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# **Employment**

Finmeccanica Associate Professor in Computer Science 2013-Associate Professor 2011-13

The Robotics Institute, Carnegie Mellon University

Senior Research Scientist 2005-11

Intel Labs Pittsburgh

### **Education**

Ph.D., Carnegie Mellon University

August 2005

Committee: Matthew Mason (advisor), Michael Erdmann (advisor),

Alfred Rizzi (CMU), Yan-bin Jia (Iowa State)

Thesis: Control Synthesis for Dynamic Contact Manipulation

Master of Science, Carnegie Mellon University

August 2001

Advisors: Matthew Mason, Michael Erdmann Thesis: Experiments with Nonholonomic Manipulation

Bachelor of Technology, Indian Institute of Technology Madras August 1999

Advisor: A. Radhakrishnan

Thesis: Reverse Engineering using the Structured Lighting Technique

#### **Honors and Awards**

- RSS Best Systems Paper Award Finalist [44], 2015
- IEEE ICRA Best Conference Paper Award Finalist [38], 2015
- IEEE ICRA Best Video Award Finalist [48], 2014
- Finmeccanica Chair in Computer Science 2013-16
- RSS Early Career Spotlight Award, 2013
- RSS Best Paper Award Finalist [62], 2013
- IEEE ICRA Best Manipulation Paper Award Finalist [63], 2013
- Robotics Institute Cool Person of the Year Award, 2012
- Okawa Foundation Research Grant, 2012
- Office of Naval Research Young Investigator Award, 2012
- IEEE RO-MAN Best Paper Award Finalist [70], 2012
- RSS Best Paper Award Finalist [69], 2012
- RAS Most Active Technical Committee Award: Mobile Manipulation, 2011
- ACM/IEEE HRI Best Paper Award Winner [89], 2010
- IEEE IROS Best Paper Award Finalist [87], 2010
- IEEE ICRA Best Manipulation Paper Award Finalist [85], 2010
- IEEE ICRA Best Vision Paper Award Finalist [97], 2009
- Intel Corporate Technology Group Divisional Recognition Awards, May, July, Oct 2008
- Intel Research Pittsburgh Lab Research Awards, January, July 2006, January 2007

# Mentoring (The Robotics Institute, Carnegie Mellon University, unless otherwise noted)

| Current Students   |  |  |  |   |
|--|--|--|--|---|
| Chris Dellin   | Ph.D.  |  | Efficient Manipulation Task Planning via<br>Informed Optimization of Planning Effort   | a Reuse- 2009-  |
| Shervin Javdani  | Ph.D.  | (+Drew Bagnell)  | Learning Policies for Shared Autonomy  | 2011-   |
| Michael Koval  | Ph.D.  | (+Nancy Pollard)   | Robust Manipulation via Contact Sensing  | 2012-   |
| Zita Marinho   | Ph.D.  | (+Geoff Gordon)  | Moment-based Algorithms for Structured   | l Predic- 2012-   |
| Jennifer King  | Ph.D.  |  | tion Robust Rearrangement Planning using Nor   | nprehen- 2012-  |
| Matt Klingensmith  | Ph.D.  | (+Michael Kaess)   | sile Interaction<br>Articulated 3D SLAM  | 2013-   |
| Laura Herlant  | Ph.D.  | (+Michael Raess)   | Afficulated 3D 3LAM  | 2013-   |
| Stefanos Nikolaidis  | Ph.D.  |  |  | 2014-   |
| Gilwoo Lee   | Ph.D.  | (+Matt Mason)  |  | 2015-   |
| David Butterworth  | M.S.   | ,  |  | 2015-   |
| Shushman Choudhury   | M.S.   |  |  | 2015-   |
| Current Postdoctoral Fel   | lows   |  |  |   |
| Henny Admoni   |  |  |  | 2016-   |
| Aaron Johnson  |  |  |  | 2015-   |
| Pyry K. Matikainen   |  |  |  | 2014-   |
| Current Staff  |  |  |  |   |
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| <mark>Jeongseok Lee</mark><br>Clinton Liddick  |  |  |  | 2016-<br>2014-  |
| Graduated  |  |  |  |   |
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| Anca Dragan, Ph.D. Thesis: Legible Robot Motion  | on Plann   | ing  | Now: Assistant Pro   | 2009-2015<br>ofessor, Berkeley  |
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2010-2012

Kyle Strabala, M.S.

