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Education

University of California, Los Angeles CA.

Doctor of Philosophy, Electrical and Computer Engineering (GPA: 3.9)

September 2025-June 2029

- Research | Low power, autonomous, microrobot development – swarm algorithms, computer vision, optimal sensing

University of California, Los Angeles CA.

Master of Science, Electrical and Computer Engineering (GPA: 3.9)

September 2023-June 2025

- Coursework | Neural Networks & Deep Learning, I-II Large Scale Data Mining and Algorithms, Computational Robotics, AI on Chip, Large Scale Social & Complex Networks

University of Washington, Seattle WA.

Bachelor of Science, Electrical and Computer Engineering (Major GPA: 3.64)

September 2017-June 2022

- Dual Concentration | Embedded Computing Systems, Digital VLSI
- Coursework | Embedded Systems Design, Very Large-Scale Integrated Design I-II, Computer Architecture I-II, Data Structures Algorithms, Machine Learning, Systems Programming, Hardware/Software Interface, Design of Digital Circuits and Systems I-II, Devices and Circuits I-II, Linux Development, Continuous/Discrete Time Linear Systems

Research Experience

LEMUR Lab, University of California, Los Angeles.

September 2023 – present

Graduate Research Assistant, (Advisor: Ankur Mehta)

- My research focuses on hardware/software development for low-power, small-scale, battery-free autonomous robots
- Developed control algorithms concentrated on state estimation (Kalman filtering) for applications in computer vision
- Designed hardware and communication algorithms for autonomous, battery-free robotic swarm navigation

MIT Lincoln Laboratory, Boston Ma.

June 2024-October 2025, June 2025-Present

Graduate Research Assistant, (Advisor's: Stefan Wolpert & George Pantazis)

- National GEM Consortium Fellow: completed two research appointments and continued as a part-time researcher
- Built an end-to-end vision/control stack for real-time thermal detection and closed-loop autonomous UAV guidance
- Partnered with ModalAI to extend platform capabilities; transitioned system to ARL for upkeep and use within JSOC

Iyer Lab, University of Washington.

September 2021 – September 2022

Undergraduate Research Assistant, (Advisor: Vikram Iyer)

- Designed embedded, battery free, wireless gliding sensor nodes, with an origami body triggered by wireless actuators
- Setup the embedded environment to program the onboard Nordic nRF52 through Arduino ide bootloader
- Wrote and tested embedded code for sensors and wireless data collection to implement low power/Bluetooth settings

Reality Lab, Paul G. Allen School of Computer Science.

December 2021 – September 2022

Virtual Reality Engineer, Undergraduate Research Assistant (Advisor: Barbara Mones)

- Developed VR system to test humans' ability to interface with alternate species, specifically the Giant Pacific Octopus
- Collected image data of Giant Pacific Octopuses and used a physics algorithm to map human motion onto the model
- Utilized Unity's Real-time Development Platform to create an immersive experience to test the VR simulation

NASA, Seattle WA.

June 2022 – September 2022

Embedded Systems Engineer, NASA Space Grant Recipient

- Received a NASA Space Grant to complete the communication network for the UW CubeSat team's SOC-I satellite
- Created a Hash-based Message Authentication Code (HMAC) algorithm, for message encryption and validation
- Setup the data packets and protocols for both up linking, and downlinking messages between satellite and subsystems

Publications

- Elberier B., Hernandez M., and Mehta A. "Computer Vision Informed Parameter Estimation". *IEE CASE* 2025.
- Johnson K., Arroyos V., Elberier T., Fuller S., Iyer V., and Gollakota S. "Autonomous Battery-free Origami Robots for Aerial Sensor Deployment". *Science Robotics* (2023).

