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EDUCATION

- May 2008* Ph.D. Computer Science
University of Massachusetts Amherst
Thesis: Unified Detection and Recognition for Reading Text in Scene Images
Chairs: Allen R. Hanson and Erik Learned-Miller
- Sep 2005* M.S. Computer Science
University of Massachusetts Amherst
Thesis: Data-Dependent Spatial Context for Computer Vision with Conditional Markov Fields
Supervisors: Allen R. Hanson and Andrew McCallum
- May 2001* B.S. Computer Science and Mathematics (Double Major); *Summa Cum Laude*
Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology
Thesis: Methods for Facial Pose Normalization and Classification
Supervisor: J.P. Mellor
Minors: Science, Technology, and Society; Philosophy and Religion

Member ACM, ACM SIGCAS, ACM SIGCSE, IEEE.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

FORMAL POSITIONS

- 2008-2009* *Department of Computer Science, Grinnell College* *Grinnell, IA*
Assistant Professor. Courses taught:
 - CSC151 Functional Problem Solving (Fall 2008, Spring 2009, Fall 2009, Spring 2009, Fall 2010)
 - CSC213 Operating Systems and Parallel Programming (Fall 2008)
 - CSC105 The Digital Age (Spring 2009)
 - CSC207 Algorithms and Object Oriented Programming (Spring 2009, Spring 2010)
 - CSC499 Mentored Advanced Project (Summer 2009, Summer 2010, Fall 2010)
 - CSC261 Artificial Intelligence (Fall 2009)
 - CSC295 Computer Vision (Spring 2010)
 - TUT100 Virtue in Animal and Machine (Fall 2010)
- Spring 2007* *Computer Science Department, University of Massachusetts* *Amherst, MA*
Teaching assistant, CS187 Programming with Data Structures. (Supervisor: J. Allan)
- Fall 2006* *Computer Science Department, University of Massachusetts* *Amherst, MA*
Teaching assistant, CS383 Artificial Intelligence. (Supervisor: D. Jensen)

Fall 1997 *Mechanical Engineering Department, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology* Terre Haute, IN
Teaching assistant, EM104 Graphical Communication. (Supervisor: C. Buckley)

Fall 1996 *Alliance Public Schools Community Education* Alliance, NE
Instructor, HTML and Web Design. (Supervisor: L. Sherlock)

INVITED WORKSHOPS

- Leading Effective Discussion Sections in Science Labs. *Center for Teaching TA Orientation*. University of Massachusetts Amherst, 31 August 2007.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Aug 2008-Present *Computer Vision Lab, Grinnell College* Grinnell, IA
Research director. Pursuing research in the areas of probabilistic models for interpreting text and image data. Directing undergraduate student research.

Sep 2001-May 2008 *Computer Vision Lab, University of Massachusetts* Amherst, MA
Research assistant. Pursued research in aids for the visually impaired by developing algorithms for detecting and reading text in unconstrained scenes and novel fonts using probabilistic reasoning. Investigated and developed methods for automatically segmenting ambiguous medical images and providing confidence bounds in regions of uncertainty.

Sep 2000-Feb 2001 *Computer Science Department, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology* Terre Haute, IN
Undergraduate thesis. Developed methods for normalizing head roll and identifying facial views with a statistical classifier to better facilitate face recognition.

Nov 2000-Jan 2001 *Mathematics Department, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology* Terre Haute, IN
Research assistant. Identified composite and primitive cyclic cwatsets (a group theoretic construct for bootstrap statistics), and their relationship with regular polygons, yielding methods for constructing cwatsets of arbitrary degree. (Supervisor: G. J. Sherman)

Jun-Aug 2000 *Center for Intelligent Information Retrieval, University of Massachusetts* Amherst, MA
Undergraduate research experience. Developed and tested color- and feature-based real-time methods for face detection in support of recognition in an intelligent sensing environment. (Supervisors: J. Allan and S. C. Ravela)

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Jun-Sep 2003 *Braun Corporation* Winamac, IN
Technical consultant. Conducted feasibility study on automatic obstacle detection for applications in personal mobility assistance.

Jun-Aug 2001 *Office Innovation Center, Fraunhofer Group* Stuttgart, Germany
Research assistant. Investigated calibration techniques for an integrated projector and tabletop graphics tablet. Constructed and calibrated a dual-projector virtual reality environment.

Mar 1999-Mar 2001 *Internet Group, Ameritrade Holding Corporation* Omaha, NE
Lead developer in the creation of a corporate Intranet for 2,500 employees. Designed and developed company workflow automation tools and a system for software project tracking.

PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- C. Pal, **J. Weinman**, L. Tran, and D. Scharstein, On Learning Conditional Random Fields for Stereo. *International Journal of Computer Vision (IJCV)*, 2010. To appear.
- **J. Weinman**, E. Learned-Miller and A. Hanson, [Scene Text Recognition using Similarity and a Lexicon with Sparse Belief Propagation](#). *IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (PAMI)* 21, 10, pp. 1733–1746, Oct. 2009. doi:10.1109/TPAMI.2009.38

REFEREED CONFERENCES

- **J. Weinman**, [Typographical Features for Scene Text Recognition](#). In *Proc. International Conference on Pattern Recognition (ICPR)*, pp. 3987–3990, Aug. 2010. doi:10.1109/ICPR.2010.970
- **J. Weinman**, E. Learned-Miller, and A. Hanson, [A Discriminative Semi-Markov Model for Robust Scene Text Recognition](#). In *Proc. International Conference on Pattern Recognition (ICPR)*, Dec. 2008. doi:10.1109/ICPR.2008.4761818
- **J. Weinman**, L. Tran, and C. Pal, [Efficiently Learning Random Fields for Stereo Vision with Sparse Message Passing](#). In *Proc. IEEE European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)*, pp. 617–630, Oct. 2008. doi:10.1007/978-3-540-88682-2_47
- **J. Weinman**, A. Hanson, and E. Learned-Miller. [Fast Lexicon-Based Sign Recognition with Sparse Belief Propagation](#). In *Proc. IEEE International Conference on Document Analysis and Recognition (ICDAR)*, pp. 979–983, Sept. 2007. doi:10.1109/ICDAR.2007.118
- W. Duhon, **J. Weinman**, and E. Learned-Miller. [Techniques and Applications for Persistent Backgrounding in a Humanoid Torso Robot](#). In *Proc. IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*, pp. 3034–3040, April 2007. doi:10.1109/ROBOT.2007.363933
- **J. Weinman** and E. Learned-Miller. [Improving Recognition of Novel Input with Similarity](#). In *Proc. IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, pp. 308–315, June 2006. doi:10.1109/CVPR.2006.151
- **J. Weinman**, G. Bissias, E. Riseman, A. Hanson, and J. Horowitz. [Nonlinear diffusion scale-space and fast marching level sets for segmentation of MR imagery and volume estimation of stroke lesions](#). In *Proc. International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention (MICCAI)*, volume 2879 of Lecture Notes in Computer Science, pp. 496–503, Springer, Nov. 2003. doi:10.1007/978-3-540-39903-2_61

REFEREED BOOK CHAPTERS

- **J. Weinman**, A. Lidaka, and S. Aggarwal. Large Scale Machine Learning. In Wen-mei W. Hwu, editor, *GPU Computing Gems*, chapter 19. Morgan Kaufmann, 2010.

REFEREED WORKSHOPS AND COLLOQUIA

- **J. Weinman**, E. Learned-Miller, and A. Hanson, [A Discriminative Semi-Markov Model for Robust Scene Text Recognition](#). *North East Student Colloquium on Artificial Intelligence (NESCAI)*, 2008.

- P. Silapachote, **J. Weinman**, A. Hanson, R. Weiss, and M. A. Mattar. [Automatic Sign Detection and Recognition in Natural Scenes](#). In *Proc. IEEE Workshop on Computer Vision Applications for the Visually Impaired*, June 2005. doi:10.1109/CVPR.2005.417
- **J. Weinman**, A. Hanson, and A. McCallum. [Sign Detection in Natural Images with Conditional Random Fields](#). In *Proc. IEEE International Workshop on Machine Learning for Signal Processing (MLSP)*, pp. 549-558. Sept. 2004. doi:10.1109/MLSP.2004.1423018

TECHNICAL REPORTS

- **J. Weinman**, C. Pal, and D. Scharstein. Sparse Message Passing and Efficiently Learning Random Fields for Stereo Vision. Technical Report UM-CS-2007-054, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Oct. 2007.
- **J. Weinman**, A. Hanson, and E. Learned-Miller. [Joint Feature Selection for Object Detection and Recognition](#). Technical Report UM-CS-2006-054, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Oct. 2006.
- **J. Weinman**, [Data-Dependent Spatial Context for Computer Vision with Conditional Markov Fields](#). Technical Report UM-CS-2005-052 / Master's Project Report, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Sept. 2005.
- **J. Weinman**, G. Bissias, E. Riseman, A. Hanson, and J. Horowitz. [Confidence-based segmentation of MR imagery using region and boundary information with nonlinear scale-space and fast marching level sets](#). Technical Report UM-CS-2003-017, University of Massachusetts Amherst, April 2003.
- **J. Weinman**. [Methods for Facial Pose Normalization and Classification](#). Computer Science Senior Thesis, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute, IN, Feb. 2001.

INVITED SEMINARS

- **J. Weinman**, Probabilistic Models for Scene Text Recognition. *Computer Science Department Seminar*, University of Rochester, 5 May 2008.
- **J. Weinman**. Sparse Variational Learning for Stereo Vision. *Machine Learning and Friends Lunch*. Computer Science Department Seminar, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 16 April 2008.
- **J. Weinman**. VID: Helping the blind to see by teaching computers to read. *Interdepartmental Graduate Student Colloquium Series*. University of Massachusetts Amherst, 2 May 2007.
- **J. Weinman**. Leveraging Character Similarity to Improve Recognition of Novel Fonts. *Machine Learning and Friends Lunch*. Computer Science Department Seminar, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 30 March 2006.
- E. Learned-Miller and **J. Weinman**. An Alternative to Modeling Appearance: Modeling Relative Appearance. *NIPS Workshop: Why Learning to Recognize Many Objects Might be Easier Than Learning to Recognize Just One*, Whistler, BC, 10 December 2005.
- **J. Weinman**. Sign Detection in Natural Images. *Machine Learning and Friends Lunch*. Computer Science Department Seminar, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 23 September 2004.
- **J. Weinman** and G. Bissias. Segmentation and Volume Estimation of Ischemic Stroke Lesions in MR Images. *Annual Conference of the UMass/Baystate Collaborative Biomedical Research Program*, 20 May 2002.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- *Doc Criss Best Senior Thesis Award* (Computer Science), Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, 2001.
- *Addison-Wesley Book Award*,¹ Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, 2001.
- *Carlson and Rose-Hulman scholarships, Dean's List*, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, 1997-2001.
- *First Place, Parliamentary Division*, Indiana Governor's Cup Collegiate Debate Tournament, 1997.
- *Pi Mu Epsilon*, elected, 2000.

GRANTS

EXTERNAL

- NVIDIA Professor Partnership Award, "GPU Computing in the Classroom and Directed Undergraduate Research," \$4,185. Awarded September 2010.
- NVIDIA Professor Partnership Award, "GPU Computing in the Classroom and Directed Undergraduate Research," \$3,400. Awarded February 2009.

INTERNAL

- Mentored Advanced Project, "Digital Libraries and Computational Paleography", \$13,600. Awarded 8 March 2010.
- Mentored Advanced Project, "Parallel Processing and Hierarchical Models for Pattern Recognition," \$13,600. Awarded 27 February 2009.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

INSTITUTIONAL

- Co-Leader, Science Teaching and Learning Group, Grinnell College, Fall 2009-Spring 2011.
- Campus Advisory Committee on Environmental Concerns (EcoCampus), Member Fall 2009-Spring 2010, Chair Fall 2010-Spring 2011.
- Neuroscience Concentration Committee, Member Fall 2008-Fall 2010.
- Graduate Student Representative (Computer Science Department, University of Massachusetts Amherst) 2004-2005. Representing graduate student interests before the faculty, organizing a lecture series on departmental research for junior graduate students, interviewing faculty candidates, and promoting a healthy social atmosphere for students.
- New Student Committee (Computer Science Department, University of Massachusetts Amherst) 2001-2003. Organizing a visit weekend for accepted graduate students, including housing and activities.

¹Presented by the RHIT faculty to the senior Computer Science student who "has a distinguished record and the promise of an outstanding career in Computer Science."

DISCIPLINARY

- Co-Facilitator, “Teaching Social and Ethical Issues in CS0 and Beyond,” Birds of a Feather Session, ACM SIGCSE Symposium, Milwaukee, WI, 11 March 2010.
- Co-Facilitator, “Imaging College Educators,” Birds of a Feather Session, ACM SIGCSE Symposium, Milwaukee, WI, 11 March 2010.
- Board of Advisors (Computer Science and Software Engineering Department, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology) 2009-2011. Advising on curricula, mission, and vision for currency, the needs of hiring industries, and accreditation.
- Invited reviewer for
 - Neural Computation (2009-2010)
 - IEEE Transaction on Image Processing (2010)
 - IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems for Video Technology (TCSVT)2009)
 - IEEE European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV 2008)
 - British Machine Vision Conference (BMVC 2008)
 - International Conference on Computer Vision Theory and Applications (VISAPP 2008)
 - IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR 2007, 2008)
 - Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS 2006)
 - IEEE International Conference on Vision Systems (ICVS 2003, 2006)
 - Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP 2004)
 - IEEE Workshop on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV 2002).
- Published labeled databases of signs, scene text, and font glyph images for the computer vision community (several hundred downloads) .
- Published code for several machine learning algorithms (both individually and as contributions to larger projects).

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

- Workshop for Tutorial Instructors, Grinnell College, June 2010.
- Advising as Teaching: Creating an Advising Syllabus, summer workshop, Grinnell College, May 2009.
- [Teaching Documentation Program](#), Center for Teaching, University of Massachusetts, completed October 2007.
- Conferences attended
 - ACM SIGCSE Symposium (2009, 2010)
 - IAPR International Conference on Pattern Recognition (ICPR 2008, 2010)
 - IEEE European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV 2008)
 - IAPR International Conference on Document Analysis and Recognition (ICDAR 2007)
 - IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR 2005, 2006, 2010)
 - Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS 2005)
 - Brazilian Symposium on Neural Networks (SBRN 2004)
 - International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention (MICCAI 2003)