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Research Interests

Visual scene understanding, image generation and editing, vision-language models

Education

- May 2006 **Ph.D.** in Computer Science
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Advisor: Dr. Jean Ponce
Dissertation title: *Local, Semi-Local and Global Models for Texture, Object and Scene Recognition*
- Dec 2002 **M.S.** in Computer Science
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- June 2000 **B.S.** in Computer Science with Mathematics Minor (Graduation with Highest Honors)
DePaul University, Chicago, IL

Academic Employment

- Aug. 2020 - present **Professor**
- Aug. 2014 - Aug. 2020 **Associate Professor**
- Jan. 2012 - Aug. 2014 **Assistant Professor**
Dept. of Computer Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- July 2007 - Dec. 2011 **Assistant Professor**
Dept. of Computer Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- May 2006 - July 2007 **Post-Doctoral Research Associate**
- June 2001 - May 2006 **Research Assistant**
Dept. of Computer Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Selected Awards and Honors

- 2021 University Scholar Award, U of Illinois
- 2021 IEEE Fellow
- 2020 Donald Biggar Willett Faculty Scholar Award, U of Illinois
- 2020, 2013 Dean's Award for Excellence in Research
College of Engineering, U of Illinois
- 2017 Distinguished Alumni Educator Award, CS@Illinois
- 2016 Longuet-Higgins Prize at CVPR 2016
Awarded for CVPR 2006 paper with significant impact on computer vision research
- 2013 Sloan Research Fellowship
- 2013 C.W. Gear Outstanding Junior Faculty Award, CS@Illinois
- 2012, 2010, 2007 CVPR Outstanding Reviewer Award
- 2011 DARPA Computer Science Study Group Member
- 2009 Microsoft Research Faculty Fellowship
- 2008 NSF CAREER Award
- 2008 Teaching Award, UNC Computer Science Student Association
- 2003 David J. Kuck Best Master's Thesis Award, CS@Illinois

Publications

Journal Articles

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- Y. Gong, S. Lazebnik, Y. Gordo, and F. Perronnin, “Iterative Quantization: A Procrustean Approach to Learning Binary Codes for Large-Scale Image Retrieval,” *IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence*, vol. 35, no. 12, December 2013, pp. 2916-2929. **Over 2600 citations on Google Scholar.**
- M. Raginsky, J. Silva, S. Lazebnik, and R. Willett, “A Recursive Procedure for Density Estimation on the Binary Hypercube,” *Electronic Journal of Statistics*, vol. 7, 2013, pp. 820-858.
- J. Tighe and S. Lazebnik, “SuperParsing: Scalable Nonparametric Image Parsing with Superpixels,” *International Journal of Computer Vision*, vol. 101, no. 2, January 2013, pp. 329-349.
- R. Raguram, C. Wu, J.-M. Frahm, and S. Lazebnik, “Modeling and Recognition of Landmark Image Collections Using Iconic Scene Graphs,” *International Journal of Computer Vision*, vol. 95, no. 3, December 2011, pp. 213-239.
- J.-M. Frahm, M. Pollefeys, S. Lazebnik, C. Zach, D. Gallup, B. Clipp, R. Raguram, C. Wu, and T. Johnson, “Fast Robust Large-scale Mapping from Video and Internet Photo Collections,” *ISPRS Journal of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing*, vol. 65, no. 6 (Special Issue on 100 Years of ISPRS), 2010, pp. 538-549.
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- S. Lazebnik, Y. Furukawa, and J. Ponce, “Projective Visual Hulls,” *International Journal of Computer Vision*, vol. 74, no. 2, August 2007, pp. 137-165.

