N. Rich Nguyen

A. PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, Academic General Faculty

Aug 2018 - present

Dept of Computer Science, SEAS, University of Virginia

Charlottesville, VA

- o Develop and implement instructional materials for the graduate and undergraduate Machine Learning courses enrolled by 97 graduates and over 980 undergraduates in 8 semesters.
- o Collaborate with 2 instructors to manage a large course of 500+ CS students.
- o Guide and mentor over 220 teams of students in the Machine Learning for Virginia projects.
- o Co-supervise a team of 35+ undergraduate TAs to support a large group of CS students.
- o Evaluate, monitor and mentor 56 undergraduate student academic progress.
- o Serve and support functional activities of diversity and student engagement departmental committees.

Lecturer and Career Manager

Feb 2014 - Aug 2018

College of Computing and Informatics, UNC Charlotte

Charlotte, NC

- Served as the coordinator for four major aspects of the college experience (recruitment, engagement, internships, and placement) with faculty members across three departments.
- Taught the Computing Professionals Series, a comprehensive seminar to help streamline undergraduate student engagement with average enrollment of over 250 students per semester.
- o Managed a total budget of \$375,000 over the past 3 years allocated among several student services.
- o Oversaw a tutoring center of 10 tutors to serve over 3,500 individual sessions a year.
- Established the Industry Panels emphasizing the collaboration with 20+ industry partners (including 5 Fortune 500 companies) to focus on the most important aspects of early professional development.
- Published weekly newsletters to keep CS students connected to on-campus opportunities with over 42% readership (compared to industry average of 17%).

B. EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Computing and Information Systems

Dec 2016

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Charlotte, NC

Dissertation Title: Reducing Training Effort in Biological Image Classification Systems

Advising Committee: Min Shin, Richard Souvenir, Andrew Willis, Zbyszek Ras, and Mark Clemens

M.S. in Computer Science

Dec 2009

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Charlotte, NC

Thesis Title: Tracking Colliding Cells *in vivo* Microscopy Video Advising Committee: Min Shin, Richard Souvenir, and Toan Huynh

B.A. in Mathematics, Concentration in Statistics

May 2008

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Charlotte, NC

Magna Cum Laude (GPA 3.91)

B.S. in Computer Science, Concentration in Intelligent Systems

Dec 2007

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Charlotte, NC

Magna Cum Laude (GPA 3.92)

C. HONORS/AWARDS

All-University Teaching Award: Department Nominee, University of Virginia	2021
Google Faculty Award: Machine Learning Education with TensorFlow 2.0, Google Inc.	2019
Faculty Innovation Award: College of Computing and Informatics, UNC-Charlotte	2018
Best Research Talk: Natural Science, Graduate Research Symposium, UNC-Charlotte	2013
First Place in Computing and Informatics: Graduate Research Fair, UNC-Charlotte	2012
First Place in Computer Science: Graduate Research Fair, UNC-Charlotte	2011
Research Assistant of the Year: Future Computing Lab (FCL), UNC-Charlotte	2010
First Place in Multidisciplinary Research: Graduate Research Fair, UNC-Charlotte	2009
First Place in Algebra II: ICTM Regional Math Contest, Urbana-Champaign, IL	2003

D. RESEARCH GRANTS

- **PI** with Tho Nguyen, and Ron Hutchins. EAGER: Distributed Data-Sharing for Fast Response and Decision Support. NSF Award #2026050. (June 2020 June 2024). Award: \$315,600.
- Co-Investigator with Glen Bull and Ryan Novitski. NSF Pathways for Open-Source Ecosystems (POSE) Phase I Grant on Establishing an Ecosystem for Open-Source Educational CAD Models (NSF #230830). Start Date: 01/01/2023 End Date: 12/31/2023. Total Award: \$288,000.
- o **Co-PI** with Glen Bull, Joe Garofalo and James Cohoon. Collaborative Research: Introducing High-school Students to Computational Thinking in Industrial Automation. NSF STEM+C Award #1842342. (January 2019 December 2022). Award: \$933,640.
- o **Co-PI** with Glen Bull. Developing a Repository for Educational Models. SEHD IDEA (June 2022 May 2023). Amount: \$10,000.
- o **PI** with Christopher Moore. DeepDiag: An Explainable Deep Learning Framework to Diagnose Bloodstream Infection. Submitted to UVA Center of Engineering in Medicine (Oct 2021 Dec 2022). Amount: \$74,710.
- Co-PI with Glen Bull and Luke Dalh. Scaling an Introduction to Coding through the Arts. UVA 3Cavaliers (June 2021 - May 2022). Amount: \$60,000.
- o **Co-PI** with Christopher Moore and Randall Moorman. Collaborative Seed Grant: Determining predictive models of bloodstream infection by using big data and deep learning. Sponsored by UVA Global Infectious Diseases Institute (Apr 2020 Aug 2021). Award: \$100,000.
- o **Co-PI** with Glen Bull. University Seminar: Making Art, Animations, and Music at the Intersection of the Digital and Physical Worlds. Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost, UVA. (January 2021 June 2021) Award: \$6,000.
- o **Co-PI** with Glen Bull. Incorporating Computational Thinking into Maker Education. Sponsored by Thrive Grant. Center for Teaching Excellence, UVA, (Jan 2020 Jun 2020). Award: \$5,000.
- **PI**. Machine Learning Education with Tensorflow 2.0. Sponsored by Google Faculty Award. (August 2019 August 2020). Award: \$12,000.
- PI. CodeNC: Integrating Computational Thinking into High School Curriculum. Sponsored by Faculty Innovation Award. College of Computing and Informatics, UNC Charlotte. (January 2018 - Jun 2018). Award: \$20,000.

