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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Applied Artificial Intelligence
- Machine Learning and Deep Learning
- Image Processing and Computer Vision
- Reinforcement Learning and Imitation Learning

EDUCATION

Expected 2024 Ph.D., Electrical and Computer Engineering

University of Florida (UF), Gainesville, FL

Thesis: Investigating the Practicality of Reinforcement Learning Algorithms

Advisor: Damon L. Woodard, Ph.D.

2022 M.S., Electrical and Computer Engineering

University of Florida (UF), Gainesville, FL

2019 B.S., Biomedical and Electrical Engineering

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), Troy, NY

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2021 – Present **Graduate Research Assistant, Florida Institute for National Security**

2021 – Present **Artificial Intelligence Scholar, Eric Friedheim Tourism Institute (EFTI)**

2019 – 2022 Graduate Research Assistant, Florida Institute for CyberSecurity (FICS)

2018 Undergraduate Research Assistant, Interdisciplinary Microsystems Group (IMG)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2021 – Present Graduate Student Member, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)

2017 – Present Member, Eta Kappa Nu (HKN) Honor Society

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- J8. D. S. Koblah, U. J. Botero, S. P. Costello, O. P. Dizon-Paradis, F. Ganji, D. L. Woodard, and D. Forte, “A fast object detection-based framework for via modeling on PCB x-ray CT images,” *ACM Journal on Emerging Technologies in Computing Systems*, vol. 19, pp. 1–20, Oct. 2023. DOI: [10.1145/3606948](https://doi.org/10.1145/3606948)
- J7. D. S. Koblah, O. P. Dizon-Paradis, J. Schubeck, U. J. Botero, D. L. Woodard, and D. Forte, “A comprehensive taxonomy of visual printed circuit board defects,” *Journal of Hardware and Systems Security*, Apr. 2023. DOI: [10.1007/s41635-023-00132-4](https://doi.org/10.1007/s41635-023-00132-4)
- J6. N. Jessurun, O. P. Dizon-Paradis, J. Harrison, S. Ghosh, M. M. Tehranipoor, D. L. Woodard, and N. Asadizanjani, “FPIC: A novel semantic dataset for optical PCB assurance,” *ACM Journal on Emerging Technologies in Computing Systems*, vol. 19, pp. 1–21, Apr. 2023. DOI: [10.1145/3588032](https://doi.org/10.1145/3588032)
- J5. D. Koblah, R. Acharya, D. Capecchi, O. Dizon-Paradis, S. Tajik, F. Ganji, D. Woodard, and D. Forte, “A survey and perspective on artificial intelligence for security-aware electronic design automation,” *ACM Transactions on Design Automation of Electronic Systems*, vol. 28, pp. 1–57, Mar. 2023. DOI: [10.1145/3563391](https://doi.org/10.1145/3563391)
- J4. M. A. M. Sathiaselan, O. P. Paradis, S. Taheri, and N. Asadizanjani, “Why is deep learning challenging for printed circuit board (PCB) component recognition and how can we address it?,” *Cryptography*, vol. 5, p. 9, Mar. 2021. DOI: [10.3390/cryptography5010009](https://doi.org/10.3390/cryptography5010009)
- J3. D. Mehta, H. Lu, O. P. Paradis, M. A. M. S., M. T. Rahman, Y. Iskander, P. Chawla, D. L. Woodard, M. Tehranipoor, and N. Asadizanjani, “The big hack explained,” *ACM Journal on Emerging Technologies in Computing Systems*, vol. 16, pp. 1–25, Aug. 2020. DOI: [10.1145/3401980](https://doi.org/10.1145/3401980)
- J2. N. Jessurun, O. Paradis, A. Roberts, and N. Asadizanjani, “Component detection and evaluation framework (CDEF): A semantic annotation tool,” *Microscopy and Microanalysis*, vol. 26, pp. 1470–1474, July 2020. DOI: [10.1017/s1431927620018243](https://doi.org/10.1017/s1431927620018243)
- J1. N. Varshney, H. Shen, O. Paradis, and N. Asadizanjani, “He-ion beam imaging for accurate hardware trojan detection,” *Microscopy and Microanalysis*, vol. 26, pp. 188–190, July 2020. DOI: [10.1017/s1431927620013732](https://doi.org/10.1017/s1431927620013732)

