

# Tejas Gokhale

---

CONTACT	Email: <a href="mailto:gokhale@umbc.edu">gokhale@umbc.edu</a> Website: <a href="https://www.tejasgokhale.com">https://www.tejasgokhale.com</a>	
APPOINTMENT	Assistant Professor Department of Computer Science & Electrical Engineering University of Maryland Baltimore County	
RESEARCH AREA	Robust computing for perception, communication, learning, and reasoning. Machine Learning, Robustness & Reliability, Computer Vision, Multimodal Learning	
EDUCATION	<b>Doctor of Philosophy</b> , Arizona State University School of Computing and Augmented Intelligence <i>Advisors:</i> <a href="#">Yezhou Yang</a> , <a href="#">Chitta Baral</a> <i>Thesis:</i> Towards Reliable Semantic Vision	08/2018–05/2023
	<b>Master of Science</b> , Carnegie Mellon University Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering <i>Mentor:</i> <a href="#">Aswin Sankaranarayanan</a>	08/2016–12/2017
	<b>Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)</b> , BITS Pilani Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering	08/2011–05/2015
EMPLOYMENT HISTORY	<b>Microsoft Research</b> Research Intern, <a href="#">Adaptive Systems and Interaction Group</a> <i>Mentors:</i> <a href="#">Hamid Palangi</a> , <a href="#">Besa Nushi</a> , <a href="#">Vibhav Vineet</a> , <a href="#">Eric Horvitz</a>	Summer 2022
	<b>Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory</b> Research Scholar, <a href="#">Machine Intelligence Group</a> <i>Mentors:</i> <a href="#">Rushil Anirudh</a> , <a href="#">Jay Thiagarajan</a> , <a href="#">Bhavya Kailkhura</a>	Summer 2021, 2020
	<b>Arizona State University</b> Graduate Research Associate, <a href="#">School of Computing and AI</a> Graduate Teaching Associate, <a href="#">School of Computing and AI</a>	2018–2023 2018–2020
	<b>Snap Research</b> Research Intern, <a href="#">Computational Imaging Group</a> <i>Mentors:</i> <a href="#">Guru Krishnan</a> , <a href="#">Shree Nayar</a>	Summer 2018
	<b>Carnegie Mellon University</b> Graduate Student Researcher, <a href="#">Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engineering</a>	2017–2018
	<b>Asia Automation Pvt. Ltd.</b> Intern	Fall 2016
	<b>ST Microelectronics</b> Intern, <a href="#">High Speed Links Group</a>	Fall 2014

**Steel Authority of India Limited**  
Summer Intern, [Bhilai Steel Plant](#)

Summer 2013

TEACHING

**Instructor**, UMBC  
CMSC 491/691 Computer Vision

Fall 2023

**Teaching Assistant**, Arizona State University  
CSE310: Data Structures & Algorithms  
CSE408: Multimedia Information Systems  
CSE110: Introduction to Programming,

Spring 2020

Spring 2019

Fall 2018

**Guest Lecturer**, Arizona State University  
CSE598, Perception in Robotics  
CSE408, Multimedia Information Systems

Spring 2022

Spring 2019

**Student Instructor**, BITS Pilani Goa Campus  
CTE: Advanced Image Processing

Spring 2015

PUBLICATIONS    See my [Google Scholar](#) page for recent updates and citation information.  
                          <sup>‡</sup>: student mentee at ASU; underlined: my graduate advisee; \*: co-first author

**Ph.D. Dissertation**

[T1] **Tejas Gokhale**. 2023. "Towards Reliable Semantic Vision." Order No. 30426752, Arizona State University. <https://www.proquest.com/docview/2813822780>