E. PUBLICATIONS

Books

- [1] Bull, G., Gibson, R., Watts, J., **Nguyen, N.R.** & Dahl, L. (2023) TUNESCOPE Creating Digital Music in Snap! Waynesville, NC USA: Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education (AACE).
- [2] Bull, G., Watts, J., **Nguyen, N. R.** (2021) Designing Art, Music, and Animations. 2nd Edition. Waynesville, NC USA: Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education (AACE).
- [3] Bull, G., Watts, J., Nguyen, N. R., Bull, G., Kallam, A. (2020) Creating Art, Animations, and Music through Coding. Waynesville, NC USA: Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education (AACE).
- [4] Bull, G., Garofalo, J., **Nguyen, N. R.** (2019) An Introduction to Computational Thinking Through Art, Music, and Games. Society for Information Technology & Teacher Education.

Refereed Journal Articles

- [5] Bull, G., **Nguyen, N. R.**, Watts, J., Gibson, R., Littman, M. (2022) Reflection: "Twenty things to do with a computer" revisited. Contemporary Issues in Technology and Teacher Education, 22(1), 228-242.
- [6] Bull, G., Garofalo, J., **Nguyen, N. R.** (2020) Thinking about computational thinking, Journal of Digital Learning in Teacher Education, 36:1, 6-18. (Impact Factor: 1.871)
- [7] Norris, E. J., Feilen, N., Nguyen, N. R., Culberson, C. R., Shin, M. C., Fish, M., & Clemens, M. G. (2013). Hydrogen sulfide modulates sinusoidal constriction and contributes to hepatic microcirculatory dysfunction during endotoxemia. American journal of physiology. Gastrointestinal and liver physiology, 304(12), G1070–G1078. (Impact Factor: 4.406)
- [8] Nguyen, N. R., Keller, S., Norris, E., Huynh, T. T., Clemens, M. G., & Shin, M. C. (2011). Tracking colliding cells in vivo microscopy. IEEE transactions on bio-medical engineering, 58(8), 10.1109/TBME.2011.2158099. (Impact Factor: 4.424)
- [9] Huynh, T., Nguyen, N. R., Keller, S., Moore, C., Shin, M. C., & McKillop, I. H. (2010). Reducing leukocyte trafficking preserves hepatic function after sepsis. The Journal of trauma, 69(2), 360–367. (Impact Factor: 3.403)

Refereed Conference Proceedings

- [10] Gupta, A., Karande, A., Nguyen, N. R., & Nguyen, T. (2023). Predicting Flood Severity in Indonesia based on Historical Flooding Events and Time-Series Information. In Proceedings of the AAAI Workshop on AI to Accelerate Science and Engineering (AI2ASE) at the 37th Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) Conference, Washington, DC, USA. Feb 7-14, 2023.
- [11] Param Damle, Glen Bull, Jo Watts, and N. Rich Nguyen. (2023). Automated Structural Evaluation of Block-based Coding Assignments. In Proceedings of the 54th ACM Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education (SIGCSE 2023). Association for Computing Machinery, New York, NY, USA.