Conference Proceedings

- C8. N. Jessurun, D. Capecchi, O. Dizon-Paradis, D. Woodard, and N. Asadizanjani, “Semi-supervised semantic annotator (s3a): Toward efficient semantic labeling,” in *Proceedings of the Python in Science Conference*, SciPy, 2022. DOI: [10.25080/majora-212e5952-001](https://doi.org/10.25080/majora-212e5952-001)
- C7. A. Pasunuri, N. Jessurun, O. P. Dizon-Paradis, and N. Asadizanjani, “A comparison of neural networks for PCB component segmentation,” in *2021 IEEE International Sym-*

- posium on Hardware Oriented Security and Trust (HOST)*, IEEE, Dec. 2021. DOI: [10.1109/host49136.2021.9702286](https://doi.org/10.1109/host49136.2021.9702286)
- C6. M. A. M. Sathiaselan, O. P. Paradis, R. Rai, S. V. Pandurangi, M. Y. Vutukuru, S. Taheri, and N. Asadizanjani, “Logo classification and data augmentation techniques for PCB assurance and counterfeit detection,” in *International Symposium for Testing and Failure Analysis*, ASM International, Oct. 2021. DOI: [10.31399/asm.cp.istfa2021p0012](https://doi.org/10.31399/asm.cp.istfa2021p0012)
- C5. O. P. Dizon-Paradis, D. E. Capecci, N. T. Jessurun, D. L. Woodard, M. M. Tehranipoor, and N. Asadizanjani, “Framework for automatic pcb marking detection and recognition for hardware assurance,” in *2021 Government Microcircuit Applications & Critical Technology Conference (GOMACTech)*, arXiv, 2023. DOI: [10.48550/ARXIV.2307.13105](https://doi.org/10.48550/ARXIV.2307.13105)
- C4. N. T. Jessurun, O. P. Dizon-Paradis, M. Tehranipoor, and N. Asadizanjani, “SHADE: Automated refinement of PCB component estimates using detected shadows,” in *2020 IEEE Physical Assurance and Inspection of Electronics (PAINE)*, IEEE, Dec. 2020. DOI: [10.1109/paine49178.2020.9337564](https://doi.org/10.1109/paine49178.2020.9337564)
- C3. O. P. Paradis, N. T. Jessurun, M. Tehranipoor, and N. Asadizanjani, “Color normalization for robust automatic bill of materials generation and visual inspection of PCBs,” in *International Symposium for Testing and Failure Analysis*, ASM International, Dec. 2020. DOI: [10.31399/asm.cp.istfa2020p0172](https://doi.org/10.31399/asm.cp.istfa2020p0172)
- C2. O. P. Dizon-Paradis, N. Varshney, M. T. Rahman, M. Strizich, H. Shen, and N. Asadizanjani, “In-situ thickness measurement of die silicon using voltage imaging for hardware assurance,” in *2020 Government Microcircuit Applications & Critical Technology Conference (GOMACTech)*, arXiv, 2023. DOI: [10.48550/ARXIV.2307.13118](https://doi.org/10.48550/ARXIV.2307.13118)
- C1. N. Vashistha, M. T. Rahman, O. P. Dizon-Paradis, and N. Asadizanjani, “Is backside the new backdoor in modern SoCs?: Invited paper,” in *2019 IEEE International Test Conference (ITC)*, IEEE, Nov. 2019. DOI: [10.1109/itc44170.2019.9000127](https://doi.org/10.1109/itc44170.2019.9000127)

Patents and Disclosures

- P3. N. Asadi-Zanjani, N. Jessurun, S. Ghosh, M. Tehranipoor, D. L. Woodard, O. P. Dizon-Paradis, and J. Harrison, “PCB optical database,” 5 2023
- P2. N. Asadi-Zanjani, N. Jessurun, M. Tehranipoor, and O. P. Paradis, “Techniques for printed circuit board component detection,” 2 2021. [US11520967B2](https://patents.google.com/patent/US11520967B2)
- P1. M. Tehranipoor, N. Asadi-Zanjani, O. P. Paradis, and N. Varshney, “Hardware deprocessing using voltage imaging for hardware assurance,” 2 2021. [US20210264082A1](https://patents.google.com/patent/US20210264082A1)