Qualifications

Programming Language: Java, C, C++, C#, System Verilog, Python, Swift, SQL, HSpice, Bash, Assembly language
Engineering Platforms: Arduino, Cadence Virtuoso, RaspberryPi, ModelSim, Verilog, InVision, LTSpice, Unity, Git

Teaching Experience

University of California Los Angeles, *Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering*

- Systems Design Capstone (ECE180DA/DW) | Capstone focused on system design planning, analysis, and validation

University of Washington, *Paul G. Allen School of Computer Science*

- Design of Digital Circuits and Systems (CSE371) | Intermediate course on digital design and verification on FPGA's
- Introduction to Digital Design (CSE369) | Introductory course on logic design concepts, state machines, and FPGA's

University of Washington, *Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering*

- Advanced Technical Communications (EE393) | Course on relevant industry technical communication skills
- The University Community (GENST199) | Led thirty engineering undergrad students in their transition to college

Seattle Public Schools, *AVELA Course Instructor*

- Introductory Embedded Systems Teacher | Arduino, python, and circuitry for underrepresented high school students
- Intermediate Python Programming Teacher | Taught high school students python basics through coding fractals

Previous Industry Experience

Advanced Micro Devices (AMD), Austin TX.

September 2022-October 2023

Silicon Design Engineer I

- Bridged silicon design and Simulation/BIOS/Firmware teams to support system-visible features on client products
- Developed programming references for internal and external customers throughout the product development cycle
- Coordinated updates with device verification and SOC teams to ensure feature alignment and validation

Dialog Semiconductor, Santa Clara CA.

June 2021 – October 2021

Applications Engineer, Intern

- Designed digital circuitry to integrate system functions into a single custom circuit, for minimized power consumption
- Designed, tested, and documented 4-bit chainable binary counter using GPAK designer to customer specification
- Designed, tested, and documented multi-purpose chainable analog-to-digital converter to customer specifications

FishTail Design Automation, Portland OR.

June 2020-June 2021

Software Development Engineer, Intern

- Developed an IOS phone application that stores and recommends new experiences and interests for users
- Utilized Google backend development service – Firebase, to store user data and access data from the cloud
- Implemented web-scraping to gather information from different online databases and utilize within app-interface

WMI Worldwide, Bellevue WA.

May 2019-October 2020

Computer/Data Engineer, Co-op

- Managed the data and payments of Microsoft partners worldwide for Microsoft's M365 Partner Accelerator program
- Maintained the company's computer network and tasked with fixing any technological issues (hardware or software)
- Strength tested code to find potential weaknesses in software, and maintained GitHub repositories of code

Center for Information Assurance and Cybersecurity, University of Washington

January 2019 – June 2019

Computer Engineer, Capstone Assistant

- Designed, developed, and tested 4 Wi-Fi enabled stair climbing robots to compete in robotic hacking competition
- Programed pulse width modulated motor controls in python compatible with raspberryPi multicontroller
- Designed consolidated and regulated power delivery system for electronics requiring various source voltages

Personal Projects

Haptic Touch VR Controller

- Created a basic form of a human exoskeleton using a RaspberryPi 4 in combination with an Arduino and motors
- Limits a user's movements in the real world based upon inputs from the virtual world

ARM CPU Design

- Designed logic for a pipelined 5-cycle CPU in SystemVerilog using ARM ISA targeted for an Altera FPGA
- Wrote unit-level test benches to verify the CPU throughout development using ModelSim waveform viewer

Arithmetic Logic Unit Physical Design

- Micron design contest winner for fastest five operation ALU schematic and layout design using Cadence Virtuoso
- Used HSPICE to simulate and optimize design, and DRC, LVS to verify design functionality

Committee Positions

Speaker, Electrical & Computer Engineering Graduate Orientation	June 2025
Curriculum Committee Representative, Department Electrical & Computer Engineering	September 2021-June 2022
Panelist, UW Scholar-Donor Recognition Luncheon	September 2021
Speaker, Electrical & Computer Engineering Undergraduate Orientation	September 2021
NACME Corporate Scholar, NACME	December 2021
Selection Committee Member, Teens in Public Service	March 2020

Awards, Grants, & Scholarships

National GEM Consortium Fellowship	May 2024
NASA Space Grant Recipient	June 2022
Boeing Emerging Leader Scholarship, UW College of Engineering	August 2021
Kenneth and Sylvia Steen Endowed Scholarship, Department Electrical & Computer Engineering	August 2021
Lawrence & Lucille Frey Endowed Scholarship, Department Electrical & Computer Engineering	August 2021
NACME Corporate Scholarship, NACME	December 2021
Arthur Burman Winter Endowed Scholarship, Department Electrical & Computer Engineering	July 2020
National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering Scholarship, College of Engineering	June 2020, 2021