
Education

University of Georgia
Bachelor degree in Computer Science

ATHENS, GA
2012 – 2018

Experience

University of Georgia Small Satellite Research Laboratory

ATHENS, GA

Founder, Program Manager

January '16 – present

The University of Georgia Small Satellite Research Laboratory (UGA SSRL) was founded when I decided to form a team to build a small 1U cube satellite. The UGA SSRL now includes over 40 undergraduate researchers, several faculty researchers, a space act agreement with NASA Ames, a partnership with the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL), and more.

MOCI

January '16 – present

The Multiview Onboard Computational Imager (MOCI) is a 3U cube satellite funded by the Air Force Research Laboratory's (AFRL) University Program (UNP) NS-9. The MOCI satellite shall use advanced computer vision algorithms and specialized computational hardware to generate 3D digital surface models of the earth in real time. The MOCI satellite is scheduled to launch in Q1 of 2020.

SPOC

January '16 – present

The Spectral Ocean Color (SPOC) satellite is a 3U cube satellite funded by NASA's Undergraduate Student Instrument Project (USIP) and was selected for NASA's Cube Satellite Launch Initiative (CSLI) for a launch in Q4 of 2019. The SPOC satellite shall use a custom hyperspectral sensor to analyze the coastal ecosystems of the Georgia coast.

NASA

HOUSTON, TX

Core Flight Software Programmer

April '15 – August '15

I helped develop Core Flight Software (CFS) to handle audio telemetry and communication for the Orion spacecraft in a simulated lab setting. I also worked in an audio lab with embedded systems for audio equipment.

Human Systems Integration

April '15 – August '15

While working in the Human Integrated Vehicles and Environments (HIVE) Lab I assisted with internal telemetry systems and general networking systems throughout Johnson Space Center. These systems were needed for future Graphic User Interfaces (GUIs) used while training astronauts.

Hodgson Glass Research Lab

ATHENS, GA

Undergraduate Researcher

August '14 – April '15

Generally, I technically assisted Dr. Johnson Turner with technical advice and programmed/designed environments for digital music systems.

Google Glass Development

August '14 – April '15

I helped develop the first [musical score viewing application](#) for Google Glass. This application was used in concert across multiple Google Glass units.

Smart Podium Development

August '14 – April '15

I developed a digital smart podium for the use of a band director. The goal was to allow synchronized music editing and notation.

The Home Depot Innovation Center

ATLANTA, GA

Research & Development Intern

April '14 – August '14

I worked as a software developer intern at The Home Depot's Innovation Center. I was part of the Center's first group of interns and helped to justify its existence within the company.

Google Glass Research & Development

April '14 – August '14

I developed an Augmented Reality Google Glass application using a low level OpenCV libraries and data structures. The goal was to assist with product recognition, allow for barcode scanning, and quick product searches.

Virtual Reality Research & Development

April '14 – August '14

I developed a Virtual Reality application with Google Cardboard using low level OpenCV libraries and data structures. The goal was to display heat maps of various product data over store shelves to assist with product placement.

Research

Feature Matching from Orbiting Vehicles

Space Innovations Symposium

Atlanta GA, 2017

Nicholas Neel, Caleb Adams, David L. Cotten

Concept of Operation in Small Satellite Functionality

Space Innovations Symposium

Atlanta GA, 2017

Bjorn Leicher, Paige Copenhaver, Caleb Adams, James Roach, David L. Cotten, Deepak Mishra

The Feasibility of Structure from Motion over Planetary Bodies with Small Satellites

The AIAA/Utah State Small Satellite Conference - Small Sat

Logan UT, 2017

Caleb Adams, Nicholas (Hollis) Neel, David Cotten

Structure from Motion from a Constrained Orbiting Platform

NASA/CASIS ISS Research and Development Conference

Washington D.C., 2017

Caleb Adams, Nicholas (Hollis) Neel

(SP)ectral (O)cean (C)olor Satellite

Cubesat Developers Conference - Cal Poly

San Luis Obispo CA, 2017

Caleb Adams, David Cotten, Deepak Mishra, Nicholas (Hollis) Neel, Graham Grable, Khoa Ngo

Accuracy of Dense Point Clouds Given Varying Image Quality

UGA CURO Symposium

Athens GA, 2017

Nirav Ilango, David Cotten, Caleb Adams, Nicholas (hollis) Neel, Margerite Madden, Deepak Mishra

The Feasibility of Structure from Motion over Planetary Bodies with Small Satellite Systems

