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Education



The Ohio State University

Ph.D. Mechanical Engineering – Year 2

- GPA: 4.00/4.00
- Distinguished University Fellow
- Department of Mechanical Engineering Supplementary Award

Columbus, OH, USA

Aug. 2017 — May 2022 (est.)



The University of Tulsa

B.S. Mechanical Engineering

- GPA: 4.00/4.00
- Chapman Presidential Scholar
- Vision Scholar

Tulsa, OK, USA

Aug. 2013 — May 2017

Experience

Design, Innovation and Simulation Lab (DISL)

The Ohio State University,
Columbus, OH

August 2017 — Present

Graduate Research Assistant

- Modeled, tested, and analyzed variable stiffness robotic arm links for use in physical human-robot interaction.
- Developed software for, planned, and conducted experiments for interdisciplinary research on attention to preview in human drivers.
- Mentored high school, undergraduate, and MS student research projects.
- Administered and maintained lab server and rapid-prototyping equipment.

NSF Interfaces and Surfaces REU

Clemson University, Clemson, SC

May 2016 — August 2016

REU Research Assistant

- Conducted numerical simulations of hydrogel membranes under illumination.
- Modeled and implemented code for numerical simulation of magnetically heated gels with cooling effects.
- Mentored incoming MS student on simulation software and high-performance-computing.

Biological Robotics at Tulsa Lab (BRAT Lab)

The University of Tulsa, Tulsa, OK

May 2015 — July 2017

Undergraduate Research Assistant

- Pursued independent research on grasping and manipulation with quadruped robots.
- Developed optimal foot-shuffle algorithm for quadruped stabilization under disturbances and body-position constraints.
- Developed interactive software to model quadruped kinematics and tip-over stability.

The Tulsa Children's Museum

Tulsa, OK

October 2016 — May 2017

Mechanical Engineering Senior Project

- Team designed and built a 15 foot steel auger ball-lift system for an exhibit at the children's museum.
- Elected project MVP. Our project was voted second best by our class.
- Video of the project before it was installed in the museum: <https://youtu.be/jlq1ikz-zHM>

Mechanical Department, Aviation and Federal Division, Burns and McDonnell

Kansas City, MO

Summer 2015

Mechanical Engineering Intern

- Assisted in designing HVAC and plumbing systems at Tinker Air Force Base, Portland International Airport, the Sampson School at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, and the Kansas City National Security Campus.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Richard Jagacinski, Emanuele Rizzi, Benjamin Bloom, Omer Turkkan, **Tyler Morrison**, Hai-Jun Su, Junmin Wang. *Drivers' Attentional Instability on a Winding Roadway*. IEEE Transactions on Human-Machine Systems. 2019. «Published». DOI: 10.1109/THMS.2019.2906612

Oksana Savchak, Konstantin Kornev, **Tyler Morrison**, Olga Kuksenok. *Controlling Deformations of Gel-based Composites by Electromagnetic Signals within GHz Frequency Range*. Soft Matter. 2018. «Published». DOI: 10.1039/C8SM01207E

Conference Papers

Tyler Morrison, Chunhui Li, Xu Pei, Hai-Jun Su. *A Novel Rotating Beam Link for Variable Stiffness Robotics Arms*. IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation. *Montreal, CA*. May 2019. «In Press».

Selected Research Presentations

Richard Jagacinski, Emanuele Rizzi, Benjamin Bloom, O. Anil Turkkan, **Tyler Morrison**, Hai-Jun Su, Junmin Wang. *The shape of attention when tracking a winding roadway*. Midwest Cognitive Science Conference. *Columbus, OH*. May 2019. «Oral».

Xianpai Xeng, **Tyler Morrison**, Hai-Jun Su. *Mechanical Solutions to Variable Stiffness Robotic Arms*. IEEE ICRA Workshop on Physical Human-Robot Interaction. *Montreal, CA*. May 2019. «Poster + Oral».

Tyler Morrison, Joshua Schultz. *Optimal shuffles to prevent quadruped tipover during cooperation*. Robotics: Science and Systems Workshop on Design and Control of Small Legged Robots. *Pittsburgh, PA, USA*. June 2018. «Poster + Oral».

Oksana Sachak, Yao Xiong, **Tyler Morrison**, Konstantin Kornev, Olga Kuksenok. *Magnonics in hydrogels: modeling and magnetomechanical effects in GHz frequency range*. MRS Spring Meeting: Computer-Based Modeling and Experiment for the Design of Soft Materials Symposium. *Phoenix, AZ, USA*. April 2017. «Oral».

