Tyler LaBonte

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Education

GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Ph.D., Machine Learning

GPA: 4.0/4.0

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

B.S., Applied and Computational Mathematics, magna cum laude

GPA: 3.73/4.0

Skills: Python, TensorFlow, Keras, PyTorch, Numpy, Scikit-Learn, C++, Linux CLI, Git, Vim, ETEX

Selected Publications

- 1. **Tyler LaBonte**. Finding the Needle in a High-Dimensional Haystack: Oracle Methods for Convex Optimization. Senior Thesis, 2021. Winner of the USC Discovery Scholar distinction.
- 2. Michael C. Krygier, **Tyler LaBonte**, Carianne Martinez, Chance Norris, Krish Sharma, Lincoln N. Collins, Partha P. Mukherjee, and Scott A. Roberts. Quantifying the Unknown: Impact of Segmentation Uncertainty on Image-Based Simulations. *Nature Communications*, 12(5414), 2021.

Research Experience

MICROSOFT RESEARCH Redmond, WA
Machine Learning Research Intern 2021–2022

- Developed Transformer model for weakly supervised object detection with multiple instance learning.
- Achieved object detection performance within 2% of fully-annotated benchmarks using only class labels.
- Created Bing-based workflow to automate training dataset creation, accelerating model development by 4×.
- Integrated pipeline into production system, enabling rapid delivery of new Windows Action Center capability.

GOOGLE X Mountain View, CA
Machine Learning Research Intern 2020

- Invented CNN-LSTM for temporal identity preservation in multiple object tracking for computational agriculture.
- Developed self-supervised method to extract novel time-series features from agricultural video imagery.
- Presented results to Google executives, who approved an FTE hire to deploy my research to production systems.

SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES

Machine Learning Research Intern

Albuquerque, NM
2019–2020

- Invented novel Bayesian CNN deep learning architecture which scales to billion-voxel 3D segmentation volumes.

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- Enabled error bound calculation for physical properties of graphite electrodes and thermal protection systems.

Selected Awards

Dod National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship (\$170,000)	2021
- One of two undergraduates to receive both DoD NDSEG and NSF GRFP in Computer Science	
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship (\$138,000—declined)	2021
USC Discovery Scholar (Research distinction for <100 USC graduates)	2021
USC Trustee Scholar (Full scholarship worth \$250,000)	2017
USC Viterbi Fellow (Research funding worth \$24,000)	2017