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EDUCATION

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), Blacksburg, VA 2020–Present

Ph.D. Candidate, Mechanical Engineering
Dissertation: Exploring Communication-Driven Robot Learning for Human-Robot Collaboration

Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA 2017–2020

M.Sc., Mechanical Engineering
Thesis: Analysis and Control of Fiber-Reinforced Elastomeric Enclosures

Qazvin Azad University, Qazvin, Iran 2009–2015

B.S., Mechanical Engineering
Honors Thesis: Design and Implementation of a Tele-operative Response Robot

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA Dec 2020–Present
Collaborative Robotics Lab

- Created a communicative supervised learning framework to help novice robot users to enhance teaching tasks through kinesthetic demonstrations.
- Implemented a representation learning approach using recurrent neural networks to enable robots robustly influence new human partners.
- Developed a Bayesian-based optimization approach for encouraging human participation in robot teams by incorporating fairness and legibility of subtask allocations.
- Developed an active preference-based learning algorithm for transparent robot teaching.

Reserach Intern, Honda Research Institue, San Jose, CA Jan 2023–May 2023
Human Factors and Ergonomics Group

- Developed modeling framework to understand and predict human cognitive states for human-automation interactions.
- Created and validated tools to optimize system performance based on predicted human states.

Graduate Research Assistant, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA Aug 2017–Jan 2020
Integrated Design Manufacturing Robotics Lab

- Developed modeling framework to understand and predict human cognitive states for human-automation interactions.
- Developed a dynamic lumped-parameter model and a finite element model to study the practicability of a fiber-reinforced soft robotic actuator for use in robotic arms
- Developed a controller-based trajectory following algorithm for the soft actuator
- Conducted workspace analysis for a module of multiple soft actuators using FEA

Undergraduate Researcher, Qazvin Azad University, Qazvin, Iran Oct 2011–Jul 2017
Advanced Mobile Robotics Lab

- Managed projects and led an engineering team of 10+ to design and develop mobile response robots for real-life rescue missions.
- Designed and implemented a compact 7-DoF robot arm for dexterous mobile manipulation.
- Designed and implemented a tele-operative response robot for hazardous environments.
- Developed a lightweight throwable two-wheeled robot for reconnaissance missions.

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

A. A. Valdivia, **S. Habibian**, C. A. Mendenhall, F. Fuentes, R. Shailly, D. P. Losey, and L. H. Blumenschein, “Wrapping Haptic Displays Around Robot Arms to Communicate Learning,” *IEEE Transactions on Haptics*, vol. 16, no. 1, pp. 57-72, 2023.

S. Habibian, A. Jonnavittula, D. P. Losey, “Here’s What I’ve Learned: Asking Questions that Reveal Reward Learning,” *ACM Transactions on Human-Robot Interaction*, vol. 11, no. 4, pp. 1-28, 2022.

S. Habibian, D. P. Losey, “Encouraging Human Interaction with Robot Teams: Legible and Fair Subtask Allocations,” *IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters*, vol. 7, no. 3, pp. 6685-6692, 2022.

M. Dadvar, **S. Habibian**, “Contemporary Research Trends in Response Robotics,” *Robomech*, vol. 9, no. 9, 2022.

S. Habibian, B. B. Wheatley, S. Bae, J. Shin, K. W. Buffinton, “Evaluation of Two Complementary Modeling Approaches for Fiber-Reinforced Soft Actuators,” *Robomech*, vol. 9, no. 12, 2022.

S. Habibian, M. Dadvar, et al., “Design and Implementation of a Maxi-Sized Rescue Robot (Karo) for Rescue Missions,” *Robomech*, vol. 8, no. 1, 2021.

**REFEREED
CONFERENCE
PROCEEDINGS**

S. Parekh, **S. Habibian**, “RILI: Robustly Influencing Latent Intent,” in *Proceedings of IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)*, Kyoto, Japan, 23-27 October, 2022.

K. W. Buffinton, B. B. Wheatley, **S. Habibian**, J. Shin, B. H. Cenci, and A. E. Christy, “Investigating the Mechanics of Human-Centered Soft Robotic Actuators with Finite Element Analysis,” in *Proceedings of IEEE International Conference on Soft Robotics (RoboSoft)*, New Haven, CT, 15 May - 15 July, 2020.

**CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS**

“Encouraging Human Interaction with Robot Teams: Legible and Fair Subtask Allocations,” *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*, London, United Kingdom, 29 May - 2 June, 2023.

“Leveraging Roles in Robot Teams to Encourage Human Participation,” *Southeast Controls Conference*, Blacksburg, VA, 29 November - 30 November, 2021.

“Finite Element Analysis of Fiber Reinforced Elastomeric Enclosures,” *3rd Toyota Research Institute Workshop*, Ann Arbor, MI, 16-17 January, 2019.

**AWARDS &
SCHOLARSHIPS**

- Dean’s List, Fall 2002 through Spring 2005, Science College
For attaining a semester GPA of at least 3.75.

2002 – 2005
- Undergraduate Researcher Award, Science College
For outstanding scientific contributions in the fields of lasers and climate change.

May 2005
- Chess Tournament, First Prize, Science College
Awarded at the Tenth Annual Chess Tournament held during Open House.

Mar 2003
- International Science Scholarship,
Global Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Foundation
Full-tuition scholarship with stipend for undergraduate studies. One of 42 awardees in the world.

Dec 2001

**PROFESSIONAL
AFFILIATIONS
& ACTIVITIES**

Joint Society of Earth Scientists and Global Think Tank on Climate Resiliency,
North Attleborough, Massachusetts, USA

- Member

2009 – Present

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

First Volunteers Club, First American University

Aug 2006 – Aug 2007

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OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Alpha Engineering Firm, Oakland, Ohio, USA

Oct 2007 – Jan 2008

- Project Officer, Department of Meteorological Sciences, Research & Development Division Oct 2007 – Jan 2008
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LANGUAGES

- English: Native language.
- Spanish: Fluent (speaking, reading, writing).
- Latin: Intermediate (reading); basic (speaking, writing).

SKILLS

T_EX, L^AT_EX, X_YL^AT_EX, MATLAB, Mathematica, Maple, R, Tableau, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint.

INTERESTS

Digital photography, typography, swimming.

REFERENCES

- **Professor Jonathan Public**
Professor of Geology and Mechanical Engineering
First American University
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- **Dr Alice Bob Carol**
Director, Research & Development
Alpha Engineering Firm
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MULTILINGUAL UNICODE EXAMPLES

- Assortment of unicode characters from <http://www.ltg.ed.ac.uk/~richard/unicode-sample.html>

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