Thesis: Learning the Communication of Intent Prior to Physical Collaboration Now: Scientist, Near Earth Autonomy

Elizabeth Cha, M.S. (+Jodi Forlizzi) 2012-14

Thesis: Robots in the Home: Qualitative and Quantitative Insights into Kitchen Organization Now: Ph.D. USC

Aaron Walsman, M.S. 2013-15

Thesis: ROCK: Robust Object Constellation for Kinematic Pose

Now: Ph.D. UW

Evan Shapiro, M.S. 2013-15

Thesis: A Hierarchical Framework for Configuration Space Task Planning

Now: Ph.D. GTech

### **Student Fellowships**

**Dmitry Berenson** Intel Alvaro Collet Caja Madrid Mehmet Dogar **Fulbright** Elizabeth Cha **NSF** Anca Dragan Gordon Bell, Siebel, Dan David, Intel, Google Anita Borg, HRI Pioneer Garratt Gallagher **NSF** Laura Herlant Hertz, NSF, HRI Pioneer Shervin Javdani NSF

Jennifer King

NASA
Michael Koyal

NASA NSF

Michael Koval

Zita Marinho

NASA, NSF

CMU-Portugal

Stefanos Nikolaidis Gordon Bell

Rachel Holladay SRC-URO, CRA Outstanding Undergraduate Female Researcher Finalist

### **Graduate Interns**

Stefania Pellegrinelli (ITIA-CNR) Fall 2015-Marco Cognetti (University of Rome) Spring 2015 Joshua Haustein (Universität Karlsruhe) 2014 Henny Admoni (Yale) Summer 2013 Georg Bartels (TU Bremen) Summer 2013 Spring 2013 Katie Correll Michael Koval Summer 2012 Steven Gray (Penn) Summer 2011 Vincenzo Micelli (University of Parma) January 2011 - August 2011 Tim Niemueller (RWTH Aachen) July 2010 - December 2010 Peter Kaiser (Universität Karlsruhe) September 2010 - December 2010 Maya Cakmak (Georgia Tech) Summer 2010 Alex Sorokin (UIUC) September 2009 - April 2010 Lillian Chang Summer 2009 Ross Knepper Summer 2009 Laura Lindzey Summer 2009 Manel Martinez June-November 2009 Julius Ziegler (Universität Karlsruhe) August-November 2009 Nico Blodow (TU Munich) February-April 2009 Geoffrey Hollinger Summer 2008 Kevin Peterson Summer 2008 Nathan Ratliff Summer 2007, 2008

Martin Rufli (ETH, Zürich)

Rosen Diankov

Summer 2008

September 2008 - January 2009

Michael Ashley-Rollman
Stuart Anderson
Summer 2006
Michael DeRosa
Summer 2006
Ashish Deshpande (U.Mich)
Summer 2006
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Jiaxin Fu Summer 2006 Preethi Bhatt Summer 2006

