

# CHRISTOPHER DENNISTON

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## EDUCATION

Bachelor Of Science, Computer Science  
University of Missouri Kansas City, Kansas City, Missouri  
Honors: Magna Cum Laude  
May 2013 - December 2016

Master Of Science, Computer Science (Data Science)  
The University of Southern California  
June 2017 - May 2019

Doctorate of Philosophy, Computer Science  
The University of Southern California  
May 2019 - Present

## EXPERIENCE

### University of Southern California - Robotics Embedded Systems Lab

Research Assistant May 2019 - Present  
Performed research on multi robot systems for environmental monitoring as part of thesis research under Dr. Gaurav Sukhatme.

### University of Southern California - Robotics Embedded Systems Lab

Masters Research Assistant September 2017 - May 2019  
Performed research under Dr. Stephanie Kemna, Dr. Thomas Krogstad and Dr. Gaurav Sukhatme for adaptive sampling for mine counter measure operations and algae bloom monitoring.

### MITRE

Machine Learning Graduate Intern May 2018 - August 2018  
Performed research on hydrophone data for marine mammal classification using neural networks, as well as classification of objects from satellite imagery.

### Payit, Inc

Software Engineer September 2015 - June 2017  
Developed and maintained microservice backend components to support front-end components.

## PUBLICATIONS

**C. Denniston**, T. R. Krogstad, S. Kemna and G. S. Sukhatme, "On-line AUV Survey Planning for Finding Safe Vessel Paths through Hazardous Environments" 2018 IEEE/OES Autonomous Underwater Vehicle Workshop (AUV)

**C. Denniston**, A. Kumaraguru and G. S. Sukhatme, "Comparison of Path Planning Approaches for Harmful Algae Bloom Monitoring" 2019 IEEE/OES Oceans, *in press*

## HONORS

University of Missouri - Kansas City Chancellor's Scholarship  
School of Computing and Engineering First Robotics Scholarship  
University of Missouri - Kansas City Achievement Award  
University of Missouri - Kansas City Dean's List  
Ankit Agarwal Computer Science Scholarship

**ACTIVITIES**

University of Southern California, Corpus Corpus Callosum, Project Lead, 2018

University of Missouri - Kansas City, IEEE Robotics, Software Engineering Team Member and Lead, 2013-2016

University of Missouri - Kansas City, Association for Computing Machinery, Vice Chair, 2014-2016

Upsilon Pi Epsilon, Treasurer, 2016