UGA CURO Symposium

Athens GA, 2017

Caleb Adams

STEM Opportunities for Undergraduates Building Nanosatellites: the NASA CubeSat Program Georgia

IGTF/ASPRS

Baltimore MD, 2017

D. Cotten, C. Adams, D. Mishra, M. Madden, S. Bernardes, K. Ngo, N. Neel, N. Ilango, M. Le Corre, G. Grable, A. King

Building a Small Satellite Research Program at the University of Georgia: UGA Payload Development for CubeSats

IGTF/ASPRS

Baltimore MD, 2017

D. Cotten, C. Adams, D. Mishra, M. Madden, S. Bernardes, K. Ngo, N. Neel, N. Ilango, M. Le Corre, G. Grable, A. King

The SPectral Ocean Color (SPOC) Small Satellite Mission: From Payload to Ground Station Development and Everything in Between

AGU

San Francisco CA, 2016

David L. Cotten, Sergio Bernardes, Deepak Mishra, Caleb Adams, Hollis Neel, Khoa Ngo, Megan LeCorre, Paige Copenhaver, Nirav Ilango, Adam King, Graham Grable, Paul Hwang

Enhancing STEM Education through CubeSats: Using Satellite Integration as a Teaching Tool at a Non-Tech School

AGU

San Francisco CA, 2016

David L. Cotten, Sergio Bernardes, Deepak Mishra, Caleb Adams, Hollis Neel, Khoa Ngo, Megan LeCorre, Paige Copenhaver, Nirav Ilango, Adam King, Graham Grable, Paul Hwang

Feasibility of Structure from Motion over Planetary Bodies using Small Satellites

Georgia Scientific Computing Symposium

Athens GA, 2016

Caleb Adams, David L. Cotten, Nicholas (Hollis) Neel, Kyle Hamilton, Jacob Conley, Deepak Mishra

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Grants Funded

UNP NS-9, Phase B

University Nanosatellite Program, Nano-Sat 9 Phase B – \$600,000

2018

The Air Force Research Lab's Nano Satellite Program funded the UGA SSRL, as the winner of phase A, \$600,000 to build and operate the MOCI satellite.

NASA USIP

The NASA Undergraduate Student Instrument Project – \$200,000

2016

The NASA Undergraduate Student Instrument Project funded the UGA SSRL \$200,000 for the design, construction, and launch of the SPOC satellite.

UNP NS-9, Phase A

University Nanosatellite Program, Nano-Sat 9 Phase A – \$180,000

2016

The Air Force Research Lab's Nano Satellite Program funded the UGA SSRL for \$180,000 to design and prove the mission architecture for the MOCI satellite.

*Grants listed about have me listed as an **author** and significant contributor.*

Awards & Honors

UNP Phase B

Phase A Winner

2018

The MOCI satellite was selected as the winner of the 9th iteration of the University Nanosatellite Program, selected first out of 10 competing programs, and awarded over \$600,000 dollars in phase B funding.

TEDx UGA

TEDx UGA Student Idea Showcase

2016

I was selected as a presenter at TEDx UGA's student idea showcase. I spoke about the importance of space exploration, citizen science, and the democratization of space with small satellites.

HackGT

Top 8

2016

I lead a team that won top 8 at Georgia Tech's Major League Hacking (MLH) Hackathon. We build a drone from scratch that planted seeds. We were selected among 500 of our peers.

NASA Johnson EV3

Team Excellence

2015

While working at NASA's Johnson Space Center I was awarded for going above and beyond requirements by staying late nights, and over night, to perform thermal vacuums tests on a payload.

VT Hacks

Winner

2015

I lead a team that won Virginia Tech's 2015 Major League Hacking (MLH) Hackathon. We built a remote operated telescope and competed with 1000 of our peers.

Leadership Experience

UGA Small Satellite Research Laboratory

ATHENS, GA

Founder, Program Manager

2016 – Present

With two of my friends, I created the foundations of the UGA SSRL. I have since lead it to receive almost a million dollars in funding as it constructs Georgia's first satellites.

UGA Hacks

ATHENS, GA

Co-Founder

2015 – 2016

With two of my friends, I helped to create UGA's official Major League Hacking (MLH) Hackathon program, which still exists today.

UGA Redcoat Band

ATHENS, GA

Section Leader

2014 – 2015

I lead the UGA Redcoat Band's trombone section. I helped organize events, conduct rehearsals, and teach music.