### **Undergraduate Interns**

| Kevin Zhang                    | Spring 2015-              |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Pengju Jin                     | Fall 2014-                |
| Joey Fernau                    | Spring 2015               |
| Angela Wang                    | Fall 2014                 |
| Peter McHale                   | Fall 2014                 |
| Vikram Sunder                  | Spring 2014               |
| Don Zheng                      | Spring 2014               |
| Neil Jassal                    | Spring 2014               |
| Myles Blodnick                 | Spring 2014               |
| Scott Martin                   | Spring 2014               |
| Yuyang Guo                     | Fall 2013 - Fall 2014     |
| Rachel Holladay                | Fall 2013-                |
| Andrey Kurenkov (Georgia Tech) | Summer 2013               |
| Abhijeet Tallavajhula (IIT)    | Summer 2012               |
| Bo Xiong (Connecticut)         | Summer 2012               |
| Corina Guaru (Jacobs)          | Summer 2012               |
| Debidatta Dwebi (IIT)          | Summer 2012               |
| Kenton Lee (Penn)              | Summer 2012               |
| Dominic Zirbel                 | Summer 2012               |
| Tom Mullins                    | Fall 2011                 |
| Nick Stanley                   | Fall 2011                 |
| Alex Zirbel                    | Fall 2011 - Fall 2012     |
| Tudor Achim                    | Summer 2009-Fall 2010     |
| Andrew Yeager                  | Fall 2009                 |
| Ian-Clanton Thuon              | Fall 2008 - Spring 2009   |
| Daniel Dewey                   | Summer 2007 - Spring 2008 |

### **Ph.D Thesis Committees**

| Breelyn Kane Styler | 2011-   |
|---------------------|---------|
| Mike Phillips       | 2011-15 |
| Alberto Rodriguez   | 2007-13 |
| Ross Knepper        | 2006-11 |
| Nathan Ratliff      | 2004-09 |

### **Publications**

### Refereed Journals

- [1] A. Johnson, J. King, and S.S. Srinivasa. Convergent planning. IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters, 2016.
- [2] M. Klingensmith, S.S. Srinivasa, and M. Kaess. Articulated robot manipulator simultaneous localization and mapping (ARM-SLAM). *IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters*, 2016.
- [3] M.C. Koval, N.S. Pollard, and S.S. Srinivasa. Pre- and post-contact policy decomposition for planar contact manipulation under uncertainty. *The International Journal of Robotics Research*, 35(1–3):244–264, 2016.
- [4] B. Calli, A. Walsman, A. Singh, S.S. Srinivasa, P. Abbeel, and A.M. Dollar. Benchmarking in manipulation research: Using the Yale-CMU-Berkeley object and model set. *IEEE Robotics and Automation Magazine*, 22(3):36–52, 2015.
- [5] A. Collet, B. Xiong, C. Gurau, M. Hebert, and S.S. Srinivasa. HerbDisc: Towards lifelong robotic object discovery. *The International Journal of Robotics Research*, 34(1):3–25, 2015.