**Conference Proceedings**

- [C1] Man Luo, Zhiyuan Fang, **Tejas Gokhale**, Yezhou Yang, Chitta Baral. End-to-end Knowledge Retrieval for Multi-modal Queries. (to appear) In Proceedings of the 61st Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics. Association for Computational Linguistics.
- [C2] **Tejas Gokhale**, Rushil Anirudh, Jayaraman J. Thiagarajan, Bhavya Kailkhura, Chitta Baral, and Yezhou Yang. Improving Diversity with Adversarially Learned Transformations for Domain Generalization. In Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision, pp. 434-443. 2023.  
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2206.07736> WACV 2023
- [C3] Maitreya Patel<sup>‡</sup>, **Tejas Gokhale**, Chitta Baral, and Yezhou Yang. 2022. CRIPP-VQA: Counterfactual Reasoning about Implicit Physical Properties via Video Question Answering. In Proceedings of the 2022 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing, pages 9856–9870, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Association for Computational Linguistics.  
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2211.03779> EMNLP 2022
- [C4] **Tejas Gokhale**, Abhishek Chaudhary<sup>‡</sup>, Pratyay Banerjee, Chitta Baral, and Yezhou Yang. 2022. Semantically Distributed Robust Optimization for Vision-and-Language Inference. In Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics: ACL 2022, pages 1493–1513, Dublin, Ireland. Association for Computational Linguistics.  
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.07165> ACL Findings 2022

- [C5] **Tejas Gokhale**, Swaroop Mishra, Man Luo, Bhavdeep Sachdeva, and Chitta Baral. 2022. Generalized but not Robust? Comparing the Effects of Data Modification Methods on Out-of-Domain Generalization and Adversarial Robustness. In Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics: ACL 2022, pages 2705–2718, Dublin, Ireland. Association for Computational Linguistics. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.07653> ACL Findings 2022
- [C6] Neeraj Varshney, Pratyay Banerjee, **Tejas Gokhale**, and Chitta Baral. 2022. Unsupervised Natural Language Inference Using PHL Triplet Generation. In Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics: ACL 2022, pages 2003–2016, Dublin, Ireland. Association for Computational Linguistics. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2110.08438> ACL Findings 2022
- [C7] Yiran Luo, Pratyay Banerjee, **Tejas Gokhale**, Yezhou Yang, and Chitta Baral. 2022. To Find Waldo You Need Contextual Cues: Debiasing Who’s Waldo. In Proceedings of the 60th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (Volume 2: Short Papers), pages 355–361, Dublin, Ireland. Association for Computational Linguistics. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.16682> ACL 2022
- [C8] Man Luo, Arindam Mitra, **Tejas Gokhale**, and Chitta Baral. Improving biomedical information retrieval with neural retrievers. In Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence, vol. 36, no. 10, pp. 11038–11046. 2022. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2201.07745> AAAI 2022
- [C9] Pratyay Banerjee, **Tejas Gokhale**, Yezhou Yang, and Chitta Baral. ”Weakly supervised relative spatial reasoning for visual question answering.” In Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF International Conference on Computer Vision, pp. 1908–1918. 2021. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2109.01934> ICCV 2021
- [C10] Pratyay Banerjee, **Tejas Gokhale**, Yezhou Yang, and Chitta Baral. 2021. WeaQA: Weak Supervision via Captions for Visual Question Answering. In Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics: ACL-IJCNLP 2021, pages 3420–3435, Online. Association for Computational Linguistics. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2012.02356> ACL Findings 2021
- [C11] Pratyay Banerjee, **Tejas Gokhale**, and Chitta Baral. 2021. Self-Supervised Test-Time Learning for Reading Comprehension. In Proceedings of the 2021 Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics: Human Language Technologies, pages 1200–1211, Online. Association for Computational Linguistics. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2103.11263> NAACL 2021
- [C12] **Tejas Gokhale**, Rushil Anirudh, Bhavya Kailkhura, Jayaraman J. Thiagarajan, Chitta Baral, and Yezhou Yang. Attribute-guided adversarial training for robustness to natural perturbations. In Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence, vol. 35, no. 9, pp. 7574–7582. 2021. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2012.01806> AAAI 2021
- [C13] **Tejas Gokhale\***, Pratyay Banerjee\*, Chitta Baral, and Yezhou Yang. 2020. MUTANT: A Training Paradigm for Out-of-Distribution Generalization in Visual Question Answering. In Proceedings of the 2020 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), pages 878–892, Online. Association for Computational Linguistics. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2009.08566> EMNLP 2020

- [C14] Zhiyuan Fang\*, **Tejas Gokhale\***, Pratyay Banerjee, Chitta Baral, and Yezhou Yang. 2020. Video2Commonsense: Generating Commonsense Descriptions to Enrich Video Captioning. In Proceedings of the 2020 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), pages 840–860, Online. Association for Computational Linguistics.  
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2003.05162> EMNLP 2020
- [C15] **Tejas Gokhale\***, Pratyay Banerjee\*, Chitta Baral, and Yezhou Yang. Vqa-lol: Visual question answering under the lens of logic. In Computer Vision–ECCV 2020: 16th European Conference, Glasgow, UK, August 23–28, 2020, Proceedings, Part XXI 16, pp. 379–396. Springer International Publishing, 2020  
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2002.08325> ECCV 2020