- [12] Harsh Padhye, Rachel Gibson, Glen Bull, and N. Rich Nguyen. (2023). Does Musical Context Improve Computational Thinking Skills? In Proceedings of the 54th ACM Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education V. 2 (SIGCSE 2023). Association for Computing Machinery, New York, NY, USA.
- [13] Watts, J., Gibson, R., Jones, M., Bull, G. and **Nguyen, N. R.** (2022). Creating Music through Coding. In E. Langran (Ed.), Proceedings of Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education International Conference (p. 102), Waynesville, NC USA. (**Best Poster Award**).
- [14] Gupta A., Kim A., Karande A., Yan S., Manandhar S., and Nguyen, N. R. (2022). Validating Crowdsourced Flood Images Using Machine Learning and Real-Time Weather Data. In Proceedings of the 16th IEEE International Conference on Big Data Science and Engineering, Wuhan, China Oct 28-30, 2022. (Best Paper Award).
- [15] Boner Z., and Nguyen, N. R. (2022). Deep Learning Risk Prediction of Bloodstream Infection in the Intensive Care Unit. In Proceedings of KDD Undergraduate Consortium, Washington, DC. Aug 14-18, 2022.
- [16] Gupta A., and Nguyen, N. R. (2022). Predicting and Visualizing Tidal Trends in Vietnam using an Automated Geographical Data Pipeline. In Proceedings of KDD Undergraduate Consortium, Washington, DC. Aug 14-18, 2022.
- [17] Nguyen, N. R., Padhye, H., Stein, E., Bull, G. (2022). TuneScope: Engaging Novices to Computational Thinking through Music. In Proceedings of the 53rd ACM Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education (SIGCSE '22). Association for Computing Machinery, New York, NY, USA.
- [18] Nguyen, N. R. (2020). Toward an Open-source Toolkit for Machine Learning Education. In Proceedings of the 51st ACM Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education (SIGCSE '20). Association for Computing Machinery, New York, NY, USA, 1400. (Acceptance Rate: 35%)
- [19] Nguyen, N. R., Poliakova, I., Meduri, S., Hutcheson, J., and Ke, R. (2019). CodeNC: Integrating Computational Thinking into K-12 Instructional Activities using Animated Videos. In Proceedings of the 50th ACM Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education (SIGCSE '19). Association for Computing Machinery, New York, NY, USA, 1276. (Acceptance Rate: 32%)
- [20] Nguyen, N. R. (2018). Affective Peer Tutoring: (Abstract Only). In Proceedings of the 49th ACM Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education (SIGCSE '18). Association for Computing Machinery, New York, NY, USA, 1085. (Acceptance Rate: 35%)
- [21] Nguyen, N. R. & Shin, M. C. (2017, March). Detecting Social Insects in Videos Using Spatiotemporal Regularization. In 2017 IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV) (pp. 493-500). IEEE. (Acceptance Rate: 39%)
- [22] Schmugge, S.J., Rice, L., **Nguyen, N.R.**, Lindberg, J., Grizzi, R., Joffe, C., & Shin, M.C. (2016, March). Detection of cracks in nuclear power plant using spatial-temporal grouping of local patches. 2016 IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV), 1-7. (Acceptance Rate: 34%)
- [23] Schmugge, S. J., **Nguyen, N. R.**, Thao, C., Lindberg, J., Grizzi, R., Joffe, C., & Shin, M. C. (2014, October). Automatic detection of cracks during power plant inspection. In Proceedings

- of the 2014 3rd International Conference on Applied Robotics for the Power Industry (pp. 1-5). IEEE. (Acceptance Rate: 33%)
- [24] Nguyen, N. R., Donalson-Matasci, M., & Shin, M. C. (2013, January). Improving pollen classification with less training effort. In 2013 IEEE Workshop on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV) (pp. 421-426). IEEE. (Acceptance Rate: 37%)
- [25] **Nguyen, N. R.**, Norris, E., Clemens, E. M., and Shin, M. C. (2011, September). Rapidly adaptive cell detection using transfer learning with a global parameter. In Proceedings of the Second international conference on Machine learning in medical imaging (MLMI'11). Springer-Verlag, Berlin, Heidelberg, 209–216. (Acceptance Rate: 39 %)
- [26] Nguyen, N. R., Keller, S., Huynh, T., & Shin, M. (2009, December). Tracking colliding cells. In 2009 Workshop on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV) (pp. 1-7). IEEE. (Acceptance Rate: 47%)
- [27] Schmugge, S. J., Keller, S., Nguyen, N. R., Souvenir, R., Huynh, T., Clemens, M., & Shin, M. C. (2008, September). Segmentation of vessels cluttered with cells using a physics based model. In International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer-Assisted Intervention (pp. 127-134). Springer, Berlin, Heidelberg. (Acceptance Rate: 35%)

Technical Reports

- [28] Bull, G., Watts, J., **Nguyen, N.R.** (2021) Creating Art through Coding." In proceedings at the Snap!Con 2021. July 29 Aug 01, 2021, online. Retrieved February 14, 2022 from https://www.snapcon.org/conferences/2021/program/proposals/288.
- [29] Norris, E., Culberson, C., **Nguyen, N. R.**, Shin, M. C., and Clemens, M. (2012, November). Hydrogen Sulfide Increases Hepatic Perfusion Heterogeneity via an Acute Constrictor Effect in Endotoxemia. *In the* 63^{rd} *Annual Meeting of The American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (The Liver Meeting)*, Boston, Massachusetts.
- [30] Norris, E., Culberson, C., Nguyen, N. R., Shin, M. C., and Clemens, M. (2011, November) Hydrogen Sulfide Contributes to Hepatic Microcirculatory Dysfunction During Endotoxemia. In the 62nd Annual Meeting of The American Association For the Study of Liver Diseases (The Liver Meeting), San Francisco, California.
- [31] **Nguyen, N. R.** (2009). Age Progression Using Image Morphing. Technical Report in *Computational Photography, ITCS 6110*, UNC Charlotte.
- [32] Kumar, C., Gour, M,. **Nguyen, N. R.** (2008). Use case Specifications: Dance Competition Management System (DCMS). Technical Report in *Software Engineering, ITCS 6112*, UNC Charlotte.
- [33] **Nguyen, N. R.** (2007) Understanding Tracking and StroMotion of a Soccer Ball. Technical Report in *Computer Vision, ITCS 5142*, UNC Charlotte.

Invited Presentations

[34] **Nguyen, N. R.**, Praphamontripong, U. (2019, March). Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Skits. CS Education Practicum (CS 2910). Computer Science Department. University of Virginia.

- [35] **Nguyen, N. R.** (2019, October). What it means to be a Ph.D. candidate. Panel Discussion. Ph.D. Open House. College of Computing and Informatics. UNCC.
- [36] **Nguyen, N. R.** (2018, November). What makes you resume standout. CS Education Practicum (CS 2910). Computer Science Department. University of Virginia.
- [37] **Nguyen, N. R.** (2017, March). Creating a Diversity Chain to Raise Culture Awareness among CS Students. Prospect for Success (PFS) Charrette, Charlotte.
- [38] **Nguyen, N. R.** (2016, March). Hosting Industry Panels to Promote Professional Development in Computer Science. Prospect for Success (PFS) Charrette, Charlotte.
- [39] **Nguyen, N. R.** (2013, March). Improving Pollen Classification with Less training effort. Graduate Research Symposium, UNCC.
- [40] **Nguyen, N. R.** (2012, April). Gameplay: Motivating college students in the classroom," Center of Graduate Life, UNCC.
- [41] Nguyen, N. R. (2012, November). How to organize research papers. CCI GRADS, UNCC.
- [42] **Nguyen, N. R.** (2012, March). Rapidly adaptive cell detection," Graduate Research Symposium, UNCC.
- [43] Nguyen, N. R. (2011, April). Tracking cells in vivo microscopy," Graduate Seminar, UNCC.
- [44] Nguyen, N. R. (2010, June). Tracking colliding cells," NSF REU Symposium, UNCC.
- [45] Nguyen, N. R. (2010, May). Programming style guidelines," Future Computing Lab, UNCC.
- [46] **Nguyen, N. R.** (2009, July). Cell tracking in microscopy videos," Carolina Medical Center.

Dissertation/Thesis.....

- [47] **Nguyen, N. R.** (2016). Reducing training effort in biological image classification (Doctoral dissertation, The University of North Carolina at Charlotte).
- [48] **Nguyen, N. R.** (2009). Tracking Colliding Cells in Intravital Video Microscopy (Master Thesis, The University of North Carolina at Charlotte).

Citations

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F. STUDENTS

Graduate Students

San, Aidan - PhD Candidate: Interpretability NLP (Committee)

Mostafavi, Moeen, PhD: Emotion Understanding in Messaging (Committee)

Spring 2023

Gumbabay, Ethan - MS: Deep Reinforcement Learning in Hint Generation

Fall 2022

Sutton, Andrew, PhD: NOvA Event Reconstruction (Committee)

