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**EDUCATION** 

University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario

B.A.Sc. in Engineering Science, June 2014

• Thesis: Multi-Robot Machine Learning in Urban Search & Rescue (Advisor: Goldie Nejat)

• Relevant Courses: Algorithms & Data Structures, Database Systems, Artificial Intelligence, Scientific Computing, Systems Design, Control Systems, Robotics

Relevant Experience Epson Canada, Markham, Ontario

Computer Vision Software Engineer Intern,  $R \mathcal{E} D$ 

May 2012 - Aug 2013

- Analyzed cascade object detection and keypoint matching algorithms in MATLAB to be used in adaptive robotics, improving algorithm pipeline's performance by > 30%
- Developed evaluation software tools in C++ for machine vision algorithm solutions analysis, providing effective feedback of algorithm's performance to research team
- $\bullet$  Built frameworks for automating both code-driven and GUI software testing, reducing testing process time by 75%

#### MDA Corporation, Brampton, Ontario

Autonomy & Controls Lead, Space Systems Design

Sept 2013 - Dec 2013

- Designed a space system for orbital debris removal using top-down design methodology, leading to rigorous design reviews
- Led team in addressing the command & control aspects of the design, creating control systems and software architectures while acknowledging stakeholders' needs

#### Univesity of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario

Flight Simulation Research Intern (Advisor: Peter R. Grant) Summer 2011, Winter 2014

- Improved upset recovery training for pilots by implementing stall-warning and stall-recognition software onto flight simulator
- Increased RC aircraft maximum flight speed from 15 m/s to 17 m/s, by developing software tools for optimizing aerodynamic, structural, and propulsive performances

Holography Research Intern (Advisor: Emanuel Istrate)

Summer 2010

 $\bullet$  Created software for optimizing brightness of full colour digital holograms, increasing brightness in final product by 10%

Autonomous Robotics Design Competition

Winter 2011

- Designed successful autonomous robot to deploy traffic-cones onto roads with unsafe conditions
- Led team in programming MCU logic, and designing sensor circuits, ranking top 5 in contest

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Programming**: C/C++ (expert), Java (expert), Python, Ruby, Assembly, Prolog, SQL, \*nix/Shell, Windows/batch, OOP, Test Automation, Computer Vision, AI, UI Design
- Technologies: MATLAB/Octave, Git/SVN, LATEX
- Design: Software & Systems Engineering, Controls & Autonomy, Project Management

Interests

Dragonboat Racing, Gymnastics, Rock Climbing, Painting, Machine Learning, AI, Startups

#### COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

### Assistant Coach, Iron Dragons Dragon Boat Racing Team, U of T

- 2012
- Cooperated with the coaching team to design supplementary strength development programs for athletes
- Guided athletes through proper progressions and techniques in dragonboat paddling and weightlifting
- Directed the team in competitive races placing 5th in the Canadian University Division

#### Equipment & Uniforms Director, U of T Emergency First Responders

2010 - 2013

- Supervisor: Led the response team to act in a timely manner to significant medical emergencies
- Maintained detailed records of the team's inventory and ordered new uniforms and equipment
- Ensured all equipment were cleaned, restocked, and ready for use after each campus event
- Collaborated with executive members to organize training workshops to ensure members are prepared to respond

# $\textbf{NSight Mentor}, \ U \ of \ T \ Engineering \ Science \ Mentorship \ Program$

2010 - 2012

• Assisted a group of first year Engineering Science students through trials and tribulations

## Honors and Awards

• Gymnastics Ontario - Sunshine Classic Masters

2014, 2013

• Skule<sup>TM</sup>Iron Dragons "Most Spirited" Dragonboat Athlete

2011, 2010

• Skule<sup>TM</sup>Iron Dragons "Most Dedicated" Dragonboat Athlete

2010

# CERTIFICATIONS

- University of Toronto Institute for Leadership Education: Organizational Leadership
- CISCO Networking Academy: Fundamental of Java Programming Language
- CISCO Networking Academy: PC Hardware and Software

References available upon request