- [6] A.D. Dragan, R. Holladay, and S.S. Srinivasa. Deceptive robot motion: synthesis, analysis and experiments. *Autonomous Robots*, 39(3):331–345, 2015.
- [7] M.C. Koval, N.S. Pollard, and S.S. Srinivasa. Pose estimation for planar contact manipulation with manifold particle filters. *The International Journal of Robotics Research*, 34(7):922–945, 2015.
- [8] Anthony Stentz, Herman Herman, Alonzo Kelly, Eric Meyhofer, Galen Clark Haynes, David Stager, Brian Zajac, J. Andrew (Drew) Bagnell, Jordan Brindza, Christopher Dellin, Michael George, Jose Gonzalez-Mora, Sean Hyde, Morgan Jones, Michael Laverne, Maxim Likhachev, Levi Lister, Matthew D Powers, Oscar Ramos, Justin Ray, David P Rice, Justin Scheifflee, Raumi Sidki, S.S. Srinivasa, Kyle Strabala, Jean Philippe Tardif, Jean-Sebastien Valois, J Michael Vandeweghe, Michael D Wagner, and Carl Wellington. CHIMP, the CMU highly intelligent mobile platform. *Journal of Field Robotics*, 32(2):209–228, 2015.
- [9] A.D. Dragan and S.S. Srinivasa. Integrating human observer inferences into robot motion planning. *Autonomous Robots*, 37(4):351–368, 2014.
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- [11] M.R. Dogar, M.C. Koval, A. Tallavajhula, and S.S. Srinivasa. Object search by manipulation. *Autonomous Robots*, 36(1–2):153–167, 2013.
- [12] M.R. Dogar and S.S. Srinivasa. Physics-based manipulation in human environments. *Journal of the Robotics Society of Japan*, 31(4):353–357, 2013.
- [13] A.D. Dragan, K.T. Lee, and S.S. Srinivasa. Teleoperation with intelligent and customizable interfaces. *Journal of Human-Robot Interaction*, 1(3), 2013.
- [14] A.D. Dragan and S.S. Srinivasa. A policy blending formalism for shared control. *The International Journal of Robotics Research*, 32(7):790–805, 2013. (Conference version was **Best Conference Paper Award Finalist, RSS 2012**).
- [15] K. Strabala, M.K. Lee, A.D. Dragan, J. Forlizzi, S.S. Srinivasa, M. Cakmak, and V. Micelli. Towards seamless human-robot handovers. *Journal of Human-Robot Interaction*, 2(1), 2013.
- [16] M. Zucker, R. Ratliff, A.D. Dragan, M. Pivtoraiko, M. Klingensmith, C. Dellin, J.A. Bagnell, and S.S. Srinivasa. CHOMP: Covariant Hamiltonian Optimization for Motion Planning. *The International Journal of Robotics Research*, 32(9–10):1164–1193, 2013.
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- [19] M.T. Mason, A. Rodriguez, S.S. Srinivasa, and A.S. Vazquez. Autonomous manipulation with a general-purpose simple hand. *The International Journal of Robotics Research*, 31(5):688–703, 2012.
- [20] S.S. Srinivasa, D. Berenson, M. Cakmak, A. Collet, M.R. Dogar, A.D. Dragan, R.A. Knepper, T. Niemueller, K. Strabala, and M. Vande Weghe. HERB 2.0: Lessons learned from developing a mobile manipulator for the home. *Proceedings of the IEEE*, 100(8):1–19, 2012.
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- [23] S.S. Srinivasa, D. Ferguson, C.J. Helfrich, D. Berenson, A. Collet, R. Diankov, G. Gallagher, G. Hollinger, J. Kuffner, and M.V. Weghe. HERB: A Home Exploring Robotic Butler. *Autonomous Robots*, 28(1):5–20, 2010.

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- [27] L. Herlant, R. Holladay, and S.S. Srinivasa. Assistive teleoperation of robot arms via automatic time-optimal mode switching. In *ACM/IEEE International Conference on Human-Robot Interaction*, 2016.
- [28] A. Johnson, J. King, and S.S. Srinivasa. Convergent planning. In *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation*, 2016.
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- [30] M. Klingensmith, S.S. Srinivasa, and M. Kaess. Articulated robot manipulator simultaneous localization and mapping (ARM-SLAM). In *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation*, 2016.
- [31] S. Nikolaidis, A.D. Dragan, and S.S. Srinivasa. Viewpoint-based legibility optimization. In *ACM/IEEE International Conference on Human-Robot Interaction*, 2016.
- [32] S. Nikolaidis, D. Hsu, and S.S. Srinivasa. Formalizing human-robot mutual adaptation via a bounded memory based model. In *ACM/IEEE International Conference on Human-Robot Interaction*, 2016.
- [33] E. Cha, A.D. Dragan, and S. S. Srinivasa. Perceived robot capability. In *IEEE International Symposium on Robot and Human Interactive Communication*, 2015.
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- [36] C. Dellin and S.S. Srinivasa. A general technique for fast comprehensive multi-root planning on graphs by coloring vertices and deferring edges. In *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation*, 2015.
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- [41] V. Hwang, M. Phillips, S.S. Srinivasa, and M. Likhachev. Lazy validation of experience graphs. In *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation*, 2015.
- [42] S. Javdani, S. S. Srinivasa, and J.A. Bagnell. Shared autonomy via hindsight optimization. In *Robotics: Science and Systems*, 2015.
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- Feedback-driven Physics-based Manipulation, RI Faculty Lunch at CMU, October 2015
- Mathematical Models for Human Robot Interaction, Seminar at Northwestern, September 2014
- The Robot Drama Project: Algorithms and open-source tools to enable robot dramatic performance, Plenary Keynote at IEEE Workshop on Advanced Robotics and its Social Impacts, September 2014
- Feedback-driven Physics-based Manipulation, Invited talk at RSS Workshop on Information-based Grasp and Manipulation Planning, July 2014
- The Mathematics of Human Robot Interaction, Colloquium at National University of Singapore, June 2014
- State Estimation for Contact Manipulation with the Manifold Particle Filter, Invited talk at ISRR, December 2013