Informally Published Works

- X4. O. Dizon-Paradis, S. Wormald, D. Capecci, A. Bhandarkar, and D. Woodard, “Investigating the practicality of existing reinforcement learning algorithms: A performance comparison.” DOI: [10.36227/techrxiv.23739099.v1](https://doi.org/10.36227/techrxiv.23739099.v1), July 2023
- X3. P. Ghosh, G. Lee, M. Zhu, O. P. Dizon-Paradis, U. J. Botero, D. L. Woodard, and D. Forte, “MaGNIFIES: Manageable GAN image augmentation framework for inspection of electronic systems.” DOI: [10.21203/rs.3.rs-2697879/v1](https://doi.org/10.21203/rs.3.rs-2697879/v1), Mar. 2023

- X2. D. Mehta, J. True, O. P. Dizon-Paradis, N. Jessurun, D. L. Woodard, N. Asadizanjani, and M. Tehranipoor, "Fics pcb x-ray: A dataset for automated printed circuit board inter-layers inspection." Link: <https://eprint.iacr.org/2022/924>, 2022
- X1. H. Lu, D. Mehta, O. Paradis, N. Asadizanjani, M. Tehranipoor, and D. L. Woodard, "Fics-pcb: A multi-modal image dataset for automated printed circuit board visual inspection." Link: <https://eprint.iacr.org/2020/366>, 2020

TEACHING

Content Creator, Florida Institute for National Security, University of Florida

Expected 2024 IC SEM Reverse Engineering Tutorial using Artificial Intelligence

Co-Instructor, CPET Pre-College Scholars Program, University of Florida

Su'22 How Do Computers Add?

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Florida

F'20 Image Processing and Computer Vision (EEE 6512)

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

S'18, F'18, S'19 Electronic Instrumentation (ENGR 4300)

S'17, S'19 Introduction to Cellular and Molecular Biology (BIOL 2120)

S'19 Beginning Programming for Engineers (CSCI 1190)

F'18 Electric Circuits (ECSE 2010)

S'18 Computer Science I (CSCI 1100)

LEADERSHIP, SERVICE, AND VOLUNTEERING

Reviewer Activities

2023 University of Florida Journal of Undergraduate Research (UF JUR)

2023 Int'l. Council on Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Education Conf. (ICHRIE)

2023 Scientific Computing with Python Conf. (SciPy)

2020 BMVA British Machine Vision Conf. (BMVC)

2020 IEEE/CVF Conf. on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)

Student Organization Activities

2021 – Present **Graduate Peer Mentor, ECE Graduate Student Wellness Group, UF**

2021 – 2023 Graduate Curriculum Chair, Eta Kappa Nu (HKN), UF

2021 – 2023 Vice President, CyberGatorz Student Org., UF
2021 – 2022 Treasurer, Graduate Society of Women Engineers (SWE), UF
2021 – 2022 Representative, Engineering Graduate Student Council (EGSC), UF
2020 – 2021 Tutoring Chair, Eta Kappa Nu (HKN), UF
2019 – 2021 Industry Outreach Chair, ECE Graduate Student Org., UF

HONORS, AWARDS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2019 – Present **Graduate School Preeminence Award Fellowship**, University of Florida
2023 Anette Cornwell Bauer Scholarship, Inspiring Women Leaders Conference
2020 – 2021 Gwin Graduate Award in Electrical Engineering, University of Florida
2019 Wynant James Williams Prize, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
2015 – 2019 Rensselaer Leadership Scholarship, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
2015 – 2019 Rensselaer Merit Scholarship, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

2022 Great Teaching Certificate, University of Florida
2022 Great Online Teaching Certificate, University of Florida
2022 Center for Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning (CIRTL) Associate
2021 Machine Learning Graduate Certificate, University of Florida
2021 Engineering Innovation Graduate Certificate, University of Florida

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