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Education

The University of Texas at Austin 2004~2008
Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering, August 2008
M.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering, August 2006
Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST) 2000~2004
B.S. in Computer Science, *magna cum laude*, August 2004

Professional Appointments

Principal Research Scientist NYC, NY
Salesforce AI Research (2024.03 ~)

SUNY Empire Innovation Associate Professor Stony Brook, NY
Department of Computer Science, Stony Brook University (2019.09 ~)

Staff Research Scientist NYC, NY
Robotics at Google -> Google DeepMind (2019.09 ~2024.03)

Visiting Faculty Mountain View, CA
Google Brain -> Robotics at Google (2018.09 ~ 2019.08)

Founder and CTO South Korea
EgoVid Inc. (2016.08 ~2019.08)

Assistant Professor Bloomington, IN
Department of Computer Science (CS), Indiana University Bloomington (2015.08 ~ 2019.08)

Research Affiliate (adjunct) Pasadena, CA
NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (NASA-JPL) (2015.08 ~2019.08)

Research Technologist Pasadena, CA
NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (NASA-JPL) (2011.10 ~ 2015.07)

Research Scientist (military duty for South Korea) South Korea
Electronics and Telecommunications Research Institute (ETRI) - a national lab (2008.09 ~ 2011.09)

Selected Awards and Honors

- **Best Paper Award in Robotics Manipulation**
IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), 2024.
Leal et al., "SARA-RT: Scaling up Robotics Transformers with Self-Adaptive Robust Attention"
- **Outstanding Demo Award**
IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2023.
Burgert, Ranasinghe, Li & Ryoo, "Diffusion Illusions: Hiding Images in Plain Sight"
- **Best Paper Award in Robot Vision**
IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), 2016.
Gori, Aggarwal, Matthies & Ryoo, "Multi-Type Activity Recognition in Robot-Centric Scenarios"
- **Best Paper Award Finalist**
ACM/IEEE International Conference on Human-Robot Interaction (HRI), 2015.
Ryoo et al., "Robot-Centric Activity Prediction from First-Person Videos: What Will They Do to Me?"

Talks

Tutorials

- *Vision-based Robot Learning*
IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), New Orleans, LA, June 2022.
(Speakers: [Michael S. Ryoo](#), Andy Zeng, Pete Florence, Shuran Song, Samir Gadre)
- *Unifying Human Activity Understanding*
IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), Long Beach, CA, June 2019.
(Speakers: Gunnar Sigurdsson, [Michael S. Ryoo](#))
- *Human Activity Recognition*
IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), Salt Lake City, UT, June 2018.
(Speakers: [Michael S. Ryoo](#), Greg Mori, Kris Kitani)
- *Emerging Topics in Human Activity Recognition*
IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), Columbus, OH, June 2014.
(Speakers: [Michael S. Ryoo](#), Ivan Laptev, Greg Mori, Sangmin Oh)
- *Activity Recognition for Visual Surveillance*
IEEE Conference on Advanced Video and Signal-based Surveillance (AVSS), Beijing, China, Sep. 2012.
(Speakers: [Michael S. Ryoo](#), Anthony Hoogs, Arslan Basharat, Sangmin Oh)
- *Frontiers of Human Activity Analysis*
IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), Colorado Springs, CO, June 2011.
(Speakers: J. K. Aggarwal, [Michael S. Ryoo](#), Kris Kitani)
- *Understanding Videos – Human Activity Analysis*
11th Pacific Rim International Conference on Artificial Intelligent (PRICAI), Daegu, Korea, August 2010.
(Speakers: [Michael S. Ryoo](#), Kris Kitani)

Selected panels and talks

- *TBD*, CVPR Workshop on What is Next in Video Understanding?, June 2024
- *Video Representations in Robot Learning*, Video AI Symposium (sponsored by Google DeepMind, Google Research and Meta AI), September 2023.
- *Visual Representations in Robot Learning*, 18th International Conference on Machine Vision Applications (MVA), July 2023.
- *Panel: Embodied Computer Vision*, IEEE/CVF Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Conference (CVPR), June 2022 (with Martial Hebert, Kristen Grauman, and Nick Roy).
- *Representing Longer Videos – TokenLearner*, CVPR Tutorial on 2nd Comprehensive Tutorial on Video Modeling, June 2021.
- *Representing Visual Information in Time*, ECCV Workshop on 4D Vision, August 2020.
- *Video Architecture Search*, CVPR Workshop on Neural Architecture Search and Beyond for Representation Learning, June 2020.
- *Representing Motion in Videos*, ICCV Workshop on Moving Cameras, Seoul, Korea, October 2019.
- *Robots Anticipating Future Scene*, ECCV Workshop on Anticipating Human Behavior, Munich, Germany, September 2018.
- *Human Activity Recognition from Anonymized Videos*, Joint BMTT-PETS Workshop on Tracking and Surveillance (PETS), in conjunction with CVPR, Honolulu, HI, July 2017.

