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Education

- 2020 -
expected 2024 **Massachusetts Institute of Technology**
Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science
- 2017 - 2020 **University of California, Berkeley**
Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science (Transferred to MIT) GPA 4.0
- 2014 - 2016 **Carnegie Mellon University**
Master of Computer Science, 2016. GPA: 3.63
- 2010 - 2014 **Dartmouth College**
B.A., Economics, 2014. GPA: 3.91 Minors: Computer Science, Chinese
Honors: Phi Beta Kappa, *summa cum laude*

Areas of Specialization

Domain-Specific Program Synthesis - Machine Learning - Neural Architecture Search
Image Processing - Computer Graphics - High Performance Programming

Work Experience

- 2020 - present **Massachusetts Institute of Technology - CSAIL** (Cambridge, MA)
Graduate Research Assistant
- Summer 2024 **Adobe Creative Intelligence Lab** (Cambridge)
Research Internship
- Summer 2023 **Adobe Creative Intelligence Lab** (San Francisco)
Research Internship
- Summer 2022 **Adobe Creative Intelligence Lab** (San Jose)
Research Internship
- Fall 2019 **Adobe Creative Intelligence Lab** (New York City, NY)
Research Internship
- Summer 2018 **Facebook AI Research** (Menlo Park, CA)
Research Internship
- Summer 2017 **Facebook Applied Machine Learning** (Menlo Park, CA)
Software Engineering Internship
- 2016 - 2017 **Carnegie Mellon University** (Pittsburgh, PA)
Research Assistant

Teaching Experience

- 2023 - present **Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Research Mentor**
Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program
- Fall 2021 **Massachusetts Institute of Technology, TA**
Computer Graphics (6.837)
- Spring 2016 **Carnegie Mellon University, TA**
Parallel Computer Architecture and Programming (15-418/618)

Publications

Sketching with your voice: “Non-Phonorealistic” Rendering of Sounds via Vocal Imitation

Matthew Caren, Kartik Chandra, Joshua Tenenbaum, Jonathan Ragan-Kelley, Karima Ma
ACM Transactions on Graphics (SIGGRAPH ASIA 2024)

Searching for Fast Demosaicking Algorithms

Karima Ma, Michael Gharbi, Shoaib Kamil, Andrew Adams, Connelly Barnes, Tzu-Mao Li,
Jonathan Ragan-Kelley
ACM Transactions on Graphics (SIGGRAPH 2022)

Efficient Automatic Scheduling of Imaging and Vision Pipelines for the GPU

Luke Anderson, Andrew Adams, Karima Ma, Tian Jin, Tzu-Mao Li, Jonathan Ragan-Kelley
ACM SIGPLAN (OOPSLA 2021)

Learning to Optimize Halide with Tree Search and Random Programs

Andrew Adams, Karima Ma, Luke Anderson, Riyadh Baghdadi, Tzu-Mao Li, Michael
Gharbi, Benoit Steiner, Steven Johnson, Kayvon Fatahalian, Fredo Durand, Jonathan
Ragan-Kelley
ACM Transactions on Graphics (SIGGRAPH 2019)

Ongoing Work

A system for automatically generating fast approximations of 1D and 2D filters
across a range of throughput vs. signal quality trade-off demands (*In preparation,
draft available upon request*)

Awards

- 2022 WiGRAPH Rising Star in Computer Graphics
- 2017 - 2018 ARCS Foundation Scholarship
- 2017 UC Berkeley EECS Excellence Award

Service

- 2023 - present Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Visual Computing Seminar chair
- 2020, 2023-2024 ACM SIGGRAPH ASIA reviewer
- 2024 ACM SIGGRAPH reviewer