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Research Interests	Artificial intelligence, robotics, data science.	
Education	HARVARD UNIVERSITY	Ph.D. in Computer Science, 2002
	Dissertation: <i>Adaptive Tree Search</i> . Advisor: Stuart M. Shieber.	
	HARVARD COLLEGE	A.B. <i>cum laude</i> in Computer Science, 1993
	Honors thesis: <i>Stochastic Approximation Algorithms for Number Partitioning</i> .	
Honors	Best P.C. Member Award, Int'l Conf. on Automated Planning and Scheduling	2020
	Fellow, National Academy of Inventors	2018
	Senior Member, Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence	2016
	Best Student Paper Award, Symposium on Combinatorial Search	2015
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	Outstanding Assistant Professor Award, University of New Hampshire	2012
	Best Paper Presentation Award, Symposium on Combinatorial Search	2010
	Personal letter of commendation from the President of R&D, Xerox Corporation	2006
	Golden Acorn Award for most valuable patent of the year (co-winner), PARC	2005
	Best Application Paper Award, Int'l Conf. on Automated Planning and Scheduling	2005
	Outstanding Performance Award, PARC	2003, 2005
Professional Experience	Thomas T. Hoopes Prize for undergraduate research, Harvard College	1993
	UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE	
	<i>Professor</i>	August 2017–present
	Co-leading creation of undergraduate and graduate data science programs.	
	<i>Associate Professor</i>	August 2012–July 2017
	Led hiring of three additional AI-related faculty.	
	<i>Assistant Professor</i>	July 2007–July 2012
	Restarted the department's research presence in artificial intelligence.	
	LAAS-CNRS and INSA TOULOUSE	
	<i>Visiting Researcher</i>	August 2013–July 2014
	Sabbatical visitor in the planning and robotics group with Malik Ghallab and Félix Ingrand.	
	PALO ALTO RESEARCH CENTER	
Edited Proceedings	<i>Area Manager, Embedded Reasoning</i>	April 2005–June 2007
	Led a group of seven Ph.D.-level researchers in AI and control. Responsible for technical direction, sponsor relationships, hiring, budget, and patent applications.	
	<i>Research Staff</i>	July 2002–March 2005
	Initiated group research direction in artificial intelligence planning. Designed and built core software for a major Xerox robotics project.	
Edited Proceedings	Roman Barták, Wheeler Ruml, Oren Salzman (eds), <i>Proceedings of the Sixteenth International Symposium on Combinatorial Search (SoCS-23)</i> , AAAI Press, 209 pp., 2023.	

Steve Chien, Alan Fern, Wheeler Ruml, and Minh Do (eds), *Proceedings of the Twenty-fourth International Conference on Automated Planning and Scheduling (ICAPS-14)*, AAAI Press, 564 pp., 2014.

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David Furcy, Sven Koenig, Wheeler Ruml, and Rong Zhou (eds), *Proceedings of the First International Symposium on Search Techniques in Artificial Intelligence and Robotics (STAIR-08)*, AAAI Press Technical Report WS-08-10, 184 pp., 2008.

Ian Miguel and Wheeler Ruml (eds), *Abstraction, Reformulation, and Approximation: Proceedings of the Seventh International Symposium*, Springer Lecture Notes in Artificial Intelligence, volume 4612, 418 pp., 2007.

Raja Bala, Linda Emberley, Patrick Mazeau, Howard Mizes, Emily Moore, Peter Odell, Sudhendu Rai, Palghat Ramesh, Cheryl Roland, Wheeler Ruml, and Tracie Zanders (eds), *Proceedings of the First Annual Xerox Innovation Group Research and Technology Conference*, 328 pp., 2006. (not distributed externally)

Wheeler Ruml and Frank Hutter (eds), *Learning for Search: Papers from the AAAI Workshop*, AAAI Press Technical Report WS-06-11, 154 pp., 2006.

Journal Publications

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Matthew Hatem, Ethan Burns, and Wheeler Ruml, “Solving Large Problems with Heuristic Search: General-Purpose Parallel External-Memory Search,” *Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research*, 62, pp. 233–268, 2018.

Christopher Wilt and Wheeler Ruml, “Effective Heuristics for Suboptimal Best-First Search,” *Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research*, 57, pp. 273–306, 2016.

Scott Kiesel, Ethan Burns, and Wheeler Ruml, “Achieving Goals Quickly Using Real-time Search: Experimental Results in Video Games,” *Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research*, 54, pp. 123–158, 2015.

Jarad Cannon, Kevin Rose, and Wheeler Ruml, “Real-time Heuristic Search for Motion Planning with Dynamic Obstacles,” *AI Communications*, 27, pp. 345–362, 2014.

Ethan Burns, Wheeler Ruml, and Minh B. Do, “Heuristic Search When Time Matters,” *Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research*, 47, pp. 697–740, 2013.