- The Mathematics of Human-Robot Interaction, Invited talk at National University of Singapore, December 2013
- The Mathematics of Human-Robot Interaction, Early Career Spotlight talk at RSS, June 2013
- Lifelong Robotic Object Perception and Manipulation, Invited talk at RSS Workshop on Robots in Clutter and RGB-D Workshop, June 2013
- The Mathematics of Human-Robot Interaction, Invited talk at RSS Workshop on Learning from Demonstration, June 2013
- A Framework for Reconfiguration Planning in Clutter, Invited talk at RSS Workshop on Combined Robot Motion Planning and AI Planning for Practical Applications, June 2013
- Lifelong Robotic Object Perception, Invited talk at ICRA Workshop on Autonomous Learning, May 2013
- Physics-based Manipulation, Invited talk at AAAI Fall Symposium, October 2012
- Result replication in robotics, Invited talk at RSS Workshop From theory to practice of performance comparison and result replications in Robotics, July 2012
- Lifelong robotic object discovery, Invited talk at RSS Workshop RGB-D: Advanced Reasoning with Depth Cameras, July 2012
- Enabling Mobile Manipulation in the Real World, Invited talk at International Symposium on Robotics Research (ISRR), August 2011
- Enabling Mobile Manipulation in the Real World, GRASP Seminar, University of Pennsylvania, April 2011
- Personal Robotics at Intel, Computer Science Department Seminar, National Taiwan University, November 2010
- Personal Robotics, Keynote at Quality of Life Technologies Conference, September 2010
- Personal Robotics at Intel, Keynote at Shastra 2010, Indian Institute of Technology Madras, September 2010
- Manipulation Planning, Workshop on Mobile Manipulation, IEEE ICRA, Anchorage, May 2010
- Personal Robotics, Technology for Life and Living: Aging and Technology at the Cutting Edge, March 2010
- Personal Robotics at Intel, Computer Science Seminar, Indian Institute of Technology Madras, January 2010
- MOPED: Fast, Scalable Object Recognition and Pose Registration, Workshop on Semantic Perception for Mobile Manipulation, IEEE IROS, St. Louis, October 2009
- Personal Robotics at Intel, Workshop on Mobile Manipulation in Human Environments, Robotics: Systems and Science, Seattle, June 2009
- Careers in Robotics, Mars Area High School, February 2009
- Personal Robotics: Progress and prospects, PSO Tech Talk, Santa Clara, February 2009
- *Grasp Synthesis in Cluttered Environments for Dexterous Hands*, Workshop on Robot Manipulation: Intelligence in Human Environments, Robotics: Systems and Science, Zurich, June 2008
- Personal Robotics: Enabling actuation in uncertain physical environments, Intel Developer Forum Shanghai China, March 2008
- Personal Robotics Research at Intel, Plastic Surgery Grand Rounds, West Penn Hospital, Pittsburgh PA, June 2007
- Control synthesis for dynamic contact manipulation, Thesis Defense, Carnegie Mellon University, August 2005
- Planning and control of dynamic contact manipulation, Intel Research Pittsburgh Seminar, Intel Research Pittsburgh, May 2005
- Planning and control of dynamic contact manipulation, Center for the Foundations of Robotics, Carnegie Mellon University, February 2005
- Dynamic contact manipulation with remote contacts, Thesis Proposal, Carnegie Mellon University, December 2003
- Intrinsic tactile sensing for mobile manipulation, Center for the Foundations of Robotics, Carnegie Mellon University, August 2003
- Bilateral time-scaling for control of task freedoms of a constrained nonholonomic system, Manipulation Lab talk, Carnegie Mellon University, October 2002
- Experiments with nonholonomic manipulation, Institute of Information and Communication Technology (DA-IICT) Gandhinagar, May 2002
- Observers for nonlinear systems, Manipulation Lab talk, Carnegie Mellon University, March 2002
- Overview of Research at the Manipulation Lab, Indian Institute of Technology Madras, January 2001
- Overview of Research at the Manipulation Lab, Indian Institute of Science Bangalore, December 2000
- The Mobipulator Experiments with nonholonomic manipulation, CIPMAS Seminar, The National University of Singapore, January 2001