Selected Honors & Awards

Graduate

2017	Distinguished University Fellow , The Ohio State University	<i>Columbus, OH, USA</i>
2017	Department Supplementary Fellowship Award , The Ohio State University	<i>Columbus, OH, USA</i>

Undergraduate

2017	College of Engineering and Natural Sciences Steven J. Bellovich Medal , The University of Tulsa	<i>Tulsa, OK, USA</i>
2017	Sidney Born Award in Mechanical Engineering , The University of Tulsa	<i>Tulsa, OK, USA</i>
2017	Senior Project – Most Valuable Team Member , The University of Tulsa, Mechanical Engineering Dept.	<i>Tulsa, OK, USA</i>
2017	Nominee for National Barry Goldwater Scholarship , The University of Tulsa	<i>Tulsa, OK, USA</i>

Graduate Coursework

Design	Advanced Kinematics and Mechanisms, Optimal Design of Structures, Form Synthesis and Analysis
Control	Lumped Parameter Systems, Digital Control Engineering, Design and Control of Mechatronic Systems
Analysis	Intermediate Numerical Methods
Robotics	Mechanical Control of Robotics, Design of Smart Products

Skills and Experience

Programming	Mathematica, MATLAB, Python, Java, C/C++, LaTeX, Git
Modeling and Design Software	Solidworks, Revit, AutoCAD, Adobe Illustrator
Simulation	ANSYS, ABAQUS, Solidworks Simulation
Hardware	Arduino, Raspberry Pi
Rapid Prototyping	3D-Printing, Laser Cutting, Plasma Cutting

Additional Experience

The University of Tulsa Mechanical Engineering Department

Student Grader

- Mechanics of Materials (ME 3023)
- Instrumentation and Measurement (ME 3053)

Tulsa, OK, USA

Spring 2016 — Spring 2017

Mechanical Department, Aviation and Federal Division, Burns and McDonnell

Kansas City, MO, USA

Mechanical Engineering Intern

Summer 2015

- Assisted in designing HVAC and plumbing systems at Tinker Air Force Base, Portland International Airport, The Sampson School At Guantanamo Bay Naval Base

Navitas ESCO

Olathe, KS, USA

Jobsite Administrative Assistant

Summer 2014

Other Presentations

Abdulhamid Aljaber, Sultan Al-Nabhani, Nick Criser, Brian Hall, Joel Kapp, **Tyler Morrison**, Drake Norman, Alex Price, Tommy Weissert. *The Tulsa Children's Museum Petroleum Exhibit Ball Lift*. The University of Tulsa Senior Projects. **Tulsa, OK, USA**. April 2017. «Oral».

Brian Hall, **Tyler Morrison**, Alex Price. *The Tulsa Children's Museum Auger Ball Lift*. The University of Tulsa Department of Mechanical Engineering Advisory Board Meeting. **Tulsa, OK, USA**. March 2017. «Oral».

Tyler Morrison, Joshua Schultz. *Algorithms for Shuffling Foot Placements to Maintain Stability of a Quadruped Robot Engaged in a Cooperative Task*. The University of Tulsa Student Research Colloquium Mechanical: Engineering Session. **Tulsa, OK, USA**. March 2017. «Oral».

Tyler Morrison, Olga Kuksenok. *Numerical Simulations of NIPA Gel Membranes Exposed to Heat and Light*. Clemson Undergraduate Research Symposium. **Clemson, SC, USA**. July 2016. «Poster».

Tyler Morrison, Joshua Schultz. *Investigation into Coordinated Gaits of Quadruped Robots Engaged in Grasping and Manipulation with Applications in Search and Rescue*. The University of Tulsa Student Research Colloquium: Mechanical Engineering Session. **Tulsa, OK, USA**. March 2016. «Oral».

Extracurricular Activity

Tau Beta Pi

Tulsa, OK, USA

Involved Member of Oklahoma Beta Chapter

2015 — 2017

- Helped lead initiation of new members and organize induction ceremonies and fellowship activities.

Mathematical Association of America Putnam Competition

Tulsa, OK, USA

University of Tulsa Team Member and Individual Competitor

2014, 2015

- Personal best score of 11, ranks in top 21% of mathematicians in North America. (World-wide median score is zero points).

Boy Scouts of America

Kansas City, KS, USA

Eagle Scout

2001 — 2013

- Eagle Scout service project: leading and organizing a project to build bookshelves for a library system at a home for troubled children.
- Member of U.S. BSA delegation to the 2011 World Scout Jamboree in Sweden.

Attended Conferences

- Robotics: Science and Systems; June 26-30, 2018; Pittsburgh, PA, USA
- IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation; May 20-24, 2019; Montreal, QC, CA

Peer-Review Assistance

- IROS2018