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Ethan Burns, Sofia Lemons, Wheeler Ruml, and Rong Zhou, “Best-First Heuristic Search for Multicore Machines,” *Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research*, 39, pp. 689–743, 2010.

Yi Shang, Wheeler Ruml, and Markus P. J. Fromherz, “Positioning using Local Maps,” *Ad Hoc Networks*, 4(2), pp. 240–253, 2006.

Wheeler Ruml, Alfonso Caramazza, Rita Capasso, and Gabriele Miceli, “Interactivity and Continuity in Language Production: An Investigation Using Italian Aphasics,” *Cognitive Neuropsychology*, 22(2), pp. 131–168, 2005.

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Wheeler Ruml, Alfonso Caramazza, Jennifer R. Shelton, and Doriana Chialant, “Testing Assumptions in Computational Theories of Aphasia,” *Journal of Memory and Language*, 43(2), pp. 217–248, 2000.

Wheeler Ruml and Alfonso Caramazza, “An Evaluation of a Computational Model of Lexical Access: Comment on Dell et al. (1997),” *Psychological Review*, 107(3), pp. 609–634, 2000.

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Issa K. Hanou, Devin Wild Thomas, Wheeler Ruml, and Mathijs de Weerd, “Replanning in Advance for Instant Delay Recovery in Multi-agent Applications: Rerouting Trains in a Railway Hub,” *Proceedings of the Thirty-fourth International Conference on Automated Planning and Scheduling (ICAPS-24)*, 2024.

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Andrew Mitchell, Wheeler Ruml, Fabian Spaniol, Jörg Hoffmann, and Marek Petrik, “Real-time Planning as Decision-making Under Uncertainty,” *Proceedings of the Thirty-third AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI-19)*, 2019.

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Jordan T. Thayer and Wheeler Ruml, “Bounded Suboptimal Search: A Direct Approach Using Inadmissible Estimates,” *Proceedings of the Twenty-second International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI-11)*, 2011.

Jordan T. Thayer, Austin Dionne, and Wheeler Ruml, “Learning Inadmissible Heuristics During Search,” *Proceedings of the Twenty-first International Conference on Automated Planning and Scheduling (ICAPS-11)*, 2011.

Bradford Larsen, Ethan Burns, Wheeler Ruml, and Robert C. Holte, “Searching Without a Heuristic: Efficient Use of Abstraction,” *Proceedings of the Twenty-fourth AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI-10)*, 2010.

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Silvia Richter, Jordan T. Thayer, and Wheeler Ruml, “The Joy of Forgetting: Faster Anytime Search via Restarting,” *Proceedings of the Twentieth International Conference on Automated Planning and Scheduling (ICAPS-10)*, 2010.

Ethan Burns, Seth Lemons, Wheeler Ruml, and Rong Zhou, “Suboptimal and Anytime Heuristic Search on Multi-Core Machines,” *Proceedings of the Nineteenth International Conference on Automated Planning and Scheduling (ICAPS-09)*, 2009.

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David M. Bond, Niels A. Widger, Wheeler Ruml and Xiaoxun Sun, “Real-Time Search in Dynamic Worlds,” *Proceedings of the Symposium on Combinatorial Search (SoCS-10)*, 2010.

Jordan Thayer and Wheeler Ruml, “Anytime Heuristic Search: Frameworks and Algorithms,” *Proceedings of the Symposium on Combinatorial Search (SoCS-10)*, 2010.

Christopher Wilt, Jordan Thayer and Wheeler Ruml, “A Comparison of Greedy Search Algorithms,” *Proceedings of the Symposium on Combinatorial Search (SoCS-10)*, 2010.

Ethan Burns, Sofia Lemons, Wheeler Ruml, and Rong Zhou, “Parallel Best-First Search: The Role of Abstraction,” *Proceedings of the AAAI-10 Workshop on Abstraction, Reformulation, and Approximation (WARA-10)*, 2010.

Seth Lemons, J. Benton, Wheeler Ruml, Minh B. Do, and Sungwook Yoon, “Continual On-line Planning as Decision-Theoretic Incremental Heuristic Search,” *Proceedings of the AAAI Spring Symposium on Embedded Reasoning*, 2010.

Ethan Burns, Seth Lemons, Wheeler Ruml, and Rong Zhou, “Parallel Best-First Search: Optimal and Suboptimal Solutions,” *Proceedings of the International Symposium on Combinatorial Search (SoCS-09)*, 2009.

Silvia Richter, Jordan T. Thayer, and Wheeler Ruml, “The Joy of Forgetting: Faster Anytime Search via Restarting,” *Proceedings of the International Symposium on Combinatorial Search (SoCS-09)*, 2009.

Jordan T. Thayer, Wheeler Ruml, and Jeff Kreis, “Using Distance Estimates in Heuristic Search: A Re-evaluation,” *Proceedings of the International Symposium on Combinatorial Search (SoCS-09)*, 2009.

Allen Hubbe, Wheeler Ruml, Sungwook Yoon, J. Benton, and Minh B. Do, “On-line Anticipatory Planning,” *Proceedings of the ICAPS-08 Workshop on A Reality Check for Planning and Scheduling Under Uncertainty*, 2008.

Jordan T. Thayer, Wheeler Ruml, and Ephrat Bitton, “Fast and Loose in Bounded Suboptimal Heuristic Search,” *Proceedings of the First International Symposium on Heuristic Search in Artificial Intelligence and Robotics (STAIR-08)*, pp. 120–126, 2008.

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Wheeler Ruml and Elisabeth H. Crawford, “Best-first Utility-Guided Search,” *Working Notes of the IJCAI-05 Workshop on Planning and Learning in A Priori Unknown or Dynamic Domains*, pp. 103–109, 2005.

Ying Lu, Lara S. Crawford, Wheeler Ruml, Markus P. J. Fromherz, “Feedback Control for Real-Time Solving,” *Working Notes of the CP-04 Workshop on Constraint Solving under Change and Uncertainty (Changes-04)*, pp. 21–35, 2004.

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Wheeler Ruml, “Using Prior Knowledge with Adaptive Probing,” *Proceedings of the 2001 AAAI Fall Symposium on Using Uncertainty Within Computation* (AAAI Technical Report FS-01-04), pp. 116–120, 2001.

Wheeler Ruml, “Stochastic Tree Search: Where to Put the Randomness?,” *Proceedings of the IJCAI-01 Workshop on Stochastic Search*, pp. 43–47, 2001.

Wheeler Ruml, “Learning to Search Trees,” selected for oral presentation at *The AAAI-2000 Workshop on Leveraging Probability and Uncertainty in Computation*, 2000.

Wheeler Ruml, “Alan W. Biermann, *Great Ideas in Computer Science*” (book review), *Mind and Machines*, 9(3), pp. 417–421, 1999.

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Brad Andalman, Kathy Ryall, Wheeler Ruml, Joe Marks, and Stuart Shieber, “Design Gallery Browsers Based on 2D and 3D Graph Drawing,” *Proceedings of the International Symposium on Graph Drawing (GD '97)*, Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol. 1353, Springer-Verlag, pp. 322–329, 1998.

Trade Publications

Lara S. Crawford, Minh Binh Do, Wheeler Ruml, Haitham Hindi, Craig Eldershaw, Rong Zhou, Lukas Kuhn, Markus P.J. Fromherz, David Biegelsen, Johan de Kleer, Daniel Lerner, “On-line Reconfigurable Machines,” *AI Magazine*, Fall, pp. 73–88, 2013.

Matthew Hatem, Ethan Burns, and Wheeler Ruml, “Problem Solving with Heuristic Search and Java,” *IBM developerWorks*, July, 2013, 24 pp. Chinese, Japanese, and Russian translations, January, 2014.

Theses

Wheeler Ruml, *Adaptive Tree Search*. Ph.D. thesis, Harvard University, May, 2002, 144 pp.

Wheeler Ruml, *Stochastic Approximation Algorithms for Number Partitioning*. Undergraduate honors thesis and Harvard CS Technical Report TR-17-93, April, 1993, 79 pp.

Unrefereed Publications

Christopher Wilt, Jordan Thayer, and Wheeler Ruml, “Selecting a Greedy Search Algorithm,” UNH CS Technical Report 10-07, 18 pp.

Wheeler Ruml, Adam Ginsburg, and Stuart Shieber, “Speculative Pruning for Boolean Satisfiability,” Harvard CS Technical Report TR-02-99, 18 pp.

Wheeler Ruml, Joe Marks, Stuart Shieber, and Tom Ngo, “Seed-Growth Heuristics for Graph Bisection,” Harvard CS Technical Report TR-10-99, 33 pp.

Grants

Planning and Acting While Time Passes October, 2020–September, 2024
NSF Robust Intelligence Program, \$499,807. Additional funding for international collaborators via the NSF-BSF program.

A Handbook for Heuristic Search September, 2020–May, 2021
UNH Faculty Scholars Program, sabbatical teaching release.

Modular AI Based Response Engine for ICS NTA and Correction July, 2018–December, 2019
In cooperation with C3I, Inc. NH IRC, \$60,453.

Advanced Analysis of Geothermal Heat Pump System Data July, 2017–August, 2018
PI: Matt Davis. DoE SBIR Program, \$150,000.

