Stefan Stojanov

Education

2017–2023 PhD in Computer Science, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA

Advisor: James Rehg

Committee: James Hays, Judy Hoffman, Subhransu Maji, Chen Yu Thesis: Shape-Biased Representations for Object Category Recognition

2013–2017 B.A. in Computer Science & Mathematics, Bard College, Annandale, NY

Research Experience

2024-present **Stanford University**, Postdoctoral Scholar, Department of Computer Science

Working with Prof. Jiajun Wu and Prof. Dan Yamins.

Led two research projects from concept to submission at top-tier venues, managing teams of junior researchers. Contributed as co-first author to three paper submissions.

Self-supervised Learning to Extract Motion from Video Foundation Models

 Developed a learnable visual prompting technique that advanced counterfactual world models from proof of concept to state-of-the-art in motion estimation.

Distilling Object Shape and Function Knowledge from Vision Language Models

- Developed a self-supervised method to discover dense functional object correspondence.
- Summer 2021 Meta Reality Labs, Research Scientist Intern

Working with Dr. Abhishek Sharma and Dr. Sachin Talathi Improving slip robustness in head-mounted eye tracking by fusing 2D and 3D signals.

- Fall 2018, Amazon Lab 126, Applied Scientist Intern
- Summer 2019 Working with Dr. Ambrish Tyagi Action recognition and unsupervised 3D human object pose estimation.
 - 2017–2023 PhD Student Researcher, Georgia Institute of Technology, College of Computing Working with Prof. James Rehg Led research on low-shot learning, self-supervised learning, and 3D object shape reconstruction.

Awards and Honors

2024 HAI Postdoctoral Fellowship

One year of funding from Stanford's Human-centered Al institute.

- 2024 HAI Compute Award
 - \$85K Azure credits awarded to selected project proposals.
- 2021 Top Reviewer International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) Awarded to the top 10% of reviewers.
- 2019 Best Paper Finalist at CVPR Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition 45 papers from 5,165 submissions – top 0.1% of submitted papers.
- 2017 Dr. Richard M. Siegel Memorial Prize in Science

Awarded to one graduating student at Bard College for academic excellence in science.

Publications and Preprints

Preprints

1. The BabyView Dataset: High-resolution Egocentric Videos of Infants' and Young Children's Everyday Experiences

Bria Lorelle Long*, Violet Xiang*, Stefan Stojanov*, Robert Z. Sparks, Zi Yin, Grace Keene, Alvin Wei Ming Tan, Steven Y. Feng, Auddithio Nag, Chengxu Zhuang, Virginia A. Marchman, Daniel LK Yamins, Michael Frank

https://arxiv.org/abs/2406.10447

Publications

- 2. 3×2 : 3D Object Part Segmentation by 2D Semantic Correspondences Anh Thai, Weiyao Wang, Hao Tang, Stefan Stojanov, James M Rehg, Matt Feiszli In European Conference of Computer Vision (ECCV) 2024 https://arxiv.org/abs/2407.09648
- 3. ZeroShape: Regression-based Zero-shot Shape Reconstruction Zixuan Huang*, Stefan Stojanov*, Anh Thai, Varun Jampani, James M Rehg In Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) 2024 https://arxiv.org/abs/2312.14198
- 4. Low-shot Object Learning with Mutual Exclusivity Bias Ngoc Anh Thai, Ahmad Humayun*, Stefan Stojanov*, Zixuan Huang, Bikram Boote, James Matthew Rehg In Neural Information Processing Systems - Datasets & Benchmarks (NeurIPS) 2023 https://arxiv.org/abs/2312.03533
- 5. ShapeClipper: Scalable 3D Shape Learning from Single-View Images via Geometric and CLIP-based Consistency Zixuan Huang, Varun Jampani, Anh Thai, Yuanzhen Li, Stefan Stojanov, James M.

In Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) 2023 https://arxiv.org/abs/2304.06247

- 6. The Benefits of Depth Information for Head-Mounted Gaze Estimation Stefan Stojanov, Sachin S Talathi, Abhishek Sharma In Eye Tracking Research and Applications (ETRA) 2022 acm:3517031.3529638
- 7. Learning Dense Object Descriptors from Multiple Views for Low-shot Category Generalization

Stefan Stojanov, Anh Thai, Zixuan Huang, James M. Rehg In Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) 2022 https://arxiv.org/abs/2211.15059

8. Planes vs. Chairs: Category-guided 3D shape learning without any 3D cues Stefan Stojanov, Anh Thai, Zixuan Huang, James M. Rehg In European Conference of Computer Vision (ECCV) 2022 https://arxiv.org/abs/2204.10235

- 9. The Surprising Positive Knowledge Transfer in Continual 3D Object Shape Reconstruction
 - Anh Thai, **Stefan Stojanov**, Zixuan Huang, Isaac Rehg, James M Rehg In International Conference on 3D Vision (3DV) 2022 - Oral https://arxiv.org/abs/2101.07295
- 10. 3D Reconstruction of Novel Object Shapes from Single Images Anh Thai, Stefan Stojanov, Zixuan Huang, Isaac Rehg, James M Rehg In International Conference on 3D Vision (3DV) 2021 https://arxiv.org/abs/2006.07752
- 11. Using Shape to Categorize: Low-Shot Learning with an Explicit Shape Bias Stefan Stojanov, Anh Thai, James M Rehg In Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) 2021 https://arxiv.org/abs/2101.07296
- 12. Incremental Object Learning from Contiguous Views Stefan Stojanov, Anh Thai, James M Rehg In Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) 2019 Oral Presentation - Best Paper Finalist - 45 papers from 5,165 submissions CVF Open Access URL
- 13. Unsupervised 3d Pose Estimation with Geometric Self-supervision Views Ching-Hang Chen, Ambrish Tyagi, Amit Agrawal, Dylan Drover, Rohith MV, Stefan Stojanov, James M. Rehg In Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) 2019 - Oral Presentation https://arxiv.org/abs/1904.04812

Posters and Talks

- November 2024 Self-supervised Learning of Motion Concepts by Optimizing Counterfactuals Lightning talk and poster Google Workshop on Theory and Practice of Foundation Models
 - February 2023 University of California San Diego Research presentation
 - January 2023 Brown University Research Presentation
 - January 2023 Stanford University Research presentation
 - January 2023 Columbia University Research presentation
 - July 2022 Instance to category generalization: A self-supervised model inspired by infant learning Poster at International Congress of Infant Studies (ICIS2022)
 - July 2020 The success of continual machine learning in an infant-inspired setting Poster at Virtual International Congress of Infant Studies (vICIS2020)

Professional Activities

Reviewing

Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) '20, '21, '22, '23, '24 Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) '20, '21, '22 International Conference of Machine Learning (ICML) '21 (top 10%), '22, '23, '24 International Conference of Computer Vision (ICCV) '21 International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) '24

Organization

2022 Developmental Machine Learning: From Human Learning to Machines and Back Dagstuhl Workshop - Student volunteer for seminar organization - webpage

Mentorship

David Wendt, Stanford MS → Global Liquid Markets SWE

Linan (Frank) Zhao, *Stanford MS*, Stanford MS → Meta SWE

Seungwoo (Simon) Kim, Stanford BS

Auddithio Nag, Stanford BS

Johnathan Xie. Stanford BS

Anh Thai, Georgia Tech BS → Georgia Tech PhD Student

Samarth Mishra, Georgia Tech MS → Boston University PhD Student

Skills

Programming languages: Python, MATLAB, C, C++, Bash, Java

Tools: Pytorch, Blender, Unity, OpenCV, NumPy, Trimesh, AWS, GCP, Azure, **SLURM**