdoctoral Associate, **University of Maryland**, MD, USA

08/2016 - 12/2021 Research and Teaching Assistant, **University of South Carolina, Columbia**, SC, USA

02/2020 - 07/2020 Software Engineering Intern, **iRobot**, Pasadena, CA, USA

02/2015 - 08/2016 Research and Teaching Associate, **American University of Armenia**, Yerevan, Armenia

05/2013 - 07/2014 Software Engineer, **Improviss LLC**, Yerevan, Armenia

09/2011 - 11/2012 Software Developer, **Ivannikov Institute of Russian Academy of Sciences (ISP RAS)**

01/2010 - 06/2011 Software Engineering Trainee, **Instigate LLC**, Yerevan, Armenia

AWARDS

2021, Dec 2022 Breakthrough Graduate Scholars award

2021-2022 Maryland Robotics Center Postdoctoral Fellowship

2020-2021 JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship for Research in Japan, Short Term Program (covid affected)

2019, Oct Third Prize in OCEANS'19 Seattle Student Poster Competition

2019 SPARC Graduate Research Grant, University of South Carolina

2017 - 2019 Armenian General Benevolent Union (AGBU), US Graduate Scholarship

2016 - 2019 Graduate Assistantship, University of South Carolina

2019, Nov IROS Student and Developing Countries (SDC) Travel Award

2018, 2019 University of South Carolina Graduate School Travel Grant

2018, May ICRA RAS Travel Award funded by the US NSF

2017, Oct IROS Travel Award for Doctoral Consortium funded by the US NSF

07/2015 Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, Short Term Conference Travel Grant

2013 - 2015 AUA/MoES full tuition fee scholarship, American University Of Armenia (AUA)

2014 Annual Presidential IT Award as Best Master Student in the IT sector, Armenia

09/2011 - 05/2012 Undergraduate Research Scholarship, ISP RAS

08/2011 - 12/2011 Nominal Award for building the "Mobot" mine detecting robot, ArmRobotics Competition

2009 - 2012 MoES full tuition fee scholarship, Yerevan State University

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Papers

[J1] **Nare Karapetyan**, James Johnson, and Ioannis Rekleitis, Human Diver Inspired Visual Navigation for Coverage Path Planning of Shipwrecks, *Marine Technology Society Journal*, "Best of OCEANS 2020" July/August issue 2021

Fully-Refereed Conference Papers

[C10] Marios Xanthidis, Michail Kalaitzakis, **Nare Karapetyan**, Alex Johnson, Nikolaos Vitzilaios, Jason M. O’Kane, and Ioannis Rekleitis; AquaVis: A Perception-Aware Autonomous Navigation Framework for Underwater Vehicles, *IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)*, Prague, Czech Republic, 2021

[C9] Marios Xanthidis, **Nare Karapetyan**, Hunter Damron, Sharmin Rahman, James Johnson, Allison O’Connell, Jason M. O’Kane, and Ioannis Rekleitis; Navigation in the Presence of Obstacles for an Agile Autonomous Underwater Vehicle, *In IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*, Paris, France, 2020

[C8] **Nare Karapetyan**, Adam Braude, Jason Moulton, Joshua A. Burstein, Scott White, Jason M. O’Kane, and Ioannis Rekleitis, Riverine Coverage with an Autonomous Surface Vehicle over Known Environments, *IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)*, Macau, China, 2019

[C7] Bharat Joshi, Sharmin Rahman, Michail Kalaitzakis, Brennan Cain, James Johnson, Marios Xanthidis, **Nare Karapetyan**, Alan Hernandez, Alberto Quattrini Li, Nikolaos Vitzilaios, Ioannis Rekleitis, Experimental Comparison of Open Source Visual-Inertial-Based State Estimation Algorithms in the Underwater Domain, *IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)*, Macau, China, 2019

[C6] **Nare Karapetyan**, Jason Moulton and Ioannis Rekleitis, Meander Based River Coverage by an Autonomous Surface Vehicle, *Field and Service Robotics: Recent Advances in Research and Applications (FSR)*. Springer, Tokyo, Japan, 2019

[C5] Jason Moulton, **Nare Karapetyan**, Michail Kalaitzakis, Alberto Quattrini Li, Nikolaos Vitzilaios, Ioannis Rekleitis, Effects Modeling – Dynamic Autonomous Surface Vehicle Controls Under Changing Environmental Forces, *Field and Service Robotics: Recent Advances in Research and Applications (FSR)*. Springer, Tokyo, Japan, 2019

[C4] **Nare Karapetyan**, Jason Moulton, Jeremy Lewis, Alberto Quattrini Li, Jason O’Kane, Ioannis Rekleitis, Multi-robot Dubins Coverage with Autonomous Surface Vehicles, *In IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*, Brisbane, Australia, 2018

[C3] Jason Moulton, **Nare Karapetyan**, Alberto Quattrini Li, Ioannis Rekleitis, External Force Field Modeling for Autonomous Surface Vehicles, *In International Symposium of Experimental Robotics (ISER)*, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2018

[C2] **Nare Karapetyan**, Kelly Benson, Chris McKinney, Perouz Taslakian, Ioannis Rekleitis, Efficient Multi-Robot Coverage of a Known Environment, *IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)*, Vancouver, Canada, 2017

[C1] Nelson Baloian, Wolfram Luther, Daniel Biella, **Nare Karapetyan**, Jose A. Pino, Tobias Schreck, Nancy Hitschfeld, Exploring Collaboration in the Realm of Virtual Museums, *23rd International Conference on Collaboration and Technology (CRIWG)*, Saskatoon, Canada, 2017

Editorials; Lightly-Refereed Conference and Workshop Papers

[E6] Marios Xanthidis, Bharat Joshi, **Nare Karapetyan**, Monika Roznere, Weihan Wang, James Johnson, Alberto Quattrini, Jesse Casana, Philippos Mordohai, Srihari Nelakuditi, Ioannis Rekleitis, Towards Multi-Robot Shipwreck Mapping, *1st Advanced Marine Robotics TC Workshop: Active Perception*, *In IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), Xi’an, China (virtual), 2021*.