- *Activity Recognition from Persons' Viewpoint and Robots' Viewpoint*, International Workshop on Human Activity Analysis with Highly Diverse Cameras, in conjunction with WACV, Santa Rosa, CA, March 2017.
- *First-Person Activity Recognition: What Are They Doing and What Will They Do to Me?* The 4th International Workshop on Pervasive Eye Tracking and Mobile Eye-Based Interaction (PETMEI), in conjunction with UbiComp, Seattle, WA, September 2014.
- *First-Person Activity Recognition: Understanding Human Interactions from Egocentric Videos*, ICCV Workshop on Understanding Human Activities: Context and Interaction, Sydney, Australia, December 2013.

Selected seminars

- *Visual Representations in Robot Learning*
NSF NRT Socrates Seminar, Rutgers University, May 2023.
- *Visual Representations in Robot Learning*
Department Seminar (IC), Gatech, January 2023.
- *Machine Learning Research*
Department Seminar (AI), KAIST, Daejeon, Korea, October 2019.
- *Representation Learning for Video Understanding*
Department Seminar (CS), Yale University, New Haven, CT, February 2019.
- *Deep Learning with Human/Robot Activity Videos*
AI and Machine Learning Seminar (ECE), Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, September 2018.
- *Robot Perception and Action Using Convolutional Human Activity Models*
Department Seminar (CS), University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC, February 2018.
- *Human Activity Recognition from a Robot's Viewpoint*
ARO Workshop on Multimodal Data Analysis for Human Activity Detection and Understanding, Marina del Rey, CA, August 2016.
- *Human Activity Recognition from a Robot's Viewpoint*
VASC Seminar (RI), Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, February 2016.
- *First-Person Activity Prediction*
Department Seminar (CS), University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL, February 2014.
- *First-Person Computer Vision – Understanding Egocentric Video Observation*
Department Seminar (CSE), Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea, May 2013.
- *Human Activity Recognition for Real-World Scenarios: Prediction and Cross-Domain Composition*
Institute Seminar (IRIS), University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, March 2012.
- *Computer Vision for Videos – From Objects to Events and Activities*
Department Seminar (CS), KAIST, Daejeon, Korea, May 2011.
- *Stochastic Representation and Recognition of High-level Group Activities*
International Workshop on Stochastic Image Grammars (SIG) with CVPR, Miami, FL, June 2009.

Articles/media

- *Improving Vision Transformer Efficiency and Accuracy by Learning to Tokenize*
Article, Google AI Blog, December 7, 2021.
- *Video Architecture Search*
Article, Google AI Blog, October 17, 2019.
- *Decoding the Language of Human Movements*
Interview, Communications of the ACM, Vol. 57, Issue 12, pages 12-14, December 2014.

Publications

Preprints

- [1] R. Burgert, K. Ranasinghe, X. Li, and M. S. Ryoo, “Peekaboo: Text to Image Diffusion Models Are Zero-Shot Segmentors,” arXiv:2211.13224.

