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PhD Student in **Computer Engineering**, UC Santa Cruz

M.S in **Applied Mathematics**, UC Davis

B.S in **Mathematics**, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Northfield Mount Hermon High School

PROFILE

Researcher and PhD student working in UCSC **Computer Vision** Lab on **deep learning** models for a variety of tasks. Strong background in **mathematics**. Expert **python** coder. Confident with writing and communication.

EDUCATION

PhD Student in Computer Engineering, UC Santa Cruz

Thesis: to be on deep methods for sensory substitution

M.S. in Applied Mathematics, UC Davis, 2012

Thesis: *An Introduction to Homological Mirror Symmetry Through the Case of Elliptic Curves*

B.S. in Mathematical Sciences w/ High Distinction, Worcester Polytechnic Institute Worcester

Thesis: *A One-Dimensional Viscoelastic Cell Motility Model*

~Winner of the WPI Provost Major Qualifying Project award for Mathematical Sciences

~ Graduated with High Distinction

RECENT EMPLOYMENT

(2017-Current) **Researcher & TA @ UCSC Computer Vision Lab: UC Santa Cruz**

PhD student working in the computer vision lab on deep learning models for indoor localization, ecological applications, and assistive devices (e.g. sensory substitution devices). Please see mathandy.com, for details on my current projects.

(2019 Summer and Fall) **AI Research Intern @FXPAL**

Proposed and developed a semi-supervised deep learning model involving image embedding, geometric preservation, facial recognition, and audio synthesis. First author on a related patent filed by FXPAL and publication submitted to NeurIPS, as well as second author on a publication submitted to AACV.

Recipient of the "esteemed judges' choice" award @ FXPAL 2019 Hackathon.

(2018-2019) **Senior Technology & Software Intern @ Rare.org**

Lead development of deep learning-based computer vision technology for monitoring fishery spatial population distributions in Belize and Honduras. This work required development use of convolutional neural network models for semantic segmentation, contour-based image classification, keypoint detection as well as non-ML steps like color correction and rectification. Also worked with field biologists and other to design data collection and analysis methodology.

Media coverage: <https://news.ucsc.edu/2019/07/conservation-ai.html>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

(2017-Current) **Teaching Assistant @ UCSC Computer Vision Lab: University of California, Santa Cruz**

TA'd for seven courses including Digital Signal Processing, Probability and Statistics for Engineers, Logic Design Laboratory, Computer Systems and Assembly Language, Personal Computer Concepts: Software and Hardware, and Programming Abstractions: Python

(2013-2017) **Adj. Professor of Mathematics and Statistics @ Sacramento City College**

Taught approximately twenty full courses including Arithmetic, Pre-Algebra, Algebra, Algebra II, Trigonometry, and Introduction to Probability and Statistics

(2007-2012) **Associate Instructor @ UC Davis**

Taught five full courses including Vector Analysis, Linear Algebra, Differential Equations, and Calculus for the BioSciences

(2007-2012) **Teaching Assistant @ UC Davis**

Prepared and taught weekly discussion sections for 27 ten week long courses and acted as TA for 30 courses in total. Including: Vector Analysis, Linear Algebra, Real Analysis, Topology, Euclidean and Non-Euclidean Geometry, Complex Analysis, Linear Algebra Computer Lab, Short Calculus, Calculus, and Calculus for the BioSciences

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

EOPS Professor – Taught a three semester sequence of basic math courses (Pre-Algebra, Algebra, Algebra II) for Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) at Sacramento City College.

Organizer of Student-Run Geometry/Topology Seminar @ UC Davis, Fall 2009–Spring 2011

NOTEWORTHY INDEPENDENT PROJECTS

svgpathtools (2016): Creator of the somewhat popular (166,000+ downloads from PyPI) and actively contributed to library of object-oriented tools for manipulating SVG Path objects and Bezier curves in Python -- <https://pypi.python.org/pypi/svgpathtools>

CONFERENCE & JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- Port, C. Kim, M. Patel, *Earballs: Neural Transmodal Translation*, submitted to NeurIPS2020
- C. Kim, A. Port, M. Patel, *Face-to-Music Translation Using a Distance-Preserving Generative Adversarial Network with an Auxiliary Discriminator*, submitted to ACCV 2020
- B. Constanz, A. Port, R. Senock, *Comparing Automatically Generated and Manually Measured Tree-Ring Transects of Growth Trends with Hawaiian Sandalwood as an Example Species*, submitted to *Dendrochronologia* (2020)

HONORS AND AWARDS

FXPAL Hackathon Esteemed Judges' Choice Award – Awarded for deep learning related research. More details to be added pending patent and paper publication.

NSF VIGRE Summer Graduate Fellowship – Awarded for research in geometric invariant theory by the UC Davis Mathematics Department.

WPI Provost Major Qualifying Project award for Mathematical Sciences – Awarded for research modeling fibroblast cell movement. This is the WPI math department's version of a "best senior thesis" award.

HOBBIES

Songwriter, guitarist, and vocalist – mostly bluesy rock, pop, and bluegrass