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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Computer Vision, Computational Photography, Machine Learning, Image Processing.

## EDUCATION

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- 2011 Ph.D. **Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA  
Engineering Sciences  
Thesis: Visual Inference with Statistical Models for Color and Texture  
Advisor: Todd Zickler
- 2008 S.M. **Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA  
Engineering Sciences
- 2006 M.Tech. **Indian Institute of Technology Madras**, Chennai, India  
Electrical Engineering (Communication Systems)
- 2006 B.Tech. **Indian Institute of Technology Madras**, Chennai, India  
Electrical Engineering

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- Sep 2017 -*Present* **Assistant Professor**, Computer Science & Engineering, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO.
- Sep 2014 -Aug 2017 **Research Assistant Professor**, Toyota Technological Institute at Chicago, Chicago, IL.
- Sep 2011 -Aug 2014 **Post-doctoral Fellow**, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.
- Jun 2007 -Aug 2011 **Graduate Research Assistant**, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.
- Jun 2009 -Aug 2009 **Research Intern**, Advanced Technology Labs, Adobe Systems, Newton, MA.
- Jun 2004 -Aug 2004 **Research Intern**, Industrial Imaging and Modeling Lab, GE Global Research, Bangalore, India.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Refereed

1. Charles Schaff, David Yunis, Ayan Chakrabarti, and Matthew R. Walter, "Jointly Optimizing Placement and Inference for Beacon-based Localization," **IEEE/RSJ Intl. Conf. on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)**, 2017.
2. Ayan Chakrabarti, "Learning Sensor Multiplexing Design through Back-propagation," **Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS)**, 2016.
3. Ayan Chakrabarti, Jingyu Shao, and Gregory Shakhnarovich, "Depth from a Single Image by Harmonizing Overcomplete Local Network Predictions," **Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS)**, 2016.
4. Ayan Chakrabarti, and Kalyan Sunkavalli, "Single-image RGB Photometric Stereo With Spatially-varying Albedo," Proc. of **IEEE Intl. Conf. on 3D Vision (3DV)**, 2016. (oral)
5. Ayan Chakrabarti, "A Neural Approach to Blind Motion Deblurring," Proc. of **European Conf. on Computer Vision (ECCV)**, 2016.
6. Ayan Chakrabarti, "Color Constancy by Learning to Predict Chromaticity from Luminance," **Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS)**, 2015. (spotlight)
7. Ayan Chakrabarti, Ying Xiong, Steven J. Gortler, and Todd Zickler, "Low-Level Vision by Consensus in a Spatial Hierarchy of Regions," Proc. of **IEEE Conf. on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)**, 2015.
8. Ying Xiong, Ayan Chakrabarti, Ronen Basri, Steven J. Gortler, David W. Jacobs, and Todd Zickler, "From Shading to Local Shape," **IEEE Trans. on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (PAMI)**, no. 37, vol. 1, pp. 67-79, 2015.

9. Ayan Chakrabarti, Ying Xiong, Baochen Sun, Trevor Darrell, Daniel Scharstein, Todd Zickler and Kate Saenko, "Modeling Radiometric Uncertainty for Vision with Tone-mapped Color Images," **IEEE Trans. on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (PAMI)**, no. 36, vol. 11, pp. 2185-2198, 2014.
10. Ayan Chakrabarti, William T. Freeman and Todd Zickler, "Rethinking Color Cameras," Proc. of **IEEE Intl. Conf. on Computational Photography (ICCP)**, 2014.
11. Ayan Chakrabarti and Todd Zickler, "Depth and Deblurring from a Spectrally-varying Depth-of-Field," Proc. of **European Conf. on Computer Vision (ECCV)**, 2012.
12. Ayan Chakrabarti, Keigo Hirakawa and Todd Zickler, "Color Constancy with Spatio-spectral Statistics," **IEEE Trans. on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (PAMI)**, no. 8, vol. 34, pp. 1509-1519, 2012.
13. Ayan Chakrabarti and Todd Zickler, "Statistics of Real-world Hyperspectral Images," Proc. of **IEEE Conf. on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)**, 2011.
14. Trevor Owens, Kate Saenko, Ayan Chakrabarti, Ying Xiong, Todd Zickler and Trevor Darrell, "Learning Object Color Models from Multi-view Constraints," Proc. of **IEEE Conf. on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)**, 2011.
15. Ayan Chakrabarti, Todd Zickler and William T. Freeman, "Analyzing Spatially-varying Blur," Proc. of **IEEE Conf. on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)**, 2010.
16. Ayan Chakrabarti, Daniel Scharstein and Todd Zickler, "An Empirical Camera Model for Internet Color Vision," Proc. of **British Machine Vision Conference (BMVC)**, 2009.
17. Ayan Chakrabarti, Keigo Hirakawa and Todd Zickler, "Color Constancy Beyond Bags of Pixels," Proc. of **IEEE Conf. on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)**, 2008.
18. Ayan Chakrabarti and Keigo Hirakawa, "Effective Separation of Sparse and Non-Sparse Image Features for Denoising," Proc. of **The IEEE Conf. on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Proc. (ICASSP)**, 2008.
19. Ayan Chakrabarti, A.N. Rajagopalan and Rama Chellappa, "Super-resolution of Face Images Using Kernel PCA-Based Prior," **IEEE Trans. on Multimedia**, no. 4, vol. 9, pp. 888-892, 2007.