Spring 2022

Sahbai, Parima - MCS: Integration of Computational Thinking within K-12

Spring 2019

Wu, Jibang - MS: Attention Mechanism for Recommendation (Committee	e) Spring 2019
Undergraduate Students	
Santamaria, Chris - BA: Undergraduate Capstone Research	Fall 2022
Tapp, Joshua - BS: Undergraduate Capstone Research	Fall 2022
Liu, Sara - BS: Undergraduate Capstone Research	Fall 2022
Edwards, Louisa - BA: Independent Study Research	Spring 2022
Gupta, Ankit - BS: Independent Study Research	Spring 2022
Padhye, Harsh - BA: Distinguished BA Major Research	Spring 2022
Kim, Adriel - BS: Undergraduate Capstone Research	Spring 2022
Stein, Eric - BS: Undergraduate Capstone Research	Fall 2021
Jung, Christian - BS: Undergraduate Capstone Research	Fall 2021
Yuxin, Wu - BS: Undergraduate Research Assistant	Spring 2020-Spring 2021
Xu, David - BS: Undergraduate Research Assistant	Fall 2020-Spring 2021
Jahromi, Navid - BS: Undergraduate Capstone Research	Fall 2020-Spring 2021
Marcus, Adam - BS: Undergraduate Capstone Research	Fall 2020-Spring 2021
Harris, Arthur - BS: Undergraduate Capstone Research	Fall 2020
Newton, Nicholas - BA: Independent Study	Spring 2020
Kim, Cory - BS: Undergraduate Capstone Research	Spring 2020
Nanda, Siddharth - BS: Undergraduate Capstone Research	Spring 2020
Maguire, Mark - BS: Undergraduate Capstone Research	Spring 2020
Wang, Daniel - BS: Undergraduate Capstone Research	Fall 2019
Kosolwattana, Arty - BS: Undergraduate Capstone Research	Fall 2019
Goel, Siddhant - BS: Undergraduate Capstone Research	Fall 2019
Flores, Jimmy - BS: Undergraduate Capstone Research	Spring 2019
Ballard, Kyra - BS: Undergraduate Capstone Research	Spring 2019
Visitors/ PostDoctoral Fellows	
Zimmet, Amanda - PhD: Post-Doctoral Researcher Fellow, CAMA	Spring 2020-Spring 2021
Qiu, Jiaxing - MS: Data Scientist, CAMA	Fall 2020-present
G. SERVICE ACTIVITIES	
Department Service	
Member: Diversity and Inclusion Committee	2018-present
Member: Department Chair Search Committee	2020-2021
Workshop Facilitator: Diversity and Inclusion Training Skits for new TAs	March 2019
Co-Advisor: Association of Computing Machinery (ACM) Student Chapter	r 2018-present
Academic Advisor: Advised 56 students (CS, BACS, First-year SEAS)	2020–2021
Academic Advisor: Advised 50 students (CS, BACS, First-year SEAS)	2019–2020
Academic Advisor: Advised 25 students (CS, BACS, First-year SEAS)	2018–2019

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School Service	
Booth Organizer: UVA Booth, Grace Hopper Celebration, Orlando, FL Octo	ober 2019
Faculty Liason: SEAS Students visiting Google, New York, NY	April 2019
University Service	
Co-organizer: UVA Annual High School Programming Contest (HSPC)	18-present
Faculty Advisor: HooHacks Student Hackathon 202	21-present
Advisor: Google Developer Student Club (Google DSC)	2019-2021
Faculty Advocate: Data Palooza, School of Data Science	2019-2021
H. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES	
Reviewer: IEEE Access Multidisciplinary Open Access Journal (ISSN 2169-3536)	2023
Organizer: The Inaugural International Symposium for ASEAN Smart Cities	2022
Reviewer: MDPI Journal of Tropical Medicine and Infectious Disease (ISSN 2414-6366)	2022
Reviewer: MDPI Journal of Healthcare (ISSN 2227-9032)	2022
Reviewer: Educational Advances in Artificial Intelligence (EAAI)	2022
Reviewer: Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV)	2022
Reviewer: MDPI Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health (ISSN 1660-4601	1) 2022
Review Committee: Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)	2021
Reviewer: MDPI Journal of Mathematics (ISSN 2227-7390)	2021
Reviewer: MDPI Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health (ISSN 1660-4601	l) <i>2021</i>
Judge: Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair - Biomedical Engineering (ENBM)	2021
Moderator : ACM SIGCSE, Toward an open-source toolkit for Machine Learning Educati	on <i>2020</i>
Organizing Panelist: National Technology Leadership Summit (NTLS), Maker Strand	2020
$\textbf{Panelist} \colon What \ it \ means \ to \ be \ a \ doctoral \ candidate, \ PhD \ Open \ House \ , \ Charlotte, \ NC$	2019
Participant: STARS Ignite, STARS Computing Corp , Orlando, FL	2019
Member: Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)	05-present
Member : ACM Special Interest Group in Computer Science Education (SIGCSE) 201	18-present