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Education

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

September 2020 – June 2024

BS in Computer Engineering

Los Angeles, CA

- **GPA:** 3.92 / 4.00
- **Advanced Coursework:** Probability and Statistics, Systems and Signals, Internet of Things, Systems Design, Neural Signals Processing, Software Construction, Digital Humanities, Introduction to Data Science, Algorithms and Complexity, Discrete Structures, Digital Mapping and GIS

Research Experience

UCLA – Human-Centered Computing and Intelligent Sensing Lab

December 2021 – Present

Research Intern

Los Angeles, CA

- Integrated pose estimation models in Unity VR to quantify the accuracy of replicating a given hand motion for applications in VR education.
- Simulated motor unit recruitment in hand fatigue through physics simulations of predefined user movements in Mujoco.
- Developed a configurable synthetic data generation pipeline for wheelchair users using no real-world data to generate images and annotations.
- Demonstrated the validity of fine-tuning Detectron2 models with synthetic wheelchair user data to improve pose estimation (mAP +7.04%) and human detection (mAP +98.15%) performance on wheelchair users.

UCLA – Roychowdhury Group

February 2023 – December 2023

Research Intern

Los Angeles, CA

- Tested and documented the user experience of a novel neural signals processing application for spike detection.
- Optimized training time and cleaned code of motion generation models with trajectory data through reduction of GPU-CPU data transfers.
- Preprocessed 43 hours of motion capture sequences into their corresponding XYZ and rotational joint representations and labels model training.

UCLA – Human-Computer Interaction Research Group

September 2020 – July 2021

Learning by Research Student

Los Angeles, CA

- Analyzed predictors through time series anomaly detection methods for problem gambling in the activity of users on daily fantasy sports and discovered a potential correlation between "sawtooth" shaped activity trends and gambling addiction.
- Investigated ensemble machine learning algorithms for application in identifying and predicting problem gambling activity.

University of California, Irvine (UCI) – Monuki Lab

June 2020 – June 2021

Research Intern

Irvine, CA

- Cleaned and unified over 15,000 annotations from 50 trials to fit modern laboratory standards and data pipeline integration.
- Developed a human-centered annotation tool to categorize specific morphologies of Biondi bodies, reducing data collection time by 70%.
- Designed a full user experience and relevant annotation tools for the sampling and counting of vacuoles from HDF5 files.
- Rewrote and directed training curriculum, shortening training time by 30% for the categorization of Biondi body morphology in virtual settings.

Publications

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION / SUBMISSION

WheelPose: Data Synthesis Techniques to Improve Pose Estimation Performance on Wheelchair Users

William Huang, Sam Ghahremani, Siyou Pei, Yang Zhang

ACM CHI 2024, 2024

Biondi body amyloid is spatially clustered in the human choroid plexus: A manual and deep learning-based study

Michael J. Neel, Brett A. Johnson, Natarsha Vukalovich, Parastou Porahang, Chloe Zhao, William Huang, Sam Ghahremani, Andy Lin, Olivia Sandhu, Binh Nguyen, Kasra Pejhanfar, Joni L. Ricks-oddie, Peter Chang, Edwin S. Monuki

Manuscript in preparation, 2023

Individual and Alzheimer's disease-related differences in Biondi body amyloid morphologies in human choroid plexus epithelial cells

Michael J. Neel, Brett A. Johnson, Todd Soo, Irene Nguyen, Natarsha Vukalovich, William Huang, Sam Ghahremani, Kimia Keshvardoot, Shuhao Chen, Zhohaer Muttalib, Seongjoon Won, Sara Khan, Michael Phelan, Edwin S. Monuki

Manuscript in preparation, 2024

Negative association between nodular stromal fibrosis and large lipid droplets in human choroid plexus epithelial cells