# **Teaching**

# 16-843 Manipulation Algorithms

Fall 2012-

### The Robotics Institute, Carnegie Mellon University

Graduate-level robotics course on the theory and algorithms that enable robots to physically manipulate their world. The course covers the geometry of manipulation configuration spaces, motion planning in these spaces, synthesizing robust and stable grasps for dexterous hands, reconfiguring clutter, task-level planning of multi-stage manipulation, physics-based actions, and addressing perception and model uncertainty, with application to mobile manipulators and humanoid robots.

### 16-662 Robot Autonomy

Spring 2012-

# The Robotics Institute, Carnegie Mellon University

Graduate-level robotics course on manipulation, motion planning, perception, navigation, and machine learning algorithms for mobile manipulators. The course covers theory and algorithms, and has a strong hands-on component where students implement their assignments and class projects on a real mobile manipulation platform.

# 16-741 Mechanics of Manipulation

Spring 2009

### The Robotics Institute, Carnegie Mellon University

Co-taught with Matt Mason

Graduate-level robotics core course on model-based robotic manipulation. To develop techniques for rigid body mechanics, kinematic constraint, Coulomb friction, gravity, and impact, and apply these techniques to manipulation problems including picking and placing, parts orienting, assembly, and mobile manipulation.

### **Professional Activities**

|              | Program Chair       | Robotics: Science and Systems (RSS)                                     | 2017      |
|--------------|---------------------|---|-----------|
|              | Editor              | International Journal of Robotics Research (IJRR)                       | 2014-     |
|              | Editor              | IEEE/RSJ IROS   | 2014-     |
|              | Editor              | A Roadmap for U.S. Robotics: From Internet to Robotics                  | 2013      |
|              | Program Chair       | Robotics Track AAAI   | 2012-2013 |
|              | ounding Chair       | IEEE RAS Technical Committee on Mobile Manipulation                     | 2010-2012 |
| Senior Progr | am Committee        | AAAI  | 2012-2013 |
|              | <b>Guest Editor</b> | IJRR, RSS Special Issue   | 2013      |
|              | <b>Guest Editor</b> | Autonomous Robots, RSS Special Issue                                    | 2013      |
|              | <b>Guest Editor</b> | IEEE RAM, Special Issue on Mobile Manipulation                          | 2012      |
|              | Area Chair          | RSS   | 2011-2012 |
| A            | ssociate Editor     | IEEE/RSJ IROS   | 2011-2012 |
| A            | ssociate Editor     | IEEE ICRA   | 2010-2013 |
|              | Panelist            | NSF Robust Intelligence   | 2012      |
|              |                     | Organization  |           |
| Presen       | tations Chair       | IEEE IROS   | 2014      |
|              | Chair               | IEEE ICRA Best Manipulation Paper Award Committee                       | 2013      |
| Publi        | cations Chair       | RSS   | 2013      |
| Short Presen | tations Chair       | RSS   | 2012      |
|              |                     | Workshops Organized   |           |
| Dagstuhl     | Multimodal M        | anipulation Under Uncertainty   | 2015      |
| IEEE ICRA    |                     | in Manipulation Research: The YCB Object and Model Set                  | 2015      |
| IEEE ICRA    |                     | Motion Planning   | 2015      |
| IEEE IROS    |                     | and Assistive Robotics: Bridging the Gap Between Clinicians and Robotic |           |
| IEEE IROS    |                     | lation: What has been achieved and what remains to be done?             | 2014      |
| HRI          | Collaborative 1     |   | 2013      |
| RSS          |                     | ter: Manipulation, Perception and Navigation in Human Environments      | 2012      |
| IEEE ICRA    |                     | ulation: Integrating Perception and Manipulation                        | 2011      |
| RSS          |                     | Evaluation for Mobile Manipulation in Household Environments            | 2010      |
| ICCV         |                     | on for Humanoid Robots in Real Environments                             | 2009      |
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**Selected Program Committees:** International Conference on Human-Robot Interaction (HRI) 2012-; International Conference on Automated Planning and Scheduling (ICAPS) 2010; Robotics: Science and Systems (RSS) 2009-2010; Workshop on the Algorithmic Foundations of Robotics (WAFR) 2008, 2012-; AAAI Special Track on Physically Grounded AI 2009-2011, and numerous others.

