

# Dr. Wyatt McAllister

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## EDUCATION

### UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

#### PH.D. IN ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING

May 2020 | Urbana-Champaign, IL  
Conc. in Distributed Autonomous System  
Cur. Cum. GPA: 4.0 / 4.0

#### MS IN ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING

May 2018 | Urbana-Champaign, IL  
Conc. in Control and Data Science  
Cum. GPA: 4.0 / 4.0

#### BS IN ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING

May 2016 | Urbana-Champaign, IL  
Conc. in Control Systems  
Cum. GPA: 3.92 / 4.0

## LINKS

<https://wyattsmcall1.github.io>

## AWARDS

### UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Urbana-Champaign, IL  
2018 | Shun Lien Chuang Award (1/503)  
2016 | Highest Honors (GPA >3.8/4.0)  
2016 | John Bardeen Award (1/2500)  
2014-2016 | Dean's List (Top 20%)

## SOCIETIES

### UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Urbana-Champaign, IL  
2016 | Tau Beta Pi (Top 12%)  
2015 | Eta Kappa Nu (Top 25%)

## SKILLS

### ROBOTICS & CONTROL

ROS, OpenCV, Simulation Platforms,  
Behavior Trees, Path Planning

### SOFTWARE

C++, Python, Java, MATLAB, LaTeX, Git,  
Docker, PyTorch, TensorFlow, HTML, CSS

### LANGUAGE

Spanish – Professional Proficiency

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### VECNA ROBOTICS | SENIOR ROBOTICS SOFTWARE ENGINEER | WALTHAM, MA

June 2025 - Present

- Deployed a wireless auto-charging system for autonomous fork-lift docking, integrating intermediate waypoint inference and real-time charge monitoring
- Enhanced an auto-hitching framework for autonomous tuggers, implementing task-optimized planning for faster hitching and more reliable mechanical disengagement

### HRL LABORATORIES, LLC | SCIENTIST IV | MALIBU, CA

March 2021 - May 2024

- Developed collaborative robotic manufacturing solutions for General Motors, leveraging robotic control, signal processing for audio and video, and autonomous decision-making
- Designed a simulation platform for autonomous mobile robotic maintenance of undersea structures for Boeing, integrating control, path planning, and autonomous decision-making
- Created an autonomous robotic wire insertion system for aircraft manufacturing for Boeing, leveraging computer vision, robotic control, and autonomous decision-making
- Developed autonomous driving systems for General Motors, integrating autonomous decision-making with behavior trees and assured autonomy for collision avoidance

## PUBLICATIONS

- **W. S. McAllister**, J. D. Lampkins, and D. M. Chan. *Robotic wire insertion using connector segmentation*, US Patent App. 18/325,741, Dec. 2024.
- D. M. Chan, **W. S. McAllister**, and H. Hoffmann. *Robotic wire contact manipulation and pose estimation system*, US Patent App. 18/164,229, Aug. 2024.
- **W. McAllister**, J. Whitman, J. Varghese, A. Davis, and G. Chowdhary. *Agbots 3.0: Adaptive weed growth prediction for mechanical weeding agbots*, IEEE Transactions on Robotics, 2021.
- **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, 2020.
- **W. McAllister**, D. Osipychiev, G. Chowdhary, and A. Davis. *Agbots: Weeding a field with a team of autonomous robots*, Computers and Electronics in Agriculture, 2019.
- **W. McAllister**, D. Osipychiev, G. Chowdhary, and A. Davis. *Multi-agent planning for coordinated robotic weed killing*, IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS), 2018.