

# Yi-Wen Chen

## Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

- Ph.D. Candidate **University of California, Merced**, CA, USA.  
2019 – Present, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science  
Vision and Learning Lab [link](#)  
Advisor: Prof. Ming-Hsuan Yang
- Master of Science **National Taiwan University**, Taipei, Taiwan.  
2017 – 2019, Communication Engineering  
GPA: 3.98/4.30
- Bachelor of Science **National Taiwan University**, Taipei, Taiwan.  
2013 – 2017, Electrical Engineering  
GPA: 3.85/4.30

## Research Interests

My research interests lie in **computer vision** and **deep learning**.

- Vision and Language
- Video Object Segmentation
- Image Synthesis

## Publications ([Google Scholar profile](#)) (\* equal contribution)

- IJCV 2022 **Understanding Synonymous Referring Expressions via Contrastive Features.**  
[Yi-Wen Chen](#), Yi-Hsuan Tsai, and Ming-Hsuan Yang  
International Journal of Computer Vision [paper](#)
- WACV 2022 **Video Salient Object Detection via Contrastive Features and Attention Modules.**  
[Yi-Wen Chen](#), Xiaojie Jin, Xiaohui Shen, and Ming-Hsuan Yang  
IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision, 2022 [paper](#)
- NeurIPS 2021 **End-to-end Multi-modal Video Temporal Grounding.**  
[Yi-Wen Chen](#), Yi-Hsuan Tsai, and Ming-Hsuan Yang  
Neural Information Processing Systems, 2021 [paper](#)
- ACCV 2020 **Regularizing Meta-Learning via Gradient Dropout.**  
Hung-Yu Tseng\*, [Yi-Wen Chen](#)\*, Yi-Hsuan Tsai, Sifei Liu, Yen-Yu Lin, and Ming-Hsuan Yang  
Asian Conference on Computer Vision, 2020 [paper](#)
- IJCV 2020 **VOSTR: Video Object Segmentation via Transferable Representations.**  
[Yi-Wen Chen](#), Yi-Hsuan Tsai, Yen-Yu Lin, and Ming-Hsuan Yang  
International Journal of Computer Vision, 2020 [paper](#)
- BMVC 2019 **Referring Expression Object Segmentation with Caption-Aware Consistency.**  
[Yi-Wen Chen](#), Yi-Hsuan Tsai, Tiantian Wang, Yen-Yu Lin, and Ming-Hsuan Yang  
British Machine Vision Conference, 2019 [paper](#)
- ACCV 2018 **Unseen Object Segmentation in Videos via Transferable Representations.**  
**Oral** [Yi-Wen Chen](#), Yi-Hsuan Tsai, Chu-Ya Yang, Yen-Yu Lin, and Ming-Hsuan Yang  
Asian Conference on Computer Vision, 2018 [paper](#)  
**Best Student Paper Honorable Mention**

## Research and Work Experience

- Student Researcher **Google Research**, Mountain View, CA, USA.  
May 2022 – Dec. 2022  
Mentor: Boqing Gong, Tianyi Zhou  
**Project: Curriculum Learning for Visual Continued Pretraining**

- Student Researcher **Google Research**, Mountain View, CA, USA.  
Jan. 2022 – May 2022  
Mentor: Lu Jiang  
**Project: Zero-Shot Image Generation**
- Research Intern **Snap Research**, Santa Monica, CA, USA.  
May 2021 – Aug. 2021  
Mentors: Hsin-Ying Lee, Jian Ren, and Sergey Tulyakov  
**Project: Complex Scene Generation with Object-Centric Generators**
- Research Intern **ByteDance AI Lab**, Mountain View, CA, USA.  
May 2020 – Dec. 2020  
Mentors: Xiaojie Jin, Xiaohui Shen, and Jianwei Li  
**Project: Video Saliency Detection**
- Developed a framework for video salient object detection by learning contrastive features with non-local self-attention and cross-level co-attention.
- Research Intern **ASUS Intelligent Cloud Services**, Taipei, Taiwan.  
May 2019 – Jul. 2019  
Mentors: Allen Kao and Cheng-Hsien Han  
**Project: Pose-Guided Face Rotation**
- Developed a generative adversarial network (GAN) to generate yaw-rotated facial images based on facial landmarks.
- Research Assistant **Computer Vision Lab, CITI Academia Sinica**, Taipei, Taiwan.  
Jun. 2017 – Jun. 2019  
Mentors: Yen-Yu Lin, Yi-Hsuan Tsai, and Ming-Hsuan Yang  
**Project: Referring Expression Object Segmentation**
- Developed the spatial-aware dynamic filters to bridge the visual and language domains for referring expression object segmentation.
  - Proposed an end-to-end trainable network for joint referring expression comprehension and generation via caption-aware consistency.
  - Paper is accepted to **BMVC 2019**.
- Project: Unseen Object Segmentation in Videos**
- Developed a self-supervised learning framework to transfer knowledge from seen objects in images to unseen objects in videos.
  - Papers are accepted to **ACCV 2018** and **IJCV 2020**.

## Honors and Awards

- 2021 **Fred and Mitzie Ruiz Fellowship**, *University of California, Merced*.  
A campus-wide fellowship [link](#)
- Dec. 2018 **Best Student Paper Honorable Mention**, *ACCV 2018*.  
For our work “Unseen Object Segmentation in Videos via Transferable Representations”

## Professional Activities

- Journal Reviewer
- International Journal of Computer Vision (IJCV)
  - IEEE Transactions on Image Processing (TIP)
- Conference Reviewer
- European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV), 2022
  - IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV), 2021
  - International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI), 2021
  - IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2021, 2022, 2023
  - AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), 2021, 2022
  - IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV), 2020, 2022, 2023
  - IEEE International Conference on Advanced Video and Signal-based Surveillance (AVSS), 2019

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## Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant **EECS, University of California, Merced.**

- CSE 015: Discrete Mathematics (Spring 2022)
- CSE 106: Exploratory Computing (Fall 2021)
- CSE 185: Introduction to Computer Vision (Spring 2021)
- CSE 015: Discrete Mathematics (Fall 2020)
- CSE 031: Computer Organization (Spring 2020)
- CSE 020: Introduction to Computing [Java Programming] (Fall 2019)

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## Selected Courses

- Machine Learning and Having it Deep and Structured
- Deep Learning for Computer Vision
- Digital Visual Effects
- Digital Speech Processing
- Advanced Digital Signal Processing

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## Skills

Programming Python, C/C++  
Toolbox/Software PyTorch, TensorFlow, Caffe, MATLAB, OpenCV

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## References

Ph.D. Advisor **Ming-Hsuan Yang**, *Professor*, University of California, Merced, CA, USA.  
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Internship Mentor **Hsin-Ying Lee**, *Research Scientist*, Snap Research, CA, USA.  
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Research Mentor **Yi-Hsuan Tsai**, *Research Scientist*, Phiar, CA, USA.  
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Research Mentor **Yen-Yu Lin**, *Professor*, National Chiao Tung University, Hsinchu, Taiwan.  
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