### Workshop Proceedings

- [C1] **Tejas Gokhale\***, Joshua Feinglass\*, and Yezhou Yang. Covariate Shift Detection via Domain Interpolation Sensitivity. In First Workshop on Interpolation Regularizers and Beyond at NeurIPS 2022.  
<https://openreview.net/pdf?id=YkPjTHZDdm> [SPOTLIGHT] NeurIPS 2022 Interpolate
- [C2] Kuldeep Kulkarni, **Tejas Gokhale**, Rajhans Singh, Pavan Turaga, Aswin C. Sankaranarayanan. Halluci-Net: Scene Completion by Exploiting Object Co-occurrence Relationships. In Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Workshops. 2021.  
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2004.08614> AI for Content Creation @ CVPR 2021
- [C3] **Tejas Gokhale**, Shailaja Sampat, Zhiyuan Fang, Yezhou Yang, and Chitta Baral. Cooking with blocks: A recipe for visual reasoning on image-pairs. In Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Workshops, pp. 5–8. 2019.  
Long version: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1905.12042> Vision Meets Cognition @ CVPR’19
- [C4] **Tejas Gokhale**. Vision beyond Pixels: Visual Reasoning via Blocksworld Abstractions. In IJCAI, pp. 6436–6437. 2019.  
<https://www.ijcai.org/Proceedings/2019/0907.pdf> IJCAI Doctoral Consortium

### Preprints

- [P1] Maitreya Patel<sup>‡</sup>, **Tejas Gokhale**, Chitta Baral, Yezhou Yang. ConceptBed: Evaluating Concept Learning Abilities of Text-to-Image Diffusion Models. in review
- [P2] Sheng Cheng, **Tejas Gokhale**, Yezhou Yang. Adversarial Bayesian Augmentation for Single-Source Domain Generalization. in review
- [P3] **Tejas Gokhale**, Hamid Palangi, Besmira Nushi, Vibhav Vineet, Eric Horvitz, Ece Kamar, Chitta Baral, and Yezhou Yang. Benchmarking Spatial Relationships in Text-to-Image Generation. arXiv preprint arXiv:2212.10015 (2022).  
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2212.10015> in review
- [P4] Ethan Wisdom<sup>‡</sup>, **Tejas Gokhale**, Chaowei Xiao, and Yezhou Yang. Mole Recruitment: Poisoning of Image Classifiers via Selective Batch Sampling. arXiv preprint arXiv:2303.17080 (2023). <https://arxiv.org/abs/2303.17080> in review

[P5] Yiran Luo, Joshua Feinglass, **Tejas Gokhale**, Chitta Baral, Yezhou Yang. SuperMarioDomains: Generalizing to Domains with Evolving Graphics in review

## **Book Manuscript**

[B1] *Advances in Multi-Modal Information Retrieval*  
(In Preparation) Springer

STUDENT MENTORING	<b>PhD Students</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ethan Wisdom (see publication <a href="#">[P4]</a>) <span style="float: right;">Ph.D. CS [current], ASU</span></li> <li>• Maitreya Patel (see publication <a href="#">[C3]</a>) <span style="float: right;">Ph.D. CS [current], ASU</span></li> <li>• Agneet Chatterjee <span style="float: right;">Ph.D. CS [current], ASU</span></li> </ul>
----------------------	--

<b>MS (Thesis) Students</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maitreya Patel (see publication <a href="#">[C3]</a>) <span style="float: right;">M.S. CS 2022 <a href="#">[thesis]</a></span></li> <li>• Abhishek Chaudhary (see publication <a href="#">[C4]</a>) <span style="float: right;">M.S. CS 2021 <a href="#">[thesis]</a></span></li> </ul>
--

<b>Undegraduate Students</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASU FURI Program: Mertay Dayanc <span style="float: right;">BS CS, 2020</span></li> <li>• ASU Capstone: Paul Butler, Jace Lord, Aashwin Ranjan, Sagarika Pannase, William Tith <span style="float: right;">Fall 2019, Spring 2020</span></li> </ul>
---

