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Education

University of Georgia — ATHENS, GA
Masters degree in Computer Science — *2018 – 2021*

University of Georgia — ATHENS, GA
Bachelors degree in Computer Science — *2012 – 2018*

Experience

University of Georgia Small Satellite Research Laboratory — ATHENS, GA

Founder, 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.

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 Lab — 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: 📖

🗋 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
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 *Baltamore 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 *Baltamore 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

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
Founder, Program Manager *2016 – Present*
With two of my friends, I created the foundations of the UGA SSRL. I have sense lead it to receive almost a million dollars in funding as it constructs Georgia's first satellites.

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.

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, and teach music.