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- A. Cui, J. Mahajan, V. Shah, P. Gomathinayagam, C. Liu, and S. Lazechnik, “Street TryOn: Learning In-the-Wild Virtual Try-On from Unpaired Person Images,” *Proceedings of the Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision*, 2025.
- V. Shah, N. Ruiz, F. Cole, E. Lu, S. Lazechnik, Y. Li, and V. Jampani, “ZipLoRA: Any Subject in Any Style by Effectively Merging LoRAs,” *Proceedings of the European Conference on Computer Vision*, 2024.
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- L. Weihs, U. Jain, I.-J. Liu, J. Salvador, S. Lazechnik, A. Kembhavi, and A. Schwing, “Bridging the Imitation Gap by Adaptive Insubordination,” *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems*, 2021.
- U. Jain, I.-J. Liu, S. Lazechnik, A. Kembhavi, L. Weihs, and A. Schwing, “GridToPix: Training Embodied Agents with Minimal Supervision,” *Proceedings of the International Conference on Computer Vision*, 2021.
- S. Patel, S. Wani, U. Jain*, A. Schwing, S. Lazechnik, M. Savva, and A. X. Chang, “Interpretation of Emergent Communication in Heterogeneous Collaborative Embodied Agents,” *Proceedings of the International Conference on Computer Vision*, 2021.
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- T. Tommasi, A. Mallya, B. Plummer, S. Lazebnik, A. Berg, and T. Berg, “Solving Visual Madlibs with Multiple Cues,” *Proceedings of the British Machine Vision Conference*, 2016. *Acceptance rate: 39%*.
- A. Mallya and S. Lazebnik, “Learning Models for Actions and Person-Object Interactions with Transfer to Question Answering,” *Proceedings of the European Conference on Computer Vision*, 2016, pp. 414 - 428. *Acceptance rate: 27%*.
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- Y. Lu, T. Javidi, and S. Lazebnik, “Adaptive Object Detection Using Adjacency and Zoom Prediction,” *Proceedings of the IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition*, 2016, pp. 2351 - 2359. *Acceptance rate: 30%*.
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- J. Caicedo and S. Lazebnik, “Active Object Localization with Deep Reinforcement Learning,” *Proceedings of the International Conference on Computer Vision*, 2015, pp. 2488 - 2496. *Acceptance rate: 31%*.
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- Y. Gong, L. Wang, M. Hodosh, J. Hockenmaier, and S. Lazebnik, “Improving Image-Sentence Embeddings Using Large Weakly Annotated Photo Collections,” *Proceedings of the European Conference on Computer Vision*, 2014, pp. 529-545. *Acceptance rate: 29%*.
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- *Generative Image Models for Virtual Try-On and Stylization*
 - Boston University Artificial Intelligence Research Distinguished Speaker, April 3, 2024
 - Toyota Technical Institute Chicago, September 30, 2022
- *Non Serviam*, invited speaker at ICCV Workshop “Quo Vadis, Computer Vision?” October 2, 2023.
- *Old School vs. New School Methods in Computer Vision*, invited panel at ICCV, October 12, 2021.
- *Computer Vision: Looking Back to Look Forward*, IRIM Visiting Scholar Lectures, Georgia Tech, January 28 - February 6, 2020.
- *A Critical Look at Visual Grounding*, ICCV Workshop on Closing the Loop between Vision and Language (CLVL), October 28, 2019.
- *Adapting Neural Networks to New Tasks*, ECCV Women in Computer Vision Workshop, Munich, Germany, September 9, 2018
- *Towards Joint Understanding of Images and Language*
 - Workshop on Theory and Practice in Machine Learning and Computer Vision, Institute for Computational and Experimental Research in Mathematics, Brown University, February 2019
 - York University Centre for Vision Research Seminar, Toronto, Canada, September 28, 2018
 - Korean Conference on Computer Vision (keynote talk), Seoul, Korea, July 17, 2018
 - Machines Can See Summit, Moscow, Russia, June 8, 2018
 - University of Michigan Computer Vision Seminar, September 18, 2017
 - Toyota Technical Institute, Chicago, June 26, 2017
 - Facebook AI Research Paris, France, June 2, 2017
 - WILLOW Group Seminar, Paris, France, June 1, 2017
 - INRIA Rhône-Alpes, Montbonnot, France, May 30, 2017
 - Xerox Research Centre Europe, Meylan, France, May 29, 2017

