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## **EDUCATION**

In Progress Ph.D. Cognitive & Information Sciences, University of California, Merced

Area: Computational Cognitive Neuroscience

2014 B.S. Computer Science (Magna cum Laude), California State University, Sacramento

Culminating Project: Wings - An Agent-Based Artificial Intelligence Toolkit for Game Developers

#### **EXPERIENCE**

# 2014 - Present Computational Cognitive Modeling Research, CCN Lab

- Collaborated with small teams of diverse skill sets to
  develop simulation tools using java, C++, and matlab
- Developed visualization and statistical analysis pipelines using python, R, and matlab
- Optimized computational experiments on multithreaded, HPC cluster, and GPGPU platforms
- Communicated technical results to broad audiences
- Key topics: decision making, speech, and learning.

## 2016 - Present Behavioral Research in Virtual Reality, Sensorimotor Neuroscience Lab

- With collaborators, designed a series of experiments
  using HTC Vive and Oculus Rift in Unreal Engine 4
- Recruited, trained, and supervised four research assistants
- Collected and analyzed multimodal behavioral data in python and R.
- Key topics: sensorimotor foundations of language and learning

### *2014 - Present* **Teaching,** UC Merced

- Teaching Fellow: Developed a syllabus and course content, delivered 30 hours of lectures, assessed progress, created assignments and lab activities for research methods in cognitive science.
- Teaching Assistant: Assisted in six courses in cognitive science, led discussions and labs, met with students to provide feedback and mentorship.

# 2016 - 2017 Graduate Research Assistant, Emergence of Communication Lab

- Developed a speech processing pipeline for daylong naturalistic audio recordings of infants
- Trained deep neural network models on unsupervised and prediction tasks

# 2011 - 2014 Information Systems Technician, State Water Resources Control Board

• Developed and maintained database web applications using **SQL** and **PHP** to support environmental remediation

#### **SKILLS**

- → C++, C#, Java, Python, D, GLSL/HLSL, HTML, CSS, Javascript, PHP, Matlab, SQL, R
- → numpy, matplotlib, sklearn, lme4, jblas, JavaFx, TensorFlow, Keras, Robot Operating System, Gazebo
- → Profiling (VS, Java Mission Control), Unit Testing (JUnit, GoogleTest, VS), Version Control (Hg, Git, Svn), Issue Tracking (Mantis)
- → Visual Studio, Eclipse, IntelliJ IDEA, PyCharm, Spyder, Jupyter, Windows, Linux, AWS, VirtualBox VMs, MySQL, Unreal Engine
- → Eyetracking (SMI Red), EEG (AntNeuro, Emotiv), Arduino, Phidgets, Roomba SCI, V1KU neuromorphic camera
- → Automata, Expert Systems, Random Search, Planners, Genetic Algorithms, (Deep, Conv, Recurrent, Spiking) Neural Networks
- → Design Patterns, SDLC, Project Management, Requirements Analysis, Technical Communication, Design Models, Documentation

### **AWARDS AND ACTIVITIES**

Organized Brief Workshop on Group Communication (2017)

Taught Virtual Reality Research Workshop (2017)

Organized CogSci Coffee Co-Op (2017)

Attended Telluride Neuromorphic Cognition Workshop (2016)

Organized "An Evening of Free Will" Discussion Panel (2014)

California Space Grant Consortium Scholarship for Research (*March 2013*)

Chevron Computer Science Scholarship (January 2013)

Cereal Hack II Intel Grand Prize and People's Choice Award (HackerLab Sacramento, November 10, 2012)

Marie Perino Business Scholarship (2012)