PRESENTATIONS	(Invited Talk) <i>“Towards Reliable Semantic Vision”</i> <span style="float: right;">Spring 2023</span> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temple University, 04/2023</li> <li>• Colorado School of Mines, 03/2023</li> <li>• Case Western Reserve University, 03/2023</li> <li>• University of Maryland Baltimore County, 03/2023</li> <li>• Indiana University, 03/2023</li> <li>• Binghamton University, 03/2023</li> <li>• Rochester Institute of Technology, 02/2023</li> </ul>
---------------	--

(Tutorial), Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision <i>“Semantic Data Engineering for Robustness Under Multimodal Settings”</i>	01/2023
---	---------

(Invited Talk) University of Illinois at Chicago <i>“Robust Semantic Vision”</i>	10/2022
---	---------

(Invited Talk) Microsoft Research <i>“Benchmarking Spatial Relationships in Text-to-Image Generation”</i>	10/2022
--	---------

(Guest Lecture) Arizona State University CSE 598 <i>“Introduction to Generalization in Semantic Vision”</i>	03/2022
--	---------

(Invited Talk) Arizona State University ML Club <i>“Robust Visual Understanding”</i>	09/2021
---	---------

(Doctoral Consortium), International Joint Conference on AI, Macao	08/2019
--	---------

*“Vision Beyond Pixels”*

(Tutorial) Telluride Neuromorphic Cognition Engineering Workshop, 07/2019  
*“Reasoning about Objects and Actions via Block-Play”*

(Invited) Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS Pilani) 04/2018  
*“Deep Learning Methods in Imaging and Computer Vision”*

ACADEMIC  
SERVICE

**Reviewing:**

- Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) 2023
- International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV) 2023
- International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) 2023
- Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) 2022–23
- International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) 2022–23
- AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) 2021–23
- European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV) 2022
- Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) 2021–23
- Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP) 2021–22
- North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL) 2021–22
- Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV) 2021–23
- International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA) 2019–2023
- International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS) 2022
- IEEE Robotics and Automation Letter (RA-L) 2020
- Springer Machine Vision and Applications (MVAP) 2020

**Professional Service:**

- Organizer, Workshop on Open-Domain Reasoning under Multi-Modal Settings (ODRUM), [\[Website\]](#) CVPR’23
- Organizer, Workshop on Open-Domain Retrieval under Multi-Modal Settings (ODRUM), [\[Website\]](#) [\[YouTube\]](#) CVPR’22
- Organizer, Tutorial on Semantic Data Engineering under Multimodal Settings (SERUM) [\[Website\]](#) WACV’23
- Organizer, 2021 Frontiers of V&L Seminar Series, [\[Website\]](#), [\[YouTube\]](#) ASU

**University Service (at ASU):**

- Founder, Summer Vision Reading Group, [\[Website\]](#)
- Course Development, CSE591: Frontier Topics in Vision & Language [\[YouTube\]](#)  
[\[website\]](#) Spring 2021, ASU
- Volunteer, 2019 Southwest Robotics Symposium, Tempe AZ
- Volunteer, International Conference on Machine Learning 2020, Virtual
- Advisor, ASU Machine Learning Club, ASU
- Award Reviewer, GPSA Teaching Award Reviewer ASU
- Mentor, Graduate Student Mentorship Program, ASU
- Project Mentor, CSE598 - Perception in Robotics, ASU Spring 2022
- Project Mentor, CSE576 - Natural Language Processing, ASU Fall 2018

AWARDS

[Research Excellence Award](#), ASU GPSA 2022

Outstanding Mentor Award, ASU GPSA	2022
NeurIPS Top Reviewer	NeurIPS 2022
CVPR 2022 Doctoral Consortium	CVPR 2022
ICLR Best Reviewer	ICLR 2022
SCAI Doctoral Fellowship (ASU),	2022, 2021, 2020
Engineering Graduate Fellowship, (ASU Engineering)	2023, 2020
ASU GPSA Travel Award	for WACV 2023
Graduate College Travel Award (declined)	WACV'23, CVPR'22
Graduate College Travel Award (accepted)	ICCV'21, EMNLP'20, ECCV'20
IJCAI 2019 Doctoral Consortium	IJCAI 2019
Inducted, IEEE Eta Kappa Nu, Sigma Chapter	CMU, 2017
National Talent Scholarship, National Council of Educational Research and Training (Govt. of India)	2007–2015