

Education

University of Georgia
Masters degree in Computer Science

ATHENS, GA
2020

University of Georgia
Bachelor's degree in Computer Science

ATHENS, GA
2018

Experience

University of Georgia Small Satellite Research Laboratory

ATHENS, GA

Co-Founder, Program Manager, Systems Engineer

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, 5 graduate students, 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 6U 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, based off of the Nvidia TX2i GPU/SoC, to generate 3D digital surface models of the earth in real time. The MOCI satellite is scheduled for handoff in Q2 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 handoff in Q4 of 2019. The SPOC satellite shall use a custom hyperspectral sensor to analyze the coastal ecosystems of the Georgia coast.

Multiagent Surface Reconstruction

January '18 – present

My Masters research is focused on effective methods for satellites swarms to generate 3D models of environments. The focus is on distributed edge computing with custom GPU/SoCs running custom computer vision software. Orbital environments are simulated with high performance graphics hardware and reconstructed with a network of custom GPU/SoCs for cube satellites.

NASA, National Aeronautics and Space Administration

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 Laboratory

ATHENS, GA

Undergraduate Researcher

August '14 – April '15

I 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

Journal Paper: ; Conference Paper: ; Conference Presentation: ; Conference Poster: 

The Spectral Ocean Color Imager (SPOC) - An Adjustable Multispectral Imager

The AIAA/Utah State Small Satellite Conference - Small Sat

Logan UT, 2019

David L Cotten, Nicholas Neel, Deepak Mishra, Marguerite Madden, Caleb Adams, Susanne Ullrich, Adrian Burd, Malcolm Adams, Kaitlyn Summey, Casper Versteeg, Jackson Parker, Fred Beyette

Towards an Integrated GPU Accelerated SoC as a Flight Computer for Small Satellites

IEEE Aerospace Conference

Big Sky MT, 2019

Caleb Adams, Allen Spain, Jackson Parker, Matthew Hevert, James Roach, David Cotten

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Selected Software Demonstrations from the Multiview Onboard Computational Imager Satellite

Space Innovations Symposium

Atlanta GA, 2018

Caleb Adams, Jackson Parker

GPU Accelerated SoCs as Flight Computers for Small Satellites

Space Innovations Symposium

Atlanta GA, 2018

Caleb Adams, Allen Spain, Jackson Parker, David L. Cotten

What are Cubesats? A look at UGA Space Exploration

UGA Physics and Astronomy Colloquium - Invited Speaker

Athens GA, 2018

Caleb Adams, Katie Summey, Nicholas Heavner

A Near Real Time Space Based Computer Vision System for Accurate Terrain Mapping

The AIAA/Utah State Small Satellite Conference - Small Sat

Logan UT, 2018

Caleb Adams, David L. Cotten

Batch Analytical Comparisons of on Orbit Multiview Stereo

Space Innovations Symposium

Atlanta GA, 2017

Caleb Adams, Nicholas Neel, David L. Cotten

Feature Matching from Orbiting Vehicles

Space Innovations Symposium

Atlanta GA, 2017

Nicholas Neel, Caleb Adams, David L. Cotten

Concept of Operations 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, Video Link

Cubesat Developers Conference - Cal Poly

San Luis Obispo CA, 2017

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

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-  **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.
- UGA: CTL
The Design and Construction of Equipment for Ground to Space Communications – \$23,586 2017
 An internally awarded by the Center for Teaching and Learning for the construction of a space ready ground station at UGA.
- UGA: Parents Leadership Council
Providing Undergraduate Students Equipment for Ground to Space Communications – \$5,000 2017
 An internally awarded by the Parents Leadership Council to help obtain ground support equipment for the Small Satellite Research Lab.
- 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 above have me listed as an **author**, significant contributor, and/or essential personnel.*

Awards, Honors & Fellowships

Georgia Space Grant Consortium

Fellowship

2018

I was selected to receive a fellowship from the Georgia Space Grant Consortium. I was awarded 10k in total funding, this was used to further develop the UGA SSRL's high performance processing units.

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 led a team that won top 8 at Georgia Tech's Major League Hacking (MLH) Hackathon. We built 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

Co-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 UGA's first satellites.

Space Innovations Symposium

ATLANTA, GA

Session Chair, Organizer

2019

I am helping to organize the 3rd Space Innovations Symposium in Atlanta Georgia at Georgia Tech, where I chaired a session of the symposium. I also helped with getting students and organizations in the Athens area to attend the symposium.

Head TA - CS 1302 Software Programming

ATHENS, GA

Head TA

2018 – Present

The CS 1302 class at UGA is when most Computer Science students first experience significant programming. It takes them from simple terminal applications to complex GUI-based applications with large codebases. I manage a team of about 10 other TAs (varies by semester) who help run this class of 300+ students. I manage grading criteria, rubrics, coding projects, auto-grading systems, and hold office hours to help students understand the subject.

Hyve Robotics and AstroVisual

ATHENS, GA

Co-Founder

2015 – 2018

I Co-Founded two companies, Hyve Robotics and AstroVisual. AstroVisual began by selling smart-phone enabled telescopes for astrophotography. AstroVisual ceased operation when its members founded the UGA Small Satellite Research Laboratory. Hyve robotics created food delivery robots and was acquired by Cosmic Delivery in Q1 2018.

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. The organization helps get Computer Science students excited about programming by presenting them with difficult, relevant challenges.

UGA Redcoat Band

ATHENS, GA

Section Leader

2014 – 2015

I led the UGA Redcoat Band's trombone section. I helped organize events, conduit rehearsals, arrange and teach music.