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## *Research Interests*

My current research in computer science is in the field of computer vision. For the years of 2016-2017 I have worked on generative models, specifically GANs. I have begun investigation into reinforcement learning techniques and their applications into computer vision. My research focuses on the uses of machine learning.

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## *Education*

**Doctor of Philosophy (Computer Science) 2014 to ongoing**

University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

**Bachelor of Science (Biochemistry and Computer Science) 2010 to 2014**

University of Miami, Miami, Florida

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## *Courses*

Machine Learning

Robot Planning/AI

Computer Vision

Algorithms

Databases

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## *Teaching*

TA for [Machine Learning](#)  
(Autumn 2017)

TA for [Intro. to Computer Science](#) (Autumn 2016)

TA for [Machine Learning](#)(Spring 2016)

TA for [Intro. to Computer Science](#) (Winter 2016)

TA for [Computational Biology](#)  
(Autumn 2015)

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## *Research Experience*

### **Computer Science 2014 to current**

I am working with Dr. Greg Shakhnarovich at TTIC in the areas of machine learning and computer vision on the problem of visual question answering. I have worked with Torch to create various neural network models.

### **Biochemistry 2011 to 2014**

I worked with Dr. Richard Myers at the University of Miami trying to create a generic genetic therapy via transducible gene editing proteins. I ran western blots, gel electrophoresis, transductions, PCR, and electroporation

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## *Technical*

Python

Java

Javascript / NodeJS

Git / SVN

MySQL

OpenGL

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## *Experience*

### **Google Brain Research Intern Summer 2018**

I worked in NLP and collaborated with several teams. I worked in the area of Fact Checking related to this [paper](#) to deal with the problem of content abuse and also worked with the news team. **python, pytorch, tensorflow, apache-beam, flume**

### **Here Maps** *Research Intern* **Summer 2017**

I worked on models to better predict arrival times (ETA estimates) and lane level navigation prediction which can be used for autonomous vehicles. **python, pytorch**

### **Here Maps** *Research Intern* **Summer 2016**

I developed a model that creates road probability maps that can be used to detect differences between artificial maps and the real roads. **python, tensorflow**

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## *Projects*

### **OpenGL Renderer**

[myRenderer](#)

I created a simple OpenGL renderer to render some height maps and draw some objects. Applies simple lighting and texturing.

### **BattleShip game over internet**

[BattleShip](#)

I created a simple Battleship game in C that has a client, server interface.