

Ryan Szeto

Graduate Student Research Assistant

Research Areas

Computer vision, video inpainting, generative video models, deep learning, machine learning




Programming

PyTorch	●●●●●
TensorFlow	●●●●●
OpenCV	●●●●●
Caffe	●●●●●
Python	●●●●●
Bash	●●●●●
MATLAB	●●●●●
JavaScript	●●●●●

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Education

University of Michigan	Ann Arbor, MI
Ph.D. in Computer Science and Engineering	Sep 2015 – May 2021 (expected)
M.S. in Computer Science and Engineering	Sep 2015 – Aug 2017
University of Massachusetts	Amherst, MA
B.S. in Computer Science	Sep 2011 – May 2015
B.S. in Mathematics	Sep 2011 – May 2015

Publications

Ryan Szeto, Mostafa El-Khamy, Jungwon Lee, and Jason J. Corso. "HyperCon: Image-To-Video Model Transfer for Video-To-Video Translation Tasks." *IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision*, 2021.

Ryan Szeto, Ximeng Sun, Kunyi Lu, and Jason J. Corso. "A Temporally-Aware Interpolation Network for Video Frame Inpainting." *IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence*, 2020.

Ximeng Sun*, **Ryan Szeto***, and Jason J. Corso. "A Temporally-Aware Interpolation Network for Video Frame Inpainting." *Asian Conference on Computer Vision*, 2018.

Ryan Szeto, Simon Stent, German Ros, and Jason J. Corso. "A Dataset To Evaluate The Representations Learned By Video Prediction Models." *International Conference on Learning Representations (Workshop Track)*, 2018.

Ryan Szeto and Jason J. Corso. "Click Here: Human-Localized Keypoints as Guidance for Viewpoint Estimation." *IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision*, 2017.

Paul E. Dickson, Chris Kondrat, **Ryan B. Szeto**, W. Richards Adrion, Tung T. Pham, and Tim D. Richards. "Portable Lecture Capture That Captures the Complete Lecture." *IEEE International Symposium on Multimedia*, 2015.

Ellysha Raelen Recto, Brendan Murphy, **Ryan Szeto**, and Tung Pham. "PAOL and Lecture-Viewer." *ASEE Zone 1 Conference*, 2014.

Awards and Distinctions

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship — Honorable Mention <i>National Science Foundation</i>	2017
Outstanding Achievement in Artificial Intelligence Award <i>UMass School of Computer Science</i>	2015
Honors Dean's Award for Outstanding Honors Thesis <i>UMass Commonwealth Honors College</i>	2015
Honors Research Grant — \$1000 <i>UMass Commonwealth Honors College</i>	2014

Phi Beta Kappa Phi Beta Kappa	2014
Research Assistant Fellowship — \$500 UMass Commonwealth Honors College	2013
Cisco Award for Outstanding Achievement UMass School of Computer Science	2012

Research and Industrial Experience

Graduate Student Research Assistant Vision and Robotics Lab, University of Michigan Advisor: Prof. Jason J. Corso	Ann Arbor, MI Sep 2015 – present
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- *Video Frame Inpainting.* We proposed a deep learning solution to video frame inpainting composed of a bidirectional prediction module and a temporally-aware frame blending module. Our approach produces more accurate and qualitatively satisfying results than prior techniques in video inpainting, frame interpolation, and video prediction.
- *Viewpoint Estimation with Human Guidance.* Our Click-Here CNN estimates the location of the camera relative to an object by using a 2D image and the location of a semantic keypoint on the image, provided by a human, as guidance. Our evaluation demonstrated that keypoint information can help models obtain better viewpoint estimates than those that only use information from the image.

Assistant Engineer, Machine Learning Intern Samsung Semiconductor, Inc. Mentor: Dr. Mostafa El-Khamy	San Diego, CA May 2019 – Aug 2019
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- *Hyperconsistency for Video-to-Video Translation Tasks.* We proposed hyperconsistency, an image-to-video model transfer approach for video-to-video translation tasks that interpolates frames, translates them frame-wise, and aggregates them to produce a temporally-consistent result. Our method reduces flickering effects more reliably than prior video consistency work, and yields more realistic predictions than prior video inpainting techniques.

Research Intern Toyota Research Institute Mentor: Dr. Simon Stent	Cambridge, MA Jun 2017 – Sep 2017
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- *Evaluating the Generality of Video Prediction Models.* We investigated the robustness of existing video prediction models to unseen objects and rates of motion. Our experiments revealed that during prediction, certain models reconstruct objects seen during training at inference time, and all that tested models fail to generalize to faster rates of motion.

Software Engineering Intern IBM	Littleton, MA May 2015 – Aug 2015
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- *IBM Guardium.* Designed and implemented an interface to manage permissions through an access manager, and reduced page load times by 80% by consolidating remote database queries.

Undergraduate Research Assistant RIPPLES Lab, University of Massachusetts Advisors: Prof. Rick Adrion, Prof. Paul Dickson	Amherst, MA Jan 2013 – May 2015
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- *Presentations Automatically Organized from Lectures.* Implemented a portable lecture capture system that processes video feeds of the lecturer, the whiteboard, and the computer screen in real-time.
- *Honors Thesis: Whiteboard Marker Detection.* Proposed a real-time whiteboard marker segmentation algorithm that generates marker stroke candidates by connecting components from a Difference-of-Gaussians edge detector, then filtering them with a sparse stroke detector.

Software Engineering Intern The MathWorks, Inc.	Natick, MA May 2014 – August 2014
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- *MATLAB Online.* Improved the Variable Editor by writing QUnit tests and implementing cut/copy/paste functionality.

Undergraduate Research Assistant
Center for e-Design, University of Massachusetts
Advisors: Prof. Jack Wileden, Prof. Sundar Krishnamurthy

Amherst, MA
Jan 2012 – Dec 2012

- *Computer-Aided Design (CAD) Data Exchange*. Developed a system that translated CAD part files between PTC Creo and SolidWorks while preserving dimensions and constraints by following a translation protocol inspired by programming language theory.

Teaching Experience

Graduate Student Instructor for EECS 542: Advanced Topics in Computer Vision Sep 2020 – Dec 2020
University of Michigan, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

Grader for CMPSCI 670: Graduate Computer Vision Sep 2014 – Dec 2014
University of Massachusetts, School of Computer Science

Grader for CMPSCI 220: Programming Methodology Jan 2012 – Dec 2012
University of Massachusetts, School of Computer Science

Academic Service

Student reviewer for IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV) 2020

Student reviewer for Signal Processing Letters (SPL) 2020

Student reviewer for International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) 2018

Student reviewer for IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) 2018

Student reviewer for Robotics and Autonomous Systems (RAS) 2017

Student reviewer for IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA) 2016

Mentorship Experience

Vision and Robotics Lab, University of Michigan Jun 2016 – Aug 2016

- *Vehicle Crash Analysis*. Mentored three U-M undergraduate students by helping them conduct summer-long projects related to object tracking, annotation collection, and physical simulations, as well as prepare written progress reports and oral presentations to their project sponsors.