

Dr. Wyatt McAllister

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RESEARCH INTEREST

I'm passionate about distributed autonomous systems engineering and I'm excited to chat with teams working on intelligent consumer infrastructure.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS | URBANA-CHAMPAIGN, IL | AUGUST 2018 - MAY 2020

Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering, Distributed Autonomous Systems Lab

Advised by Dr. Girish Chowdhary

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE)

Cur. Cum. GPA: 4.0 / 4.0

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MS in Electrical and Computer Engineering

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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS | URBANA-CHAMPAIGN, IL | AUGUST 2014 - MAY 2016

BS in Electrical and Computer Engineering, Highest Honors

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE)

Cum. GPA: 3.92 / 4.0

SKILLS

SOFTWARE

C++ • C • Java • MatLab • Python • \LaTeX Mathematica • Photoshop • HTML • CSS

HARDWARE

ROS • Open CV • PHP • Eagle CAD PCB

LANGUAGE

Spanish - Full Professional Proficiency

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

MICROSOFT SURFACE HUB | HARDWARE INTERN | PORTLAND, OR | MAY – AUGUST 2015

- Used capabilities studies to improve accuracy of vision system used in the manufacturing process
- Designed a custom testing fixture for the incoming quality control of power supplies

VIEW RAY INCORPORATED | HARDWARE INTERN | OAKWOOD VILLAGE, OH | MAY - AUGUST 2014

- Worked on a system for MRI targeted radiation therapy to prevent the irradiation of healthy tissues
- Created a fiber optic cable testing box to efficiently measure data flow in the system

RESEARCH

EARTHSENSE INCORPORATED | CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, IL | JUNE 2020 – PRESENT

- Oversaw the creation of a data validation pipeline using DeepSORT and OpenCV to perform detection and tracking of weeds in real agricultural fields
- Coordinated experiments performing robotic weed counts

DISTRIBUTED AUTONOMOUS SYSTEMS LAB | CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, IL | MAY 2017 – MAY 2020

- Designed a multi-agent planning algorithm for robotic weed killing, with an associated simulation framework including a realistic weed growth model
- Incorporated a real-time weed growth prediction strategy using Evolving Gaussian Processes (E-GP), enabling proactive planning

AWARDS

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| 2018 | Shun Lien Chuang Memorial Award in ECE | Top 1/503 |
| 2016 | Highest Honors | GPA >3.8/4.0 |
| 2016 | John Bardeen Award in ECE | Top 1/2500 |
| 2014-2016 | Dean's List | Top 20th Percentile |

SOCIETIES

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| 2016 | Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society | Top 12th Percentile |
| 2015 | Eta Kappa Nu IEEE Honor Society | Top 25th Percentile |

TEACHING

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS | CHAMPAIGN-URBANA, IL | AUGUST 2016 - MAY 2018

- Spring 2018: Fields and Waves I (ECE329) with Dr. Lynford Goddard
- Fall 2017: Principles of Experimental Research (ECE446) with Dr. Lynford Goddard
- Fall 2016: Digital Signal Processing (ECE310) with Drs. Yoram Bresler and Stephen Levinson

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] W. McAllister, D. Osipchev, G. Chowdhary, and A. Davis. Multi-agent planning for coordinated robotic weed killing. In *Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS), 2018 IEEE/RSJ International Conference on*. IEEE, 2018.
- [2] W. McAllister, D. Osipchev, G. Chowdhary, and A. Davis. Agbots: Weeding a field with a team of autonomous robots. *Computers and Electronics in Agriculture*, 163:104827, 2019.
- [3] W. McAllister, J. Whitman, A. Axelrod, J. Varghese, A. Davis, and G. Chowdhary. Agbots 2.0: Weeding denser fields with fewer robots. *Robotics: Science and Systems Foundation*, 2020.