# EDUCATION

## Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Cambridge, MA

## Candidate for M.Eng. in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, GPA: 4.5/5.0 June 2019

## S.B. in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, GPA: 4.9/5.0 June 2018

*Relevant Coursework*: Statistical Learning Theory and Applications, Robotics: Science and Systems, Bayesian Modeling and Inference, Machine Learning, Inference and Information, Design and Analysis of Algorithms, Computational Cognitive Science, Discrete-Time Signal Processing, Elements of Software Construction, Computation Structures

## Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology Alexandria, VA

## SAT: 2400, GPA (weighted): 4.538/4.0 September 2010 – June 2014

*Relevant Coursework*: Artificial Intelligence, Parallel Computing

# RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology Cambridge, MA**

*M.Eng. Researcher*March 2018 – present

* Principal Investigator: Prof. Daniela Rus
* Conducting research as a member of the DRL (Distributed Robotics Laboratory) group at CSAIL (Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory)
* Thesis Title: “Towards the Development of a Simulation-Based Platform for Autonomous Vehicle Algorithm Prototyping and Testing using the CARLA Simulator”
* Developing autonomous vehicle simulation platform based on CARLA open-source driving simulator
* Developing algorithms for LIDAR-based rural road detection

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology Cambridge, MA**

*UROP (Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program)*November – December 2017

* Principal Investigator: Prof. Jonathan How
* Conducted research as a member of the ACL (Aerospace Controls Laboratory) group
* Contributed to the development of a tripod-based sensor platform for pedestrian localization and intention recognition
* Calibrated webcams and LIDAR (Velodyne VLP-16), and investigated power management options for tripod platform

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology Cambridge, MA**

*SuperUROP Advanced Undergraduate Research Program*September 2016 – May 2017

* Principal Investigator: Dr. Jim Glass
* Conducted research as member of the SLS (Spoken Language Systems) group at CSAIL (Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory)
* Contributed to the development of a conversational robotic system that can acknowledge speaking subjects
* Converted offline Voice Activity Detector module into real-time streaming module
* Researched techniques for integrating visual face detection and audio source localization

## George Mason University Fairfax, VA

## *Applied* *Mathematics Intern, Aspiring Scientists Summer Internship Program* June – August 2012, June – August 2013

* Principal Investigator: Prof. Padmanabhan Seshaiyer
* Developed MATLAB simulation of 1D Euler-Bernoulli Beam PDE system (2012); Modeled deformation of 2D membrane PDE system in COMSOL (2013)
* Simulated lung tissue fluid-structure interaction in MATLAB and developed lung tissue edge detection Python program: Pneumothorax Modeling and Diagnosis (2012)

# INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

**Autoliv (now Veoneer) Lowell, MA**

*Intern, Advanced Sensing Group*June – August 2017

* Developed mapping algorithm for LIDAR data (Velodyne HDL-64) using point cloud registration to maintain coherent point cloud history and advance lane/object tracking algorithms
* Investigated mapping/registration techniques with lower-resolution (Velodyne VLP-32) LIDAR data to improve point cloud data resolution
* Investigated ego-motion estimation techniques with VLP-64 data to support vehicle localization

**Northrop Grumman San Diego, CA**

*Intern, Systems Integration, Test & Evaluation*June – August 2016

* Supported Systems Integration, Test & Evaluation for the Triton UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) program
* Developed Python test automation script for Triton test-bench landing test
* Co-developed SQL database for automated processing of Triton System Test Requests
* Improved upon Excel database for tracking flight requirements and test points
* Researched test automation methods for future modular hot-bench

**NASA Goddard Space Flight Center**  **Greenbelt, MD**

*Intern, Mission Engineering and Systems Analysis Division*January 2015; June – August 2015; January 2016

* Contributed to the NICER (Neutron Star Interior Composition Explorer)/SEXTANT (Station Explorer for X-Ray Timing and Navigation) mission
* Updated 1PPS signal interrupt handler Linux kernel module for hardware timing and synchronization
* Co-developed simulator of bi-directional science and telemetry packet transmission with another intern

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

## Intel International Science and Engineering Fair Phoenix, AZ

## *Fourth Place in Category: Mathematical Sciences* May 2013

## Siemens Competition in Math, Science, and Technology Atlanta, GA

## *Selected for Regional Finals at Georgia Tech for biophysics project* November 2012

**PUBLICATIONS**

[1] A.R. Bhandarkar, R. Banerjee & P. Seshaiyer, “On the Stability of Lung Parenchymal Lesions with Applications to Early Pneumothorax Diagnosis,” *Computational and Mathematical Methods in Medicine*, vol. 2013, pp. 1-12, 2013.

[2] R. Banerjee & P. Seshaiyer. “Computational Mechanics of a Coupled Flow-Structure Interaction Problem with Applications to Bio-Inspired Micro Air Vehicles,” *International Journal of Aerospace and Lightweight Structures* *(IJALS)*, vol. 3, no. 3, pp. 399-407, 2013.

# TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology Cambridge, MA**

*Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Probability (6.041/6.431)*September – December 2018, February – May 2018

* Taught weekly tutorial problem-solving sessions to small student groups
* Conducted office hours to assist students with concepts and problem sets

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology Cambridge, MA**

*Lab Assistant, Introduction to Electrical Engineering and Computer Science I (6.01)*February – May 2015

* Assisted students with in-class Software Labs and engineering Design Labs

**PROJECTS**

## 3D Point Cloud Clustering Using Small-Variance Asymptotics Cambridge, MA

## *Class Project, Bayesian Modeling and Inference (6.882)* March 2018 – May 2018

* Explored Bayesian non-parametric clustering of 3D point cloud data using small-variance asymptotics approximate inference algorithms
* Implemented Kulis and Jordan (2012) small-variance asymptotics algorithm for DP-GMM and Straub et al. (2015) algorithm for DP-vMF-MM in Python

## MIT Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Team Cambridge, MA

## *Student Participant* September 2014 – September 2017

* Developed refined 2D simulator of competition arena and agent dynamics for the International Aerial Robotics Competition as simulation team lead
* Managed development of computer vision gridline and circle detection Python programs as computer vision team lead
* Co-developed Python simulator of competition arena and contributed to UAV path planning algorithms as member of artificial intelligence team