Michael J. Neel, Brett A. Johnson, Jessica M. Yeung, Aarj Gora, Ashley Nguyen, Juslyn Chan, Victoria Espericueta, Sam Ghahremani, William Huang, Jonathan Zebroski, Jackson Sousa, Nathan Schacherl, Kean Ehsani, Christina M. Magana-Ramirez, Peter Chang, Daniel Gillen, Edwin S. Monuki

Manuscript in preparation, 2024

Lipid storage by the human choroid plexus

Brett A. Johnson, Michael J. Neel, Todd Soo, Parastou Porahang, Frances A. Goyokpin, Sara Khan, Ryan S. Salehi, Nicolas B. Maramica, **William Huang**, Sam Ghahremani, Peter Chang, Edwin S. Monuki

Manuscript in preparation, 2024

POSTERS, DEMOS, EXTENDED ABSTRACTS

Users in Wheelchairs (UIW) - A Human Centered RGB Dataset of Wheelchair Users

William Huang, Sam Ghahremani, Siyou Pei, Yang Zhang

2023

Differences in Drug and Alcohol Consumption Among College Students During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Caitlin K. Chen, Cassidy M. Ford, Leela M. Wong, Eric L. Zhao, **William Huang**, Daniel Eisenberg

2022 UCLA Undergraduate Research Week, 2022

Selected Work Experience

Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

June 2023 – December 2023

Applied Decisions Systems and Analytics Intern

Virtual / Richland, WA

- Optimized data cleaning of large datasets (100 million rows+) through high performance computing techniques to reduce processing time by 97%.
- Co-authored a statistical analysis on spatial plume distributions of particulate spread through IoT data from wearables.

Intel Corporation

January 2022 – September 2022

Biomechanics Co-Op

Virtual / Santa Clara, CA

- Developed sports specific modules using pose estimation data to compute related performance metrics with an accuracy of 98% in over 300 tests.
- Designed a new filtering algorithm for noisy pose estimation data to improve the accuracy by of high speed angular data by 20%.
- Managed the first commercial release of Intel 3D Athlete Tracking motion capture and software, acting as an on-site technician and aid.

UCLA Athletics

December 2020 – January 2022

Data Analytics and Sports Science Project Lead

Los Angeles, CA

- Led a team of 20 data consultants to provide data science and data engineering support for 19 UCLA NCAA D1 athletic teams.
- Engineered a full end-to-end data pipeline to manage athlete wellness and workout data through Sparta, Bridge, Catapult, and Microsoft Azure.
- Designed PowerBI dashboards on an athlete's daily performance and surveyed wellness for load management and injury prevention.

National Institutes of Health – Office of AIDS Research

June 2021 – August 2021

Data Science Fellow

Virtual / Bethesda, MD

- Developed an unsupervised classification algorithm through Doc2Vec to analyze and assign topical labels for submitted grant proposals in reviewer selection, accurately assigning labels on 80% of tested grant proposals.
- Cleaned and compiled HIV/AIDS grant proposal data from a 13-year period to format into an extendable and unified database.
- Conducted and visualized network analysis on PI and institution collaboration across the HIV/AIDS research community.

Honors and Awards

Dean's Honors List, UCLA

2020 – 2023

Third Place, QWER Hacks Education Track

2021

Beckman Legacy Awardee, Orange County Beckman Legacy Award

2020

Service and Outreach

UCLA ACM Teach LA

October 2020 – June 2021

Curriculum Developer and Python Instructor

Virtual / Los Angeles, CA

- Wrote an 11-week advanced Python course for middle schools in the Los Angeles area, emphasizing fun and hands-on projects and lessons.
- Taught an 11-week introductory Python course covering fundamental programming concepts to 35 middle school students.

Self-Directed Volunteer

June 2019 – June 2021

Tutor

Virtual / Irvine, CA

- Provided free college application, SAT, and math tutoring for students in need, writing over 50 unique lessons and free SAT study guides.
- All SAT students saw a 120+ point improvement in their SAT score under my tutelage.