# **University Service**

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| Member            | RI Curriculum Program Committee  | 2015-     |
| Member            | RI Faculty Hiring Committee  | 2015-     |
| Chair             | SCS ACM Doctoral Dissertation Award Committee  | 2014      |
| Chair             | RI Admissions Committee  | 2014      |
| Member            | RI Director Search Committee   | 2014      |
| Member            | SCS Student Teaching Award Committee   | 2014      |
| Member            | SCS Graduate Fellowship Committee  | 2012-2014 |
| Member            | RI Admissions Committee  | 2012-2015 |
| Member            | QoLT Director Search Committee   | 2012      |
| Grants            |  |           |
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| Richard King l    | Mellon Foundation  | 2016      |
|                   | t asisstive technology for individuals with physical disabilities  | 2010      |
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| Office of Nava    | l Research (#ONR N00014-16-R-BA01)   | 2016-19   |
|                   | road Agency Announcement (BAA) for Navy and Marine Corps Science and Technology  | 2010-19   |
|                   | dexterous physics-based manipulation via a learning framework for shared autonomy  |           |
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| Defense Adva      | nced Research Projects Agency  | 2015-16   |
|                   | omplexity in Scientific Discovery (SIMPLEX)  | 2010 10   |
|                   | tecture for Shared Autonomy via Optimal Control  |           |
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| National Scien    | ce Foundation (#1544797, \$ 435,928)   | 2015-18   |
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| National Scien    | ce Foundation (#1409003, \$ 1,076,210)   | 2014-18   |
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| Office of Nava    | l Research (#ONR BAA 13-0001)  | 2014-17   |
|                   | search Challenges in the Science of Autonomy   |           |
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Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing (TEMA) Title: *Physics-based Intelligent Manipulation in Clutter* 

