

Thomas Weng

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EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon University

PhD in Robotics

Advisor: Dave Held

2018 - present

Pittsburgh, PA

Yale University

B.S. Computer Science & B.A. Economics

GPA: 3.77 / 4.0 with distinction in the C.S. major

Senior Thesis Advisor: Brian Scassellati

2011 - 2015

New Haven, CT

HONORS

Graduate Research Fellowship Award, National Science Foundation

2019

Graduate Research Fellowship Honorable Mention, National Science Foundation

2018

Computer Science Research Prize, Yale University

2015

Trumbull College Scholarship for Economics, Yale University

2014

Maher Family Scholarship, Yale University

2013 - 2014

PUBLICATIONS

- [C4] **Weng, T.**, Perlmutter, L., Nikolaidis, S. , Srinivasa, S., and Cakmak, M. Object Referencing through Situated Legible Projections. *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*, forthcoming. IEEE, 2019.
- [C3] Sefidgar, Y.*, **Weng, T.***, and Cakmak, M. RobotIST: Interactive Situated Tangible Robot Programming. *Proceedings of the Symposium on Spatial User Interaction*. ACM, 2018.
- [C2] Admoni, H., **Weng, T.**, and Scassellati, B. Modeling communicative behaviors for object references in human-robot interaction. *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*, pages 3352-3359. IEEE, 2016. Acceptance rate: 35%
- [C1] Admoni, H., **Weng, T.**, Hayes, B. and Scassellati, B. Robot nonverbal behavior improves task performance in difficult collaborations. *ACM/IEEE International Conference on Human Robot Interaction (HRI)*, pages 51-58. IEEE Press, 2016. Acceptance rate: 25%

RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

University of Washington Human-Centered Robotics Lab

Research Scientist with Prof. Maya Cakmak

2017 - 2018

Microsoft Corp., AI and Research

Software Engineer on Bing

2015 - 2017

Yale University Social Robotics Lab

Undergraduate Researcher with Prof. Brian Scassellati

2014 - 2015

Yale University Student Technology Collaborative

Student Developer

2014 - 2015

Microsoft Corp., Applications and Services Group

Software Engineer Intern on Bing

Summer 2014

Microsoft Corp., Applications and Services Group

Program Manager Intern on Bing Ads

Summer 2013

JPMorgan & Chase, Credit Risk Management Office

Intern

Summer 2012

OUTREACH

Girls of Steel FIRST Robotics mentor, CMU Robotics Institute

Mentoring the all-girls, inter-school team on a weekly basis.

2018

Code Haven at Yale guest speaker, New Haven, CT 2017
Spoke with students at under-served New Haven public schools about STEM careers.

Trumbull College Mellon Forum speaker, Yale University 2015
Presented thesis at a selective opportunity for seniors to share their work with peers.

Yale Social Robotics Lab open house, Yale University 2015
Participated in semi-annual open house for approx. 100 kids and adults in the New Haven community.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND MENTORSHIP

Mentor, CMU Master's in Research and Software Development Team 2018 - present
Teaching Assistant, UW CSE 481C – Robotics Capstone 2017

Patrick Liu, undergraduate 2018 - present

Amith P, undergraduate 2018 - present

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Reviewer

Robotics: Science and Systems
Conference on Robot Learning

Graduate Student Assembly Representative, Carnegie Mellon University 2018
Elected representative of graduate students at the CMU Robotics Institute.

Tour Manager, Yale Alley Cats a cappella group 2012 - 2014
Managed domestic and international tours for one of the nation's most well-traveled a cappella groups.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Robotics

Languages	C/C++, Python, MATLAB
Tools	ROS, MoveIt!, OpenCV, MuJoCo, OpenRAVE, Unity
Machine Learning	PyTorch, Tensorflow
Robots	PR2, Fetch, Baxter, Sawyer, Kuka KR210, Aldebaran Nao

Web Development

Languages	JavaScript, C#.NET, Python, Ruby
Frameworks	React, Node.js, Django, Ruby on Rails