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#### Education

#### University of California, Berkeley

M.Eng. in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

Visual Computing and Computer Graphics track

UC Berkeley College of Engineering Opportunity Grant (2023)

**Aug 2023** – **May 2024** Berkeley, CA, USA

Aug 2018 - Jun 2023

Toronto, ON, Canada

# University of Toronto, St. George Campus

**B.A.Sc.** in Engineering Science

Machine Intelligence major, Robotics minor

Engineering Science Research Opportunity Fellow(2020), Dean's List (2018-2023), Dean's Merit Award (2018)

Professional

Amazon.com, Inc.

May 2023 - Jul 2023

Software Development Engineer Intern | Consumer Payments

Vancouver, BC, Canada

- Improved a platform utilizing TypeScript, JavaScript, and Kotlin to promptly alert onboarded clients about payment method partner outages, effectively mitigating potential negative impacts.
- Successfully deployed the application to production, facilitating its adoption by over 20 payment methods.

Amazon.com, Inc.

May 2022 - Jul 2022

Software Development Engineer Intern | Consumer Payments

Seattle, WA, USA

- Created a RESTful API in Java and Kotlin allowing CRU operations to mock the behavior of third-party partners
- Implemented API integrated with various AWS technologies such as ECS and S3 Cloud Storage to allow for the current workflow to be accurately modelled and efficiently tested

## Huawei Technologies Canada Co., Ltd

Machine Learning Engineer Intern | Human-Machine Interaction Lab

**May 2021 - Apr 2022** Markham, ON, Canada

- Developed eye region detection/object tracking modules with machine learning models and integrated them into in-car Infrared-based eye gaze tracking system
- Trained machine learning models that took RGB facial images as input and provided real-time video-based eye gaze tracking on laptops/smartphones

#### Research

## Robot Vision and Learning Lab, University of Toronto

Jun 2022 - Present

Research Assistant, Supervised by Profs. Florian Shkurti & Animesh Garg

Toronto, ON, Canada

- Developing a pipeline for injecting realistic sensor noise into depth images in a synthetic RGB-D transparent object dataset using generative models such as CycleGAN and Diffusion
- The synthetic dataset is used in the training of a transparent object detection network in a perception system used to manipulate robot arm in a chemistry lab setting

#### BMO Lab in Creative Research in Arts, Performance, Emerging Tech & AI

Feb 2021 - Feb 2023

Research Assistant, Supervised by Prof. David Rokeby

Toronto, ON, Canada

- Used CLIP to guide search through latent space of VQGAN to generate panoramic voice scenes in real time
- Optimized system to generate scrolling images quickly and fluidly through vector quantization
- Implemented Open Sound Control and Pytorch Distributions to allow users to control the generation of animation using text descriptions in live performance

## Intelligent Sensory Microsystems Lab, University of Toronto

May 2020 - Sep 2020

Computer Vision Research Assistant, Supervised by Prof. Roman Genov

Toronto, ON, Canada

- Integrated auto-tuning structured light machine learning model on novel Coded-Exposure-Pixel camera to realize quick 3D image construction
- Generated disparity and albedo maps from structured light using Python, Bash, and Matlab
- Developed demos for Coded-Exposure-Pixel cameras on 3D reconstruction and multispectral imaging

### Information Systems Group, University of California, Irvine

Jun 2019 - Aug 2019

Research Assistant, Supervised by Prof. Chen Li

Irvine, CA, USA

- Performed social media & environmental data visualization/analysis in machine learning pipeline to predict wildfires
- Implemented web scraper of real-time tweets in Python; integrated Twitter API to retrieve 1000+ tweet data daily
- Designed/developed Leaflet map layers to visualize fire event polygons with Angular2+ and TypeScript