- *Transfer of Specialized Knowledge for Vision-Language Tasks*
 - CVPR Workshop on Visual Question Answering, Honolulu, Hawaii, July 26, 2017
 - Workshop on Frontiers of Video Technology, Adobe San Jose, CA, July 18, 2017
- *Beyond Scene Classification: Understanding Scenes by Describing Them*, CVPR Scene Understanding Workshop, Las Vegas, June 26, 2016
- *Image Description: From Image-Sentence Embeddings to Region-Phrase Correspondence*, ICCV Workshop on Closing the Loop between Vision and Language, Santiago, Chile, December 17, 2015
- *Broad-Coverage Scene Parsing with Object Instances and Occlusion Ordering*, UT Austin, April 4, 2014
- *Image Parsing*, International Computer Vision Summer School, Calabria, Italy, July 17, 2013
- *Towards Open Universe Image Parsing with Broad Coverage*, keynote, IAPR International Conference on Machine Vision Applications, Kyoto, Japan, May 21, 2013
- *Finding Things: Image Parsing with Regions and Per-Exemplar Detectors*
 - Cornell University, May 3, 2013
 - Johns Hopkins Center for Imaging Science Seminar, April 30, 2013
 - WILLOW Group Seminar, Paris, France, March 21, 2013
- *Understanding Scenes with Superpixels and Object Detectors*
 - University of Washington, August 20, 2012
 - Microsoft Research Redmond, August 16, 2012
 - CMU VASC Seminar, April 9, 2012
- *Similarity-Preserving Binary Codes for Scalable Image Search*
 - Purdue University Machine Learning Seminar, April 17, 2012
 - Information Theory and Applications Workshop, San Diego, February 7, 2012
- *Modeling and Recognizing the Content of Open-Universe Image Collections*
 - Army Research Lab, December 5, 2011
 - University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, June 30, 2011
 - University of Minnesota, February 14, 2011
- *Understanding Scenes on Many Levels* (invited poster), Workshop on Frontiers in Computer Vision, MIT, August 22, 2011
- *Large-Scale Nonparametric Image Parsing*, CVPR 2011 Workshop on Large-Scale Learning for Vision, June 20, 2011
- *SuperParsing: Scalable Nonparameteric Parsing with Superpixels* (invited poster), Janelia Farm Workshop on Computer Vision and Neuroscience, November 15, 2010
- *Iconic Images*
 - Internet Vision Workshop, Banff, Canada, September 2, 2009
 - ICCV Area Chair Workshop, Kyoto University, June 8, 2009
 - CVPR Area Chair Workshop, Georgia Tech, February 23, 2009
- *Combining Appearance and Geometry for Efficient Scene Recognition*, IEEE Workshop on Visual Place Categorization, Miami, Florida, June 21, 2009
- *Representing Internet Photo Collections with Iconic Images*, Microsoft Research Redmond, June 30, 2008
- *An Empirical Bayes Approach to Contextual Region Classification*, Fourth International Workshop on Object Recognition, Lake Como, Italy, May 16, 2008
- *Exploring Image Data with Quantization-Based Techniques*, IPAM Workshop on Numerical Tools and Fast Algorithms for Massive Data Mining, Search Engines and Applications, UCLA, October 25, 2007