- UNH Data Science Working Group* July, 2017–June, 2018
Co-PIs: Mark Lyon, Tevfik Aktekin. UNH CoRE Program, \$9,915.
- Research Experiences for Undergraduates Supplement Summer, 2015
NSF Robust Intelligence Program, \$6,160.
- Visiting Researcher Fellowship August, 2013–May, 2014
LAAS-CNRS and INSA Toulouse.
- From Heuristic Search To Robotics* September, 2013–May, 2014
UNH Faculty Scholars Program, sabbatical teaching release.
- Time-Aware Heuristic Search* June, 2012–May, 2017
NSF Career Program, \$498,403.
- International Collaboration Supplement Summer, 2011
NSF Robust Intelligence Program, \$18,508.
- Research Experiences for Undergraduates Supplement Summer, 2011
NSF Robust Intelligence Program, \$12,000.
- Time-aware Optimization for Battlespace Management* June, 2010–May, 2013
DARPA Computer Science Study Group Program, \$396,120.
- A Symposium on Combinatorial Search* July, 2009–June, 2010
Co-PIs: Sven Koenig, Rong Zhou. NSF Robust Intelligence Program, \$30,971.
- International Development Grant Summer, 2009
UNH Center for International Education, \$500.
- Lightweight Metareasoning for Ubiquitous Optimization* March, 2009–May, 2010
DARPA Computer Science Study Group Program, \$99,220.
- Combinatorial Search Algorithms as Rational Agents* September, 2008–August, 2012
NSF Robust Intelligence Program, \$448,192.
- A Symposium Series on Heuristic Search and Its Applications* June, 2008–May, 2009
Co-PIs: David Furcy, Sven Koenig, Rong Zhou. NSF Robust Intelligence Program, \$14,646.

Patents

- Sungwook Yoon, Wheeler Ruml, Minh B. Do, “AI Planning-based Quasi-Montecarlo Simulation Method for Probabilistic Planning,” US patent 8,473,447 issued June, 2013.
- Wheeler Ruml, Minh B. Do, Rong Zhou, and Haitham Hindi, “System and Method for Real-Time System Control Using Precomputed Plans,” US patent 7,925,366, issued April, 2011. Also filed in Japan.
- Minh B. Do, Wheeler Ruml, and Rong Zhou, “Model-Based Planning with Multi-Capacity Resources,” US patent 9,250,967 issued February, 2016. Also filed in Europe.
- Wheeler Ruml, Minh B. Do, and Rong Zhou, “System and Method for On-Line Planning Utilizing Multiple Planning Queues,” US patent 7,590,464 issued September, 2009 and US patent 8,463,416 issued June, 2013. Also filed in Japan.
- Wheeler Ruml, “System and Method for Bounded Sub-Optimal Problem-Solving,” US patent 7,966,336, issued June, 2011. Also filed in Japan.
- Wheeler Ruml and Minh B. Do, “Exception Handling,” US patent 8,145,335, issued March 2012. Also filed in Japan.
- Wheeler Ruml, Robert M. Lofthus, and Minh B. Do, “Model-Based Planning Using Query-Based Model Components,” US patent 7,689,311, issued March, 2010. Also filed in Japan.

Wheeler Ruml, “System and Method for Solving Multiple Interacting State-Space Search Problems,” US patent 8,086,595, issued December, 2011.

Meera Sampath, Markus P. J. Fromherz, Dusan G. Lysy, Rajinderjeet S. Minhas, Naveen Sharma, William J. Hannaway, Wheeler Ruml, “Fault Management for a Printing System,” US patent 8,607,102 issued December, 2013.

Haitham Hindi and Wheeler Ruml, “System and Method for Manufacturing System Design and Shop Scheduling Using Network Flow Modeling,” US patent 8,407,077, issued March, 2013.

Wheeler Ruml and Elisabeth H. Crawford, “System and Method for Time-aware Path Finding,” US patent 7,389,279, issued June, 2008.

Lara S. Crawford, Haitham A. Hindi, Markus P. J. Fromherz, Craig Eldershaw, Wheeler Ruml, and Kimon D. Roufas, “Distributed Control Systems and Methods that Selectively Activate Respective Coordinators for Respective Tasks,” US patent 7,873,962 issued January, 2011.

Wheeler Ruml and Markus P. J. Fromherz, “System and Method for Production Planning Utilizing On-line State-space Planning,” US patent 7,451,132, issued November, 2008.

Yi Shang and Wheeler Ruml, “Node Localization in Communication Networks,” US patent 7,457,860, issued November, 2008.

Wheeler Ruml, Robert M. Lofthus, Ronald J. Root, Markus P. J. Fromherz, and Marc W. Webster, “Exception Handling in Manufacturing Systems Combining On-line Planning and Predetermined Rules,” US patent 7,043,321, issued May, 2006. Also filed in Europe and Japan.

Wheeler Ruml and Markus P. J. Fromherz, “System and Method Utilizing Temporal Constraints to Coordinate Multiple Planning Sessions,” US patent 6,898,475, issued May, 2005. Also filed in Europe and Japan. Co-winner of 2005 PARC Golden Acorn Award for most valuable patent of the year.

Wheeler Ruml, Joseph Marks, Kathleen Ryall, and Stuart M. Shieber, “User Interface for Creation of Image Generation and Transformation Functions,” US patent 6,421,050, issued July, 2002. Also filed in Europe and Japan.

