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Curriculum Vitae

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Professional Experience

- 2025–Present **CEO and Founder**, *Binary Brains, LLC*.
Primary developer of full stack web and mobile application that transform how people interact with technology.
- 2022–Present **Senior Machine Learning Research Scientist**, *Humans and Complex Systems Division, U.S. Army Research Laboratory*, Maryland.
Developing human-guided AI/ML algorithms and LLMs to improve human-autonomy teaming
- 2017–2022 **Machine Learning Research Scientist**, *Human Research and Engineering Directorate (HRED)*, *U.S. Army Research Laboratory*, Maryland.
Researching machine learning, human-agent teaming, multi-agent systems and deep-reinforcement learning.
- 2019–2020 **CEO and Co-Founder**, *AIMS-Technologies, LLC*.
CEO and co-founder of a start-up company (Aerial Interception of Multirotor Systems (AIMS) Technologies) to research and develop new capabilities to detect and counter non-cooperative, small unmanned aerial systems (sUAS)
- 2017–2020 **Adjunct Associate Research Scientist**, *Columbia University*, New York.
Researching novel AI/ML methods for Brain-Computer Interfaces
- 2015–2017 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, *Laboratory for Intelligent Imaging and Neural Computing (LIINC)*, *Columbia University*, New York.
Researched the neural correlates of adaptation during longitudinal feedback from brain-computer interfaces and designing novel transfer learning algorithms for real-world neuro-imaging paradigms.
- 2015–2017 **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, *Human Research and Engineering Directorate (HRED)*, *U.S. Army Research Laboratory*, Maryland.
Focused on the design and implementation of heterogeneous, multi-agent systems of human and computer agents for collaborative machine learning.
- 2010–2015 **Graduate Research Assistant**, *Advanced Signal Processing in Engineering and Neuroscience Lab - ODU*, Norfolk.
Developed novel signal processing and machine learning algorithms for non-invasive and visual based brain-computer interfaces to aid individuals with severe neuromuscular disorders.
- 2008–2010 **Research Assistant**, *Brain-Computer Interface Lab, University of North Florida*, Jacksonville.
Developed novel brain-computer interface applications to control anthropomorphic manipulator arms for neuroprosthetic control.

Teaching and Mentoring Experience

- 2024–Present **Adjunct Professor**, *University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC)*, Maryland.
Teaching CMSC-478 Introduction to Machine Learning
- 2023–Present **Adjunct Professor**, *Anne Arundel Community College (AACC)*, Maryland.
Teaching EGR-120 (Intro to Engineering) and EGR-250 (Intermediate Programming) courses

- 2018–Present **ORAU Student Mentor/Advisor**, *Army Research Laboratory*.
Currently mentor several undergraduate, and graduate students each year through OakRidge Associated Universities (ORAU) on various projects related to machine learning, reinforcement learning, robotics and human-in-the-loop AI
- 2008–2010 **Laboratory Instructor**, *Robotics Laboratory, University of North Florida*.
Managed UNF's Robotics and Manufacturing laboratory and taught the Robotics lab for the Introduction to Robotics course at UNF. Responsibilities included the development, preparation and teaching of weekly lectures and laboratory exercises

Education

- 2013–2015 **Ph.D. Biomedical Engineering**, *Old Dominion University, Norfolk VA*.
Specialization in Brain-Computer Interfaces and Machine Learning
- 2011–2013 **Masters in Electrical and Computer Engineering**, *Old Dominion University, VA*.
Specialization in Signal Processing and Machine Learning
- 2006–2010 **B.S. Mechanical Engineering**, *University of North Florida, Jacksonville FL*.
Specialization in Robotics

Research and Teaching Interests

- Human-Guided Machine Learning
- Human-in-the-loop Reinforcement Learning
- Brain-Computer Interfaces
- Human-Agent Teaming
- Machine Learning & Artificial Intelligence
- Large-Language Models
- Robotics
- Reinforcement Learning

Publications

- 2025 Vinicius Goecks and **Nicholas R Waytowich** and Ryan Bookman and Christian Kenny *COA-GPT 2.0: An Agentic AI Planning Tool for Accelerating the Military Decision-Making Process*, Under Review, 2025
- Mingyang Mao and Mariela M Perez-Cabarcas and Utteja Kallakuri and **Nicholas R Waytowich** and Xiaomin Lin and Tinoosh Mohsenin. *Multi-RAG: A Multimodal Retrieval-Augmented Generation System for Adaptive Video Understanding*. In: *arXiv preprint arXiv:2505.23990*. 2025
- Jonathan Hyun and **Nicholas R Waytowich** and Boyuan Chen. *CREW-Wildfire: Benchmarking agentic multi-agent collaborations at scale*. In: *arXiv preprint arXiv:2507.05178*. 2025
- Mingkang Wu and Devin White and Vernon Lawhern and **Nicholas R Waytowich** and Yongcan Cao. *Rbrl2. 0: Integrated reward and policy learning for rating-based reinforcement learning*. In: *arXiv preprint arXiv:2501.07502*. 2025
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- Evelyn Rose and Devin White and Mingkang Wu and Vernon Lawhern and **Nicholas R Waytowich** and Yongcan Cao. *Performance optimization of ratings-based reinforcement learning*. In: *arXiv preprint arXiv:2501.07755*. 2025
- Connor Mattson and Varun Raveendra and Ellen Novoseller and **Nicholas Waytowich** and Vernon J Lawhern and Daniel S Brown. *R2BC: Multi-Agent Imitation Learning from Single-Agent Demonstrations*. In: *arXiv preprint arXiv:2510.18085*. 2025