- *Object and Scene Recognition with Bags of Features and Spatial Pyramids*
 - Carnegie Mellon University, May 2, 2007
 - Microsoft Research, Redmond, April 16, 2007
 - University of California at San Diego, April 9, 2007
 - AT&T Research, April 5, 2007
 - New York University, April 4, 2007
 - State University of New York at Stony Brook, March 14, 2007
 - Kodak Research, March 7, 2007
 - University of Rochester, March 5, 2007
 - Duke University, February 28, 2007
 - University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, February 26, 2007
- *Fun with Nearest-Neighbor Quantizers*, Carnegie Mellon University, VASC seminar, October 30, 2006
- *Improving Bag-of-Features Image Classification*, ETH Zurich, BIWI group seminar, September 12, 2006
- *The Beauty of Local Invariant Features*
 - Third Sicily Workshop on Object Recognition, September 21, 2006
 - Workshop on Visual Learning and Recognition, Institute for Mathematics and Its Applications, University of Minnesota, May 22, 2006
- *Local, Semi-Local and Global Models for Texture, Object and Scene Recognition*
 - University of Washington, April 13, 2006
 - University of Texas at Austin, March 28, 2006
 - Stanford University, March 6, 2006
 - University of Wisconsin at Madison, February 27, 2006
- *Local Image Features for Recognizing Textures, Objects, and Scenes*
 - Toyota Technical Institute, Chicago, February 2, 2006
 - Microsoft Research, Redmond, December 12, 2005
- *A Maximum Entropy Framework for Part-Based Texture and Object Recognition*
 - Snowbird Learning Workshop, April 6, 2005 (invited poster)
 - Workshop on Visual Recognition/Pattern Classification, Mathematical Sciences Research Institute, Berkeley, March 21, 2005
- *From Textons to Parts: Learning Texture and Object Representations Based on Local Image Features*
 - MIT Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Lab, August 16, 2005
 - Stanford University, March 22, 2005
 - Xerox Research Centre Europe, February 22, 2005
- *Semi-Local Parts and Their Relations for Object Recognition*,
 - INRIA Rhône-Alpes, February 21, 2005
 - Second Sicily Workshop on Object Recognition, October 11, 2004
- *Learning Local Affine Representations for Texture and Object Recognition*
 - Microsoft Research, Cambridge, September 6, 2004
 - Oxford University Robotics Research Group Seminar, August 31, 2004
 - CalTech Vision Group Seminar, April 13, 2004
 - Snowbird Learning Workshop, April 8, 2004
- *Texture Recognition Using Affine-Invariant Regions*,
 - INRIA Rhône-Alpes, October 23, 2003
 - First Sicily Workshop on Object Recognition, September 10, 2003

Teaching Experience

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

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| Fall 2025 | CS 591 PHD: Ph.D. Orientation Seminar |
| Fall 2025 | CS 591 SCH: Ph.D. Job Search Seminar |
| Spring 2025 | CS 444/ECE 494: Deep Learning for Computer Vision |
| Fall 2024 | CS 543/ECE 549: Computer Vision |
| Fall 2024 | CS 591 PHD: Ph.D. Job Search Seminar |
| Spring 2024 | CS 444: Deep Learning for Computer Vision |
| Fall 2023 | CS 598: Computer Vision: What will Stand the Test of Time? |
| Spring 2023 | CS 444: Deep Learning for Computer Vision |
| Fall 2022 | CS 543/ECE 549: Computer Vision |
| Spring 2022 | CS 444: Deep Learning for Computer Vision |
| Fall 2021 | CS 543/ECE 549: Computer Vision |
| Spring 2021 | CS 498: Introduction to Deep Learning |
| Fall 2020 | CS 498: Introduction to Deep Learning |
| Spring 2019 | CS 543/ECE 549: Computer Vision |
| Fall 2018 | CS 498: Introduction to Deep Learning |
| Spring 2018 | CS 543/ECE 549: Computer Vision – <i>made list of Teachers Ranked as Excellent</i> |
| Fall 2017 | CS 440/ECE 448: Artificial Intelligence |
| Spring 2017 | CS 598: Cutting-Edge Topics in Deep Learning and Recognition |
| Fall 2016 | CS 440/ECE 448: Artificial Intelligence |
| Spring 2016 | CS 543/ECE 549: Computer Vision |
| Fall 2015 | CS 440/ECE 448: Artificial Intelligence |
| Spring 2015 | CS 440/ECE 448: Artificial Intelligence |
| Spring 2014 | CS 543/ECE 549: Computer Vision |
| Fall 2013 | CS 440/ECE 448: Artificial Intelligence |
| Spring 2013 | CS 543/ECE 549: Computer Vision |
| Fall 2012 | CS 440/ECE 448: Artificial Intelligence |

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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| Fall 2011 | COMP 590-096: Artificial Intelligence |
| Spring 2011 | COMP 776: Computer Vision |
| Fall 2010 | COMP 590-096: Artificial Intelligence |
| Spring 2010 | COMP 776: Computer Vision |
| Fall 2009 | COMP 875: Machine Learning Methods for Image Analysis |
| Spring 2009 | COMP 776: Computer Vision |
| Fall 2008 | COMP 790-096: Computational Photography |
| Spring 2008 | COMP 776: Computer Vision – <i>winner of UNC CSSA Teaching Award</i> |
| Fall 2007 | COMP 790-096: Computer Vision and the Web |

Mentoring

Ph.D. Advisees

- Chang Liu (U of I, Ph.D. expected 2030)
- Dwip Dalal (U of I, ECE, Ph.D, expected 2029)
- Jay Mahajan (U of I, Ph.D. expected 2029)
- Shivansh Patel (U of I, Ph.D. expected 2026)
- Viraj Shah (U of I ECE, Ph.D. 2024, now at Google)
- Aiyu Cui (U of I, Ph.D. 2024, now at Amazon)
- Daniel McKee (U of I, Ph.D. 2023, now at Snap)
- Unnat Jain (U of I, M.S. 2018, Siebel Scholar class of 2018, winner of 2018 David J. Kuck Outstanding M.S. Thesis Award, Ph.D. 2022, now Assistant Professor at UC Irvine)

- Bryan Plummer (U of I, Ph.D. 2018, now Assistant Professor at Boston University)
- Liwei Wang (U of I, Ph.D. 2018, now Assistant Professor at CUHK)
- Arun Mallya (U of I, M.S. 2014, Siebel Scholar class of 2014, Ph.D. 2018, now at Meta)
- Yunchao Gong (UNC, Ph.D. 2014, winner of 2013 Google Ph.D. Fellowship in Machine Perception, now at Microsoft)
- Joseph Tighe (UNC, Ph.D. 2013, now at Amazon)

M.S. Advisees

- Asher Mai (U of I, ECE, M.S. 2025)
- Nidhish Kamath (U of I, Industrial Engineering, M.S. 2024)
- Shrey Sarswat (U of I, M.S. 2024)
- Nan Liu (U of I, M.S. 2023)
- Nikash Walia (U of I, M.S. 2023)
- Zitong Zhan (U of I, M.S. 2023)
- Xiaodan Du (U of I, M.S. 2020)
- Shubham Jain (U of I, M.S. 2019)
- Medhini Narasimhan (U of I, M.S. 2019, Siebel Scholar class of 2019, winner of 2019 David J. Kuck Outstanding M.S. Thesis Award)
- Jing Huang (U of I, M.S. 2018)
- Victor Ge (U of I, M.S. 2018)
- Hsiao-Ching Chang (U of I, M.S. 2018)
- Manav Kedia (U of I, M.S. 2017)
- Cecilia Mauceri (U of I, M.S. 2015)
- Mariyam Khalid (U of I, M.S. 2014)
- Hongtao Huang (UNC, M.S. 2013)
- Megha Pandey (UNC, M.S. 2011)
- Anson Liang (UNC, co-advised with Jan-Michael Frahm, M.S. 2011)
- Xiaowei Li (UNC, co-advised with Jan-Michael Frahm, M.S. 2010)

Ph.D. Committees

- U of I: Zicheng Liao, Scott Chen (ECE), Amin Sadeghi, Zhicheng Yan, Saurabh Singh, Daphne Tsatsoulis, Kevin Shih, Qieyun Dai, Ning Xu (ECE), Jiajun Lu, Jason Rock, Aditya Deshpande, Zhizhong Li, Tanmay Gupta, Jyoti Aneja, Zhongzheng Ren, Adam Stewart, Kedan Li, Zhepei Wang, Anand Bhattad, Matthew Chang (ECE), Mantas Mazeika, Jeffrey Zhang, Xiaoyang Bai, Patrick Naughton, Babak Asadi (Civil Engineering), Aditya Prakash, Casey Rodgers (Civil Engineering), Hongrui Zhao (Aerospace Engineering)
- UNC: Stephen Guy, Changchang Wu, Brian Clipp, David Gallup, Ilknur Kabul, Li Guan, Seon Joo Kim, Hadi Kiapour
- Duke: Susanna Ricco, Steve Gu

Post-Doctoral Scholars

- Tatiana Tommasi (UNC, co-advised with Alex and Tamara Berg, 2015-2016, now at Politecnico di Torino)
- Juan Caicedo (U of I, 2012-2014, now at University of Wisconsin, Madison)

Professional Service

- Editor in Chief: International Journal of Computer Vision (since 2018)

- Associate editor:
 - International Journal of Computer Vision (2009-2018)
 - IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (2014-2019)
 - Conference program chair:
 - IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition, 2023
 - International Conference on Computer Vision, 2019
 - European Conference on Computer Vision, 2012
 - Conference senior area chair: IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition, 2025
 - Conference workshop chair: IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition, 2016
 - Conference area chair:
 - IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2018, 2019, 2022
 - IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision, 2009, 2011, 2017
 - Neural Information Processing Systems, 2015
 - European Conference on Computer Vision, 2016, 2018
 - Conference session chair:
 - IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition, 2009 and 2011
 - IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision, 2011
- Conference and community awards committees:
- – CVPR Longuet-Higgins Award Committee: 2023
 - European Computer Vision Association Ph.D. Award Committee: 2022
 - PAMI Young Researcher Award Committee: 2021, 2022
 - ECCV Best Paper Award Committee: 2020
 - CVPR Best Paper Award Committee: 2015, 2016, 2017
 - Invited session/workshop co-organizer:
 - CVPR 2025 workshop, “How to Stand Out in the Crowd?”
 - CVPR 2024 workshop, “CV 20/20 A Retrospective Vision”
 - 2013 Annual Allerton Conference on Communication, Control and Computing invited session, “Active Learning, Search, and Visual Recognition”
 - NIPS 2010 workshop, “Beyond Classification: Machine Learning for Next Generation Computer Vision challenges”
 - Conference reviewing (regular):
 - IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition
 - IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision
 - European Conference on Computer Vision
 - Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems
 - Journal reviewing (regular):
 - Journal of Machine Learning Research
 - International Journal of Computer Vision
 - IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence
 - IEEE Transactions on Image Processing
 - Panelist: NSF CISE, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2016, 2018, 2023, 2025

University Service

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, CS Department

- Director of Graduate Studies, fall 2025 - present
- Associate Director of Graduate Studies, fall 2023 - summer 2025
- Graduate study committee, fall 2015 - spring 2016, fall 2022 - present
- Faculty hiring committee, fall 2013 - spring 2017, fall 2018 - spring 2019, fall 2021 - spring 2022
- AI group area chair, fall 2016 - fall 2018, fall 2020 - spring 2022
- CS advisory committee, fall 2016 - spring 2018
- Appeals, capricious grading, and student petitions committee, fall 2013 - spring 2014, fall 2020 - spring 2021
- Fellowships, assistantships, and admissions committee, fall 2012 - spring 2013
- Undergraduate study committee, fall 2012 - spring 2013
- CSE fellowship selection panel, spring 2012

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

- Graduate admissions committee, August 2007 - December 2011

Professional Development

- University of Illinois Academy for Excellence in Engineering Education (AE3) FastStart/Teaching College program, fall 2012 - spring 2013.