Invited Presentations

Invited Talks

“Artificial Intelligence: What, Why, and When”

UNH Institute on Disability, April 2024

Portsmouth Public Library, November 2023

Durham Active Retirees Association, October 2018

“Suboptimal Heuristic Search”

Symposium on Combinatorial Search, July 2022

“Writing Papers and Giving Talks”

ICAPS Doctoral Consortium, June 2022

“Planning Under Time Pressure: Beyond Lower Bounds”

University of Oxford, March 2022

“Planning Under Time Pressure as Decision-making Under Uncertainty”

University of New Hampshire, February 2020

“Fast Motion Planning Using Ideas from Graph Search”

Worcester Polytechnic Institute, November 2018

“Robots: Today and Tomorrow”

Durham Active Retirees Association, November 2018

- “Goal Reasoning as Multilevel Planning”
IJCAI-18 Workshop on Goal Reasoning, July 2018
- “Planning: When Optimal Is Just Not Good Enough”
New Mexico State University (the 2015-16 Frank Harary Distinguished Lecture), April 2016
- “Robots: Today and Tomorrow”
Kendal at Hanover Retirement Community, January 2015
- “Two General Approaches for Fast Planning”
MIT, October 2014
- “Better Than Optimal Planning: Balancing Search Time and Solution Cost”
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel, March 2014
Universität Basel, Switzerland, March 2014
LAAS-CNRS, France, February 2014
ONERA Toulouse, France, January 2014
- “The Symposium on Combinatorial Search: What’s Hot”
AAAI, July 2013
- “What Your Mama Didn’t Tell You About Heuristic Search”
ICAPS, June 2013
- “Integrating Vehicle Routing and Motion Planning”
ICRA Workshop on Combining Task and Motion Planning, May 2013
- “Planning Algorithms: When Optimal Just Isn’t Good Enough”
Vassar College, November 2012
Harvard University, September 2012
Tufts University, September 2012
University of Massachusetts, Lowell, November 2011
- “Search Algorithms as Agents”
Symposium on Combinatorial Search, July 2011
- “Best-first Graph Search on Multicore Machines”
Dagstuhl Seminar on Graph Search Engineering, November 2009
- “Job Hunting in Industry and Academia”
ICAPS Doctoral Consortium, September 2008, May 2010, June 2013, June 2015
- “Planning Under Time Pressure”
Williams College, October 2007
- “Heuristic Search and Rational Agents”
University of New Hampshire, March 2007
Worcester Polytechnic Institute, February 2007
Pomona College, February 2007
- “Learning to Search Trees”
Stanford University, March 2006
- “On-line Planning for High-speed Manufacturing”
University of Nebraska, Lincoln, November 2005
University of Alberta, Edmonton, November 2005
- “Best-first Search for Combinatorial Optimization”
University of California, Berkeley, April 2002
SRI International, April 2002
Palo Alto Research Center, April 2002

“Computational Modeling of Lexical Access”

U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Ground, February, 2000

Tutorials

“Suboptimal Heuristic Search and Motion Planning”

ICAPS Summer School, May 2024

“Recent Directions in Heuristic Search”

with Ariel Felner and Nathan Sturtevant, AAAI 2016

“Heuristic Search: The Basics and Beyond”

with Jordan Thayer, ICAPS 2012 and AAAI 2012

“Using Solution Length Estimates in Heuristic Search”

with Jordan Thayer, ICAPS 2011

“A Survey of Suboptimal Search Algorithms”

with Jordan Thayer, ICAPS 2011

Panel Presentations

‘Ideas on Tap’ by New Hampshire Humanities, 2019

Symposium on Combinatorial Search, 2015 (moderator)

Symposium on Combinatorial Search, 2010 (moderator)

ICAPS Workshop on Planning and Learning, 2007

ICAPS Workshop on Planning Under Uncertainty and Execution Control for Autonomous Systems, 2006

AAAI Fall Symposium on Using Uncertainty Within Computation, 2001

**Teaching
Experience**

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Instructor

Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

Spring 2008–present

Algorithms

Fall 2010–present

Planning for Robots

Spring 2013, Fall 2014–present

Combinatorial Search and Heuristic Optimization

Fall 2008–2009, Spring 2011–2012

Classic Papers in Artificial Intelligence

Fall 2008

Undergraduate Presentation Seminar

Fall 2007, Spring 2008

PALO ALTO RESEARCH CENTER

Guest Lecturer

Foundations of Constraint Processing (University of Nebraska, Lincoln)

Fall 2005

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Instructor

Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

Fall 2001

Co-lecturer

Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

Fall 1999, 2000

Guest Lecturer

Introduction to Computer Science II (Harvard Summer School)

Summer 1998, 1999

Theory of Computation

Fall 1997

Theory of Computation (Harvard Extension School)