[E5] **Nare Karapetyan**, James Johnson, and Ioannis Rekleitis, Coverage Path Planning for Mapping of Underwater Structures with an Autonomous Underwater Vehicle, *In MTS/IEEE OCEANS Singapore*, 2020 (accepted to Student Poster Competition)

[E4] **Nare Karapetyan**, Ioannis Rekleitis. Coverage of Rivers with Autonomous Surface Vehicles. In Informed Scientific Sampling in Large-scale Outdoor Environments Workshop, IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS), Macau, China, 2019.

[E3] **Nare Karapetyan**, Jason Moulton, and Ioannis Rekleitis, Dynamic Autonomous Surface Vehicle Control and Applications in Environmental Monitoring, *In MTS/IEEE OCEANS Seattle*, WA, USA, 2019 (3rd prize at the Student Poster Competition)

[E2] Sharmin Rahman, **Nare Karapetyan**, Alberto Quattrini Li, and Ioannis Rekleitis, A Modular Sensor Suite for Underwater Reconstruction, *In MTS/IEEE OCEANS Charleston*, SC, USA, 2018

[E1] Jason Moulton, **Nare Karapetyan**, Sharon Bukhsbaum, Chris McKinney, Sharaf Malebary, George Sophocleous, Alberto Quattrini Li, and Ioannis Rekleitis, An Autonomous Surface Vehicle for Long Term Operations, *In MTS/IEEE OCEANS Charleston*, SC, USA, 2018

SKILLS

Programming: C/C++, Python, Java, bash scripting, octave
Libraries: STL, QT, OpenCV, Boost (GBL), scikit-learn, Keras, pandas
Tools, Technologies: Robotics Operating System (ROS), GNU C++ compiler/debugger GCC and GDB, Docker, gtest, vim, SVN, git, LaTeX, ATOM, QT creator, StarUML, Arduino, Raspberry Pi, Pixhawk
Languages: Armenian (native), Russian (fluent), English (professional)

CONFERENCES and TALKS

Oct 5-15, 2020 OCEANS'20 conference, Singapore, Singapore, (Virtual)
Nov 4 -8, 2019 IROS 2019 conference, Macao, Macau, China
Oct 27 - 31, 2019 OCEANS'19 conference, Seattle, WA, USA
Sept 26 - 27, 2019 1st Annual Computing@SEC Meeting at the University of Alabama, AL, USA
Aug 29-31, 2019 12th Conference on Field and Service Robotics, Tokyo, Japan
March 15, 2019 Public Lecture on Marine Robotics, AUA, Yerevan, Armenia
May 21 - 26, 2018 ICRA 2018 conference, Brisbane, Australia
April 15, 2018 Discover USC: Three-minute thesis, UofSC, Columbia, SC, USA
Sept 21 - 28, 2017 IROS and ROScon 2017 conference, Vancouver, Canada

WORKSHOPS and TRAININGS

Oct 1 - 04, 2019 Grace Hopper Celebration, Orlando, Florida
Jan 01 - 18, 2019 Bellairs 15th Annual Field Trials and Workshop, Holetown, Barbados
Aug 13 - 16, 2018 AQUA Workshop at the University of Minnesota (UMN), Minneapolis, MN, USA
Jun 28 - Jul 5, 2017 Deep Learning and Reinforcement Learning Summer School , Montreal, Canada
Jan 01 - 14, 2017 Bellairs 13th Annual Field Trials and Workshop, Holetown, Barbados
Feb 22 - 25, 2015 IBM Watson training , Yerevan, Armenia
Aug 23 - Sept 4, 2015 Machine Learning Summer School, Kyoto, Japan

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

Summer 2019 Robotics, Upward Bound Program, Eau Claire High School
Fall 2018 CSCE 274 Robotic Applications and Design, University of South Carolina
Summer 2015, Fall/Spring 2016 MATH111 Discrete Math, American University of Armenia (AUA)

Teaching Assistant

Fall 2016, 2017, Spring 2018 CSCE 145, 146 Algorithmic Design I, II, University of South Carolina
Spring/Fall 2015, 2016 CIS311(grad), CS211 Theory of Algorithms, AUA
Spring 2016 CIS332(grad), CS132 Theory of Communication Networks, AUA

ACADEMIC SERVICES (reviewer)

- International Conference on Robotics and Automation, (ICRA:19, 20, RAL-ICRA: 19, 20, 21)
 - Journal of Autonomous Robots, 2018 (AURO)
 - IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS: 17, 18, 19, 20)
 - Woman in Machine Learning Workshop at NIPS (WiML17)
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ORGANIZATIONS

- IEEE student member (since 2017)
 - Upsilon Pi Epsilon Honor Society for the Computing Sciences (since 2018)
 - The Oceanography Society (since 2021)
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VOLUNTEERING

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| Feb 2017 - current | 701 Center for Contemporary Art - volunteering as an assistant for artists and the gallery |
| July 14-17, 2019 | Conference on Data and Applications Security (DBSec'19), Charleston, SC, USA |
| Sept 22 - 25, 2015 | CRIWG 2015 conference, Yerevan, Armenia |

NON-ACADEMIC

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| Sustainability | - | Scuba diving | - | Photography | - | Contemporary Art |
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