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CONTACT INFORMATION

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Computer vision: 3D visual scene understanding, stereo and optical flow
Computer graphics: Image manipulation/synthesis

EDUCATION

Brown University, Providence, RI

Ph.D., Computer Science Department, 2013 – 2018

Advisor: Erik Sudderth

Thesis: Semantic Three-Dimensional Understanding of Dynamic Scenes

Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China

B.S. in Statistics, Department of Mathematics, 2009 – 2013

APPOINTMENTS

Georgia Institute of Technology (GaTech), School of Interactive Computing

Postdoctoral Fellow with **Dhruv Batra, Devi Parikh, Irfan Essa** Sept 2018 – present

- Embodied agents, robotics

Brown University, Computer Science Department

Research Assistant with **Erik Sudderth** Feb 2014 – 2018

- 3D object detection and layout prediction with RGB-Depth camera (**CVPR 2016**)
- 3D object detection with latent support surfaces (**CVPR 2018**)

Research Assistant with **James Hays** Sept 2013 – Feb 2014

- Attribute-based image editing (**SIGGRAPH 2014**)

NVIDIA Research, Visual Computing group June – Sept 2016/2017

Research Intern with **Deqing Sun, Orazio Gallo, Ming-Hsuan Yang** and **Jan Kautz**

- Semantic scene flow prediction for autonomous vehicles (**3DV 2017**)
- Learning multi-frame optical flow using deep neural networks (**WACV 2019**)

Microsoft Research, Interactive Visual Media group June – Sept 2015

Research Intern with **Dr. Sing Bing Kang** and **Dr. Johannes Kopf**

- Image completion and shadow removal

National Laboratory of Pattern Recognition, Beijing, China March – Jul 2013

Research Intern with **Prof. Huai-Yu Wu**

- Agglomerative clustering algorithms for 3D mesh segmentation

Toyota Technological Institute at Chicago (TTIC), Chicago, IL Jul – Oct 2012

Research Intern with **Prof. Greg Shakhnarovich**

- Agglomerative clustering algorithms for natural image segmentation (**CVPR 2013**)

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] **A Fusion Approach for Multi-Frame Optical Flow Estimation**
Zhile Ren, Orazio Gallo, Deqing Sun, Ming-Hsuan Yang, Jan Kautz, Erik Sudderth
 IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (**WACV 2019**)
 ECCV Workshop: What is optical flow for? (**ECCV Workshop 2018**)
- [2] **3D Object Detection with Latent Support Surfaces**
Zhile Ren, Erik Sudderth
 IEEE Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (**CVPR 2018**)
- [3] **Cascaded Scene Flow Prediction using Semantic Segmentation**
Zhile Ren, Deqing Sun, Jan Kautz, Erik Sudderth
 International Conference on 3D Vision (**3DV 2017**) [oral presentation, top 7%](#)
- [4] **3D Object Detection and Layout Prediction using Clouds of Oriented Gradients**
Zhile Ren, Erik Sudderth
 IEEE Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (**CVPR 2016**) [oral presentation, top 3%](#)
- [5] **Robust Graph SLAM in Dynamic Environments with Moving Landmarks**
 Lingzhu Xiang, **Zhile Ren**, Mengrui Ni, Chad Jenkins
 International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (**IROS 2015**)
- [6] **Transient Attributes for High-Level Understanding and Editing of Outdoor Scenes**
 Pierre-Yves Laffont, **Zhile Ren**, Xiaofeng Tao, Chao Qian, James Hays
 ACM Transactions on Graphics (**SIGGRAPH 2014**)
- [7] **Image Segmentation by Cascaded Region Agglomeration**
Zhile Ren, Greg Shakhnarovich
 IEEE Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (**CVPR 2013**)

INVITED TALKS

Semantic Three-Dimensional Understanding of Dynamic Scenes

- Research Seminar in **Amazon Rekognition**, July 2018
- Research Seminar in **Microsoft AI & Research**, May 2018
- Computer Vision Seminar in **MIT**, May 2018
- Computer Vision Seminar in **UC San Diego**, May 2018
- Machine Learning Seminar in **Georgia Tech**, Apr 2018
- AI/ML Seminar Series in **UC Irvine**, Apr 2018

Cascaded Scene Flow Prediction using Semantic Segmentation

- International Conference on 3D Vision (**3DV**), Oct 2017
- Visual Computing Group in **NVIDIA Research**, Oct 2017
- Computer Vision Group Seminar in **UC Irvine**, Oct 2017
- New England Computer Vision Workshop at **Boston University**, Nov 2016

Cascaded Models for Three-Dimensional Scene Understanding

- Image and Video Computing (IVC) Seminar at **Boston University**, Dec 2016

3D Object Detection and Layout Prediction using Clouds of Oriented Gradients

- IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (**CVPR**), June 2016
- Machine Learning Lunch Seminar at **NVIDIA Research**, June 2016
- Data-driven Computer Vision (CSCI 2951T) at **Brown University**, Mar 2016
- New England Computer Vision Workshop at **UMass Amherst**, Nov 2015

Image Segmentation by Cascaded Region Agglomeration

- Midwest Vision Workshop at **UIUC**, Sept 2012

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES

Journal/Conference Reviewer

- IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (**TPAMI**)
- Computer Vision and Image Understanding (**CVIU**)
- IEEE Transactions on Image Processing (**TIP**)
- IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (**ICCV**) 2015, 2017
- IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (**CVPR**) 2016-19
- European Conference on Computer Vision (**ECCV**) 2016, 2018
- International Conference on Learning Representations (**ICLR**) 2019
- Asian Conference on Computer Vision (**ACCV**) 2016, 2018
- British Machine Vision Conference (**BMVC**) 2017

Departmental Service

- Organizer of Brown University Machine Learning Reading Group (**MLRG**) 2015-17

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant

- CSCI2420: Probabilistic Graphical Models, Brown University, Fall 2016.
- CSCI1450: Introduction to Probability and Computing, Brown University, Spring 2015.

MEDIA COVERAGE

[Transform Your Photos with a Magic Word](#). In **IEEE Spectrum**, Oct 2014.

[Don't Like the Weather in Your Photos? Now You Can Change It](#). In **NBC News**, Aug 2014

[Photo editing algorithm changes weather, seasons automatically](#). In **Brown News**, Aug 2014