Fall 1997

**Students
Supervised**

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Ph.D. Dissertations

Tianyi Gu, *Metareasoning for Heuristic Search Using Uncertainty*

Summer 2016–Fall 2021

Bence Cserna, <i>Real-time Planning for Robots</i>	Spring 2015–Spring 2019
Scott Kiesel, <i>Robotics Needs Non-classical Planning</i>	Fall 2010–Summer 2016
Matt Hatem, <i>Heuristic Search with Limited Memory</i>	Fall 2010–Spring 2014
Chris Wilt, <i>Steps Towards a Science of Heuristic Search</i>	Summer 2009–Spring 2014
Ethan Burns, <i>Planning Under Time Pressure</i>	Fall 2008–Spring 2013
Jordan Thayer, <i>Heuristic Search Under Time and Cost Bounds</i>	Summer 2007–Spring 2012

M.S. Theses

Kevin Gall, <i>Active Goal Recognition Design</i>	Spring 2020–Spring 2021
Alex Brown, <i>Real Time Motion Planning for Path Coverage with Applications in Ocean Surveying</i>	Fall 2018–Summer 2020
Brendan McGuirk, <i>Assigning Students to Groups Based on Preference and Traits</i>	Fall 2019–Spring 2020
Daroc Alden, <i>Exploiting More Binaries by Using Planning to Assemble ROP Attacks</i>	Spring 2019–Spring 2020
Andrew Mitchell, <i>Real-time Planning as Decision-making Under Uncertainty</i>	Fall 2017–Fall 2018
Dylan O’Ceallaigh, <i>Metareasoning in Real-time Heuristic Search</i>	Spring 2013–Fall 2014
Frank Kreimendahl, <i>Stacker Crane Problem State Space Reduction</i>	Summer 2012–Spring 2013
Chris Sexton, <i>Anytime Solving by Solution Refinement</i>	Fall 2011–Fall 2012
Mike Leighton, <i>Faster Optimal and Suboptimal Hierarchical Search</i>	Summer 2010–Spring 2012
Jarad Cannon, <i>Robot Motion Planning Using Real-time Heuristic Search</i>	Fall 2010–Fall 2011
Kevin Rose, <i>Real-time Sampling-based Motion Planning with Dynamic Obstacles</i>	Summer 2010–Fall 2011
Austin Dionne, <i>Heuristic Search Under a Deadline</i>	Summer 2010–Spring 2011

M.S. Projects

Yi Wang, Motion Planning Amid Dynamic Obstacles	Spring 2019–Spring 2020
Sai Lekyang, Monte Carlo Tree Search	Spring 2019–Summer 2019
Kasra Dalvand, Exploring a Maze Using a Pioneer 3-DX Robot	Spring 2014–Spring 2015
Jake Mandel, Scheduling for Quality	Fall 2007–Fall 2009

Graduate Research

Bryan McKenney, AI for <i>Duelyst II</i>	Spring 2023–present
Caleb Hill, Comparing planners	Spring 2023–Spring 2024
Devin Thomas, Situated planning	Fall 2021–present
Steve Wissow, Suboptimal search	Summer 2020–present
Sofia Lemons, Suboptimal search	Fall 2008–2010, Summer 2020–Fall 2023
Yi Wang, Anyangle pathfinding	Spring 2019–Spring 2022
Jordan Ramsdell, Real-time search	Spring 2017–Summer 2017
Nate Beaulieu, Suboptimal search	Fall 2016–Summer 2017
Alison Paredes, Longest paths	Summer 2016–Fall 2018
William Doyle, Suboptimal search	Summer 2016–Fall 2020
Patrick Merrill, Multi-level planning	Spring–Summer 2015
Simon Obgamichael, Class sectioning	Summer 2014
Stephen Dunn, Motion planning	Summer 2013–Summer 2014
David Bond, Real-time search	Spring–Fall 2009

Ph.D. External Examiner

Maximilian Fickert, <i>Adaptive Search Techniques in AI Planning and Heuristic Search</i> , Saarland University, January, 2022	
Marlin P. Strub, <i>Leveraging Multiple Sources of Information to Search Continuous Spaces</i> , University of Oxford, January, 2022	
Rick Valenzano, <i>Design Decisions in Suboptimal Heuristic Search-based Systems</i> , University of Alberta, September, 2014	

David Tolpin, *Rational Metareasoning in Problem-Solving Search*, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, January, 2014

Santiago Franco, *Automatic Heuristic Selection, on a Problem by Problem Basis, Using an Analytical Model and In Situ Sampling*, University of Auckland, November, 2010

Ph.D. Committee Member

Bahram Behzadian, *Efficient Data-Driven Robust Policies for Reinforcement Learning*, University of New Hampshire, May, 2022.

Madison Clark-Turner, *High Level Learning Using the Temporal Features of Human Demonstrated Sequential Tasks*, University of New Hampshire, August, 2021.