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Anna Madison and Kaleb McDowell and Vinicius G Goecks and Jeff Hansberger and Ceili M Olney and Claire Ahern and Amar Marathe and **Nicholas Waytowich** and Christian Kenney and Christopher Kelshaw. "New" Challenges for Future C2: Commanding Soldier-Machine Partnerships. In: *arXiv preprint arXiv:2503.08844*. 2025

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- Vinicius G Goecks and **Nicholas Waytowich** and Derrik E Asher and Song Jun Park and Mark Mittrick and John Richardson and Manuel Vindiola and Anne Logie and Mark Dennison and Theron Trout and Priya Narayanan and Alexander Kott. *On games and simulators as a platform for development of artificial intelligence for command and control*. In: *The Journal of Defense Modeling and Simulation*. 2023
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- Bharat Prakash and **Nicholas R Waytowich** and Tinoosh Mohsenin and Tim Oates. *Automatic goal generation using dynamical distance learning*. In: *arXiv preprint arXiv:2111.04120*. 2021
- 2020 Bharat Prakash and **Nicholas R Waytowich** and Ashwinkumar Ganesan and Tim Oates and Tinoosh Mohsenin. *Guiding Safe Reinforcement Learning Policies Using Structured Language Constraints*. In: *SafeAI@ AAAI*. 2020
- David Watkins-Valls and Jingxi Xu and **Nicholas R Waytowich** and Peter Allen. *Learning your way without map or compass: Panoramic target driven visual navigation*. In: *2020 IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)*. 2020
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- Addison W Bohannon and Vernon J Lawhern and **Nicholas R Waytowich** and Radu V Balan. *The autoregressive linear mixture model: A time-series model for an instantaneous mixture of network processes*. In: *IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing*. 2020
- Divya Ramesh and Anthony Z Liu and Andres J Echeverria and Jean Y Song and **Nicholas R Waytowich** and Walter S Lasecki. *Yesterday's reward is today's punishment: Contrast effects in human feedback to reinforcement learning agents*. In: *Proceedings of the 19th international conference on autonomous agents and âĖ*. 2020
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Ph.D. Dissertation

Title *Development of a Practical Visual Evoked Potential Based Brain-Computer Interface*

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Description Optimized visual stimulus design and developed novel paradigmatic approaches to create a practical visual evoked potential based brain-computer interface. Additionally, a custom BCI software platform was developed and implemented with the Google Glass (HMD device) for ergonomic deployment.

Honors, Awards, Societies and Service

- 2021 Won 1st place and the award for the most human-like agent at the NeurIPS 2021 MineRL Benchmark for Agents that Solve Almost-Lifelike Tasks (BASALT) competition.
- 2018 Winner of the Counter-sUAS Hackathon hosted by MD5 and the Army Futures Command, Austin Texas
- 2018 Human Research and Engineering (HRED) Excellence in Science award for the development Deep-TAMER (teaching agents manually through evaluative reinforcement), Army Research Lab.
- 2017 Human Research and Engineering (HRED) Excellence in Engineering award for the development of the Human-AI Image Labeler (HAIL), Army Research Lab.
- 2012 Graduate Assistantship In Areas of National Need (GAANN) Scholarship Award Recipient (2012)
- 2011-Present Member of Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), IEEE Member, Society for Neuroscience, American Society of Mechanical Engineers
- 2009-2010 President of the Florida Engineering Society at the University of North Florida Chapter
- 2010 1st place regional winner of the MATE ROV (Marine Advanced Technology Education for Remotely Operated Vehicles) Competition in Coco Beach FL

Skills

- Research Machine Learning and Reinforcement Learning, Multi-agent systems, Deep Convolutional Neural Networks, Signal Processing, Reinforcement Learning, EEG Signal Mapping and Characterization, BCI Development, Data Mining and Visualization
- Programming Tensorflow, PyTorch, Python, ROS, Matlab, C, C++, C#, Java, Android, .NET, HTML, Javascript, OpenGL, DirectX, XNA, \LaTeX , OpenOffice, Linux, Embedded Systems, Microcontroller Programming