Refereed conference publications

- [2] R. Burgert, X. Li, A. Leite, K. Ranasinghe, and M. S. Ryoo, “Diffusion Illusions: Hiding Images in Plain Sight,” SIGGRAPH, July 2024.
Outstanding Demo Award from CVPR 2023
- [3] A. Piergiovanni, I. Noble, D. Kim, M. S. Ryoo, V. Gomes, A. Angelova, “Mirasol3B: A Multimodal Autoregressive model for time-aligned and contextual modalities,” *IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, June 2024. [*acceptance rate: 23.6%*]
- [4] K. Kahatapitiya, A. Arnab, A. Nagrani, M. S. Ryoo, “VicTR: Video-conditioned Text Representations for Activity Recognition,” *IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, June 2024. [*acceptance rate: 23.6%*]
- [5] K. Ranasinghe, S. N. Shukla, O. Poursaeed, M. S. Ryoo, T.-Y. Lin, “Learning to Localize Objects Improves Spatial Reasoning in Visual-LLMs,” *IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, June 2024. [*acceptance rate: 23.6%*]
- [6] R. D. Burgert, B. L. Price, J. Kuen, Y. Li, M. S. Ryoo, “MAGICK: A Large-scale Captioned Dataset from Matting Generated Images using Chroma Keying,” *IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, June 2024. [*acceptance rate: 23.6%*]
- [7] X. Li, V. Belagali, J. Shang, and M. S. Ryoo, “Crossway Diffusion: Improving Diffusion-based Visuomotor Policy via Self-supervised Learning,” *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*, May 2024.
- [8] I. Leal, K. Choromanski, D. Jain, A. Dubey, J. Varley, M. Ryoo, Y. Lu, F. Liu, V. Sindhwani, Q. Vuong, T. Sarlos, K. Oslund, K. Hausman, K. Rao, “SARA-RT: Scaling up Robotics Transformers with Self-Adaptive Robust Attention,” *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*, May 2024.
Best Paper Award in Robot Manipulation
- [9] J. Park, K. Kahatapitiya, D. Kim, S. Sudalairaj, Q. Fan, and M. S. Ryoo, “Grafting Vision Transformers,” *IEEE/CVF Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV)*, January 2024.
- [10] K. Ranasinghe and M. S. Ryoo, “Language-based Action Concept Spaces Improve Video Self-Supervised Learning,” *Thirty-seventh Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, December 2023. [*acceptance rate: 26.1%*]
- [11] J. Shang and M. S. Ryoo, “Active Reinforcement Learning under Limited Visual Observability,” *Thirty-seventh Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, December 2023. [*acceptance rate: 26.1%*]
- [12] A. Brohan, N. Brown, J. Carbajal, Y. Chebotar, X. Chen, K. Choromanski, T. Ding, D. Driess, A. Dubey, C. Finn, Pete Florence, C. Fu, M. Gonzalez Arenas, K. Gopalakrishnan, K. Han, K. Hausman, A. Herzog, J. Hsu, B. Ichter, A. Irpan, N. Joshi, R. Julian, D. Kalashnikov, Y. Kuang, I. Leal, L. Lee, T. E. Lee, S. Levine, Y. Lu, H. Michalewski, I. Mordatch, K. Pertsch, K. Rao, K. Reymann, M. Ryoo, G. Salazar, P. Sanketi, P. Sermanet, J. Singh, A. Singh, R. Soricut, H. Tran, V. Vanhoucke, Q. Vuong, A. Wahid, S. Welker, P. Wohlhart, J. Wu, F. Xia, T. Xiao, P. Xu, S. Xu, T. Yu, B. Zitkovich, “RT-2: Vision-Language-Action Models Transfer Web Knowledge to Robotic Control,” *Conference on Robot Learning (CoRL)*, November 2023
- [13] K. Kahatapitiya and M. S. Ryoo, “SWAT: Spatial Structure Within and Among Tokens,” *the 32nd International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI)*, August 2023. [*acceptance rate: 15.0%*]

- [14] A. Brohan, N. Brown, J. Carbajal, Y. Chebotar, J. Dabis, C. Finn, K. Gopalakrishnan, K. Hausman, A. Herzog, J. Hsu, J. Ibarz, B. Ichter, A. Irpan, T. Jackson, S. Jesmonth, N. J Joshi, R. Julian, D. Kalashnikov, Y. Kuang, I. Leal, K. Lee, S. Levine, Y. Lu, U. Malla, D. Manjunath, I. Mordatch, O. Nachum, C. Parada, J. Peralta, E. Perez, K. Pertsch, J. Quiambao, K. Rao, M. S. Ryoo, G. Salazar, P. Sanketi, K. Sayed, J. Singh, S. Sontakke, A. Stone, C. Tan, H. Tran, V. Vanhoucke, S. Vega, Q. Vuong, F. Xia, T. Xiao, P. Xu, S. Xu, T. Yu, B. Zitkovich, “RT-1: Robotics Transformer for Real-World Control at Scale,” *Robotics: Science and Systems (RSS)*, July 2023.
- [15] M. S. Ryoo, K. Gopalakrishnan, K. Kahatapitiya, T. Xiao, K. Rao, A. Stone, Y. Lu, J. Ibarz, and A. Arnab, “Token Turing Machines,” *IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, June 2023. [*acceptance rate: 25.8%*]
- [16] B. Chen, F. Xia, B. Ichter, K. Rao, K. Gopalakrishnan, M. S. Ryoo, A. Stone, and D. Kappler, “Open-vocabulary Queryable Scene Representations for Real World Planning,” *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*, May 2023.
- [17] A. Wu and M. S. Ryoo, “Energy-Based Models for Cross-Modal Localization using Convolutional Transformers,” *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*, May 2023.
- [18] A. Zeng, M. Attarian, B. Ichter, K. Choromanski, A. Wong, S. Welker, F. Tombari, A. Purohit, M. