

# New Faculty Recruited 2020

## **Jesse Thomason**

Asst. Prof.

PhD University of Texas at Austin

Language grounding and natural language processing for robotics

## Vatsal Sharan

Asst. Prof.

#### PhD Stanford University

Machine learning, statistics and theoretical computer science

## **Jiapeng Zhang**

Asst. Prof.

PhD UC San Diego

Boolean function analysis, computational complexity and cryptography

## **Iacopo Masi**

Research Asst. Prof.

PhD University of Florence

Computer vision, machine learning, deep learning and biometrics

## Robin Jia

PhD Stanford University

Natural language processing, robustness and machine learning

## **David Pynadath**

**Research Asst. Prof.** 

PhD University of Michigan

Decision-making in multi-agent systems

## **Student Distinctions**

Leena Mathur

BS in Computer Science, BA in Cognitive Science, BA in Linguistics Goldwater Scholarship

#### Zane Durante

BS in Computer Science, BA in Applied and Computational Mathematics Astronaut Scholarship Foundation, 2020 Astronaut Scholarship

Alexander Spangher

PhD in Computer Science Bloomberg Data Science PhD Fellowship

## **Faculty Distinctions**

Nenad Medvidovic ACM Sigsoft Distinguished Service Award

Aleksandra Korolova and Haipeng

National Science Foundation Career Award

Yan Liu New Voices of National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine

Shanghua Teng OCEC Outstanding Engineering Merit \_Award \_\_\_\_\_

> Ewa Deelman AAAS Fellow

## **Grant Highlights**

#### Cyrus Shahabi

DETECT: An All-Scale Trajectory Clustering Approach for Moving Behavior Detection with Spatiotemporal Deep Embedded Neural Networks, National Geospatial Intelligence Agency: \$344,485

#### Joseph Lim

NRI: INT: Collaborative Research: Buoyancy-assisted Collaborative Robots That are Cheap, Safe, and Never Fall Down, US-National Science Foundation: \$450,000

#### Maja Mataric

NRI: FND: Communicate, Share, Adapt: A Mixed Reality Framework for Facilitating Robot Integration and Customization, US-National Science Foundation: \$750,000

#### Aleksandra Korolova

SaTC: CORE: Medium: Collaborative Research: Understanding and Mitigating the Privacy and Societal Risks of Advanced Advertising Targeting and Tracking, US-National Science Foundation: \$399,954

Total Grant Funding FY19-20: \$7,888,575

# **Additional Highlights**

Best online computer science graduate program for the eighth consecutive year by U.S. News & World Report

8 K Square footage of a new, state-of-the-art computer science building slated to open in fall 2023

> Top game design program for undergraduates awarded to USC Games by Princeton Review