# Past

| Office of Naval Research Young Investigator Award (ONR-YIP) Title: Enabling Advanced Autonomous Physical Manipulation Capabilities for Robots in Human-Robot Teams PI  | 2012-15 |
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| Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (#DARPA-BAA-12-39)<br>Robotics Challenge Track A<br>Co-PI, PI: Tony Stenz, CMU   | 2012-15 |
| Intel Embedded Computing Science and Technology Center Title: Lifelong Learning in the Real World Joint PI with: Drew Bagnell, CMU   | 2012-14 |
| ABB Research Grant Title: <i>In-hand manipulation with a simple gripper</i> co-PI, PI: Matt Mason, CMU   | 2013-14 |
| Research for Advanced Manufacturing in Pennsylvania (RAMP) Title: Robotics-enhanced, Cost-effective Motion Test Equipment for Inertial MEMS Devices PI, co-PI: David Bourne, CMU. Industry Collaborator: Acutronic Inc.  | 2013    |
| National Science Foundation (#1208388, \$ 150,456) National Robotics Initiative (NRI) Title: Addressing Clutter and Uncertainty for Robotic Manipulation in Human Environments PI, co-PI: Kevin Lynch, Northwestern  | 2012-13 |
| National Science Foundation (#1228906, \$ 24,808) Robust Intelligence, Division of Information & Intelligent Systems (IIS) Title: EAGER: Building Intelligent Mobile Manipulators for Assistive Care Co-PI, PI: Matt Mason, CMU                                    | 2012-13 |
| National Science Foundation (#0916557, \$ 515,079) Robust Intelligence, Division of Information & Intelligent Systems (IIS) Title: <i>A Simple but General Hand</i> Co-PI, PI: Matt Mason, CMU   | 2009-13 |
| National Science Foundation (#0540865, \$ 16,105,954) Ret Supplements, Engineering Research Centers, Human Resources Development Title: Quality of Life Technology Engineering Research Center QoltBots Project Leader, PI: Takeo Kanade, CMU                      | 2006-16 |
| Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (#DARPA-BAA-10-28) Autonomous Robotic Manipulation Software Track (ARM-S) Title: REARM: Robust Extensible Autonomous Robotic Manipulation Co-PI, PI: SRI   | 2010-11 |
| National Science Foundation (#0646448, \$ 99,785) Small Business Phase II, Division of Industrial Innovation & Partnerships (IIP) Title: Methodology for Applying Haptic Robotics to Agile Manufacturing Subcontractor, PI: William Townsend, Barrett Technologies | 2009-12 |

# **Selected Press Coverage**

2015

New York Times Magazine Uber Would Like to Buy Your Robotics Department 'Robots' like you have never seen them before

2014

National Geographic Robots 3D IMAX Movie

Washington Post HERB: A robot that can unload a dishwasher and (sometimes) take apart an Oreo

National Geographic Going Deep with David Rees: How to open a door

The Verge Robot city: how the machines are driving Pittsburgh's future

Pittsburgh Post Gazette CMU play pairs HERB the robot with human actor

Politico Robots at Work

Discovery Channel When Will My Robotic Housekeeper Be Ready?

NPR Robots that Care: The Quality of Life Technology Center Changing the World of Care-

giving

2013

CNN When it's too hard to separate Oreos...

Discovery Channel Autonomous Robot Comprehends Objects On Its Own

New York Times Disruptions: Helper Robots Are Steered, Tentatively, to Care for the Aging

Wall Street Journal Not the Jetsons, but Rosie could be your nurse

Time Magazine Welcome to Roboburgh

CBS Robotic Servants are here to help

2012

Engadget Robotic butlers, bartenders and receptionists at Carnegie Mellon

Popular Science HERB the Robot Butler Microwaves Your Dinner For You

Time Magazine Meet HERB, the Robot Butler That Knows How to Use a Microwave Fast Company This Week In Bots: Will Your Kids Give Robots Civil Liberties?

NPR Marketplace: Good Robots Make Jobs

National Geographic Us. And them. Robots are being created that can think, act, and relate to humans. Are

we ready?

2007-2011 (At Intel)

NSF Science Nation HERB: A robot to help around the house

Scientific American Can Robots Be Programmed to Learn from Their Own Experiences?

BBC The dawn of intelligent machines Businessweek World's most advanced robots

Fast Company Intel's Robot Butler Serves, Clears, and Does Dishes

Wired Magazine Butler Robot Can Fetch Drinks, Snacks

Granta What I think about when I think about robots

Discovery Channel The robot butler

Popular Science Rise of the Helpful Machines: Meet 10 of the most advanced human-assist 'bots from

around the world

#### Extracurricular

• 3rd Place, Finish MS 5M Run, 2015

- Fastest advisor-student time, Random Distance Run, 2013
- LaSalle Bank Chicago Marathon 2007, 2008
- Pittsburgh AB Squash League champion 2005
- Pittsburgh C Squash League champion 2002
- Institute silver medalist in Badminton, Indian Institute of Technology Madras 1998
- Institute bronze medalist in Tennis, Indian Institute of Technology Madras 1997, 1998