Reazul Hasan Russel, *Learning to Act with Robustness*, University of New Hampshire, June, 2021

Dan Pineo, *The Application of Computational Modeling to Data Visualization*, University of New Hampshire, December, 2010

M.S. Committee Member

Leonhard Staut, *Data-driven Nancy for Real-time Planning*, Saarland University, December, 2019

Fabian Spaniol, *Planning under strict time limits*, Saarland University, September, 2018

Mike Johnson, *Extraterrestrial Resource Prospecting Using Particle Swarm Optimization and Conflict-based Search*, University of New Hampshire, December, 2016

Chris Hebert, *Inferring Types to Eliminate Ownership Checks in an Intentional JavaScript Compiler*, University of New Hampshire, May, 2015

Doctoral Mentoring Programs

AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) 2024

International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI) 2011

International Conference on Automated Planning and Scheduling (ICAPS) 2007, 2008, 2010, 2013, 2019

Senior Theses

Bryan McKenney, *General-Purpose Planning Algorithms in Partially-Observable Stochastic Games* Spring 2022–Spring 2023

Brian Cawley, *Quantization in Suboptimal Heuristic Search* Fall 2018–Spring 2019

Chao Chi Cheng, *Real-time Heuristic Search in Dynamic Environments* Summer 2018–Spring 2019

Shane Kochvi, *Does Fast Beat Thorough?: Comparing Real-Time Search Algorithms LSS-LRTA* and RTAA**

Fall 2016–2017

Adam Nastasia, *Explorations with a Custom RGBD Camera System* Fall 2016–Spring 2017

Dylan O’Ceallaigh, *Enhanced Real-time Search for Dynamic Worlds* Fall 2012–Spring 2013

Chris Hebert, *Real-time Cooperative Path-finding* Spring 2012–2013

Kevin Rose, *Best-first Search for Solving Constraint Satisfaction Problems* Spring 2009–2010

Undergraduate Research

Autumn Nippert, Parallel search Summer 2024

Kyle Goodwin, Suboptimal search Summer 2024

Lucas Guerrette and Bryan McKenney, Task and motion planning Summer 2020

Tyler Slabinski, Motion planning Summer 2015

Jennifer Baker, Real-time search Fall 2010–2011

Allen Hubbe, Modeling heuristic error Summer 2008

Austin Dionne, Shortest-path search under a deadline Fall 2007–Spring 2008

Senior Projects

Matin Masimli, Aung Khant Nyar; model fitting Fall 2017–Spring 2018

Bradley Snay, Zachary Specht; class sectioning Fall 2015–Spring 2016

William Breen, Tyler Janowski, Alex Schwartz; robotic manipulation Fall 2012–Spring 2013

Bryan Custer, Zach Piispanen, Jeremy Smith; robot navigation Fall 2012–Spring 2013

Undergraduate Mentoring Program

AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence 2020

Secondary School Research

Aadi Kulkarni (Nashua High School South), MILP for path coverage Summer 2024

Fanhao Yu (Nashua High School South), Suboptimal search Spring–Fall 2023

Charles Bogatyrenko (St. Paul’s School), Task and motion planning Summer 2020

Bernard Suwirjo (Pinkerton Academy), Robotics Fall 2015–Summer 2016

PALO ALTO RESEARCH CENTER

Graduate Interns

J. Benton (Arizona State), On-line continual planning Summer 2006

Elisabeth Crawford (Carnegie Mellon), Time-aware search Summer 2004

Hai Fang (Yale), Complete local search Summer–Fall 2003

Undergraduate Interns

Ephrat Bitton (Berkeley), Fast shortest-path search Summer 2006–Spring 2007

Kevin Canini (Cornell), Data structures for temporal planning Summer 2005

Daniel Hsu (Berkeley), Local search algorithms Summer 2003

Doctoral Mentoring Program

International Conference on Automated Planning and Scheduling (ICAPS) 2004, 2005

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Senior Theses

Gaby Pollack, Cognitive modeling of brain-damaged picture naming Spring 1999–Spring 2000

Ellis Verosub, Heuristic search for protein folding Spring 1997–Spring 1998

Nailah Robinson, Analysis of algorithms for boolean satisfiability Spring 1997–Spring 1998

Adam Ginsburg, Heuristic search for boolean satisfiability Fall 1996–Spring 1997

Undergraduate Research

Paul Gusmorino, Visualization for combinatorial optimization Fall 2001

Lea Sullivan, Estimating probabilities for human naming errors Fall 2000–Spring 2001

Jeffrey Enos, Heuristic tree search algorithms Spring 2000

Jeffrey Shneidman, Heuristic tree search algorithms Spring 2000

Kevin Cheung, Stochastic search algorithms Spring 2000

Emil Gilliam, Local search algorithms for additive clustering Fall 1999

Joseph Turian, Move strategies for local search Fall 1998–Spring 1999

Pavel Vasilyev, Heuristic search and geometric embedding Fall 1997–Fall 1999

Angelos Kottas, Cognitive modeling of brain-damaged picture naming Fall 1997–Winter, 1999

Joshua Von Korff, Cross-validation for clustering Fall 1997–Spring 1998

**Professional
Activities***Steering Committees*

International Conference on Automated Planning and Scheduling (ICAPS), 2014–2020.