### Pre-prints / Reports

- Zhihao Xia, and Ayan Chakrabarti, "Identifying Recurring Patterns with Deep Neural Networks for Natural Image Denoising," **arXiv:1806.05229**, 2018.
- Francesco Pittaluga, Sanjeev J. Koppal, and Ayan Chakrabarti, "Learning Privacy Preserving Encodings through Adversarial Training," **arXiv:1802.05214**, 2018.
- Charles Schaff, David Yunis, Ayan Chakrabarti, and Matthew R. Walter, "Jointly Learning to Construct and Control Agents using Deep Reinforcement Learning," **arXiv:1801.01432**, 2018.
- Behnam Neyshabur, Srinadh Bhojanapalli, and Ayan Chakrabarti, "Stabilizing GAN Training with Multiple Random Projections," **arXiv:1705.07831**, 2017.
- Igor Vasiljevic, Ayan Chakrabarti, and Gregory Shakhnarovich, "Examining the Impact of Blur on Recognition by Convolutional Networks," **arXiv:1611.05760**, 2017.
- Ayan Chakrabarti and Todd Zickler, "Image Restoration with Signal-dependent Camera Noise," **arXiv:1204.2994**, 2012.

### STUDENTS ADVISING & COLLABORATION

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- Zhihao Xia. PhD. CS, WashU 2017-Present. (Primary Advisor)
- Patrick Sullivan. MS CS, WashU 2017. (MS Project Advisor)
- David Yunis. Visiting UG Student, TTIC 2016-17. (Co-advised with Matthew R. Walter)
- Igor Vasiljevic. Visiting MS Student, TTIC 2016-17. (Co-advised with Greg Shakhnarovich)
- Francesco Pittaluga. Visiting PhD. Student, TTIC Fall 2016.
- Jingyu Shao. Visiting Student, TTIC Summer 2015. (Co-advised with Greg Shakhnarovich)

## GRANTS AND GIFTS

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- NSF: RI: Small: Collaborative Research: Structured Inference for Low-Level Vision, 2016-19. Role: PI. Award Amount: **\$194,612**.
- Adobe Systems Inc. 2014-15, Research collaboration funding. Award Amount: **\$20,500**.
- NVIDIA Corporation 2015, Hardware donation.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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- General and Program Chair: ICCP 2020.
- Area Chair: CVPR 2018.
- Area Chair: 3DV 2017.
- Local Arrangements Chair, ICCP 2015.
- Conference Program Committee: CVPR 2011-2017; ECCV 2012-2018; ICCV 2011-2017; ICCP 2013-2018; NIPS 2015-18; ICLR 2017-2018, ICML 2017-2018, AAAI 2015,2017; SIGGRAPH 2014,2017; SIGGRAPH Asia 2014,2016,2018; ACCV 2016.
- Journal Reviews: IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (PAMI), IEEE Transactions on Image Processing, International Journal of Computer Vision, Journal on Pattern Recognition, Pattern Recognition Letters, IEEE Transactions on Multimedia, SPIE Journal on Electronic Imaging (JEI), IET Computer Vision, Journal of Visual Communication and Image Representation, Image and Vision Computing Journal, IEEE Transactions on Computational Imaging.
- Member, IEEE (2007-present).

## TEACHING

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### As Instructor

- WashU: CSE 559A - Computer Vision. Fall 2017. Enrollment: 32 (6 UG, 7 PhD, 19 MS). Student Evaluation (median rating)—Course: 7/7, Instructor: 7/7.

### As Course Staff

- Teaching Fellow: **CS283 - Computer Vision**, Harvard Fall 2009.
- Teaching Fellow: **ES251r - Advanced Machine Learning**, Harvard Spring 2008.
- Teaching Assistant: **EC 424: Image Signal Processing**, IIT Madras Spring 2006.
- Teaching Assistant: **EC 206: Principles of Communication**, IIT Madras Fall 2005.

## AWARDS

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- Outstanding Reviewer, IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition, CVPR (2017).
- Outstanding Reviewer, IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition, CVPR (2015).
- Outstanding Reviewer, European Conference on Computer Vision, ECCV (2012).
- Fellowship, Harvard School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (2006-2008).