Councilor, Treasurer (2015–2019).

International Symposium on Combinatorial Search (SoCS), 2008–2017, 2023–present.

Co-founder (2008), President (2008–2016), Past President (2016–2017),

Co-treasurer (2010–2014).

Conference Organization

PC Co-chair, International Symposium on Combinatorial Search (SoCS-23), 2023.

Co-chair, ICAPS-17 Doctoral Consortium, 2017.

Co-chair, International Conference on Automated Planning and Scheduling (ICAPS-14), 2014.

Co-chair, International Symposium on Combinatorial Search (SoCS-12), 2012.

Co-chair, International Symposium on Combinatorial Search (SoCS-09), 2009.

Co-chair, International Symposium on Search Techniques in Artificial Intelligence and Robotics (STAIR-08), 2008.
 Co-chair, Seventh International Symposium on Abstraction, Reformulation, and Approximation (SARA-07), 2007.
 Organizing committee, International Knowledge Engineering Competition for Planning and Scheduling, 2007.
 Organizing committee, First Annual Xerox Innovation Group Research and Technology Conference, 2006. (attendance restricted to employees)
 Co-chair, AAAI-06 Workshop on Learning for Search, 2006.

Editorial Board

Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research, 2006–2014. Associate editor, 2014–2017.

Program Reviewing

Plymouth State University

Grant Reviewing

Australian Research Council
 Comisión Nacional de Investigación Científica y Tecnológica (Chile)
 European Research Council
 Israel Science Foundation
 L'Agence Nationale de la Recherche (France)
 National Science Foundation
 Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada
 Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek (Netherlands)
 Swiss National Science Foundation
 U.S. Army Research Office
 U.S.-Israel Binational Science Foundation

Manuscript Reviewing

Morgan Kaufmann Publishers

Journal Reviewing

ACM Transactions on Intelligent Systems and Technology
 Ad Hoc Networks
 Advances in Artificial Intelligence
 AI Communications
 Artificial Intelligence
 Cognitive Neuropsychology
 Computer Networks
 Constraints
 IBM Journal of Research and Development
 IEEE Transactions on Mobile Computing
 IEEE Transactions on Robotics
 International Journal of Robotics Research
 International Journal on Artificial Intelligence Tools
 Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research
 Journal of Automated Reasoning
 Journal of Combinatorial Optimization
 Journal of Heuristics
 Journal of Machine Learning Research
 Journal of Mathematical Modelling and Algorithms
 Journal of Scheduling
 Operations Research
 Psychological Review
 Robotics and Autonomous Systems
 Telecommunication Systems

Trade Magazine Reviewing
AI Magazine

Conference Reviewing
AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence
European Conference on Artificial Intelligence
IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation
IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems
IEEE Wireless Communications and Networking Conference
International Conference on Automated Planning and Scheduling
International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems
International Conference on Machine Learning
International Federation of Automatic Control World Congress
International Florida Artificial Intelligence Research Society Conference
International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence
International Symposium on Artificial Intelligence and Mathematics
International Workshop on Parallel and Distributed Methods in Verification
International Workshop on the Algorithmic Foundations of Robotics
Learning and Intelligent Optimization
Robotics: Science and Systems
SIGGRAPH
Symposium on Abstraction, Reformulation, and Approximation
Symposium on Combinatorial Search
Workshop of the UK Planning and Scheduling Special Interest Group
and various other international workshops

Membership
Association for Computing Machinery
Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (Senior Member as of 2016,
life member as of 2003)
IEEE and the IEEE Robotics and Automation Society
including the Technical Committee on Algorithms for
Planning and Control of Robot Motion

**University
Activities**

Department
Faculty search committee, 2011, 2012–13, 2013–14, 2015–16 (chair), 2019–20 (chair),
2021–22 (chair)
Chair, promotion and tenure committee, 2019–present
Library representative, 2012–present
Graduate program committee, 2007–present
Video colloquium, founder and organizer, 2007–2014, 2016–2017

College
Member, Analytics & Data Science Steering Committee, 2018–present
Co-Director, B.S. Program in Analytics & Data Science, 2018–2022
Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2019–2020
Research Excellence Awards Committee, 2020
Robotics Seminar, co-organizer, 2015–2017
Integrated Applied Math Program, affiliated faculty

University
Faculty Senate, 2015–2017, 2021–2022. Co-chair, IT Committee, 2016–17
Ad hoc Committee on Data Science, 2016–2017
Undergraduate research advisory committee, 2007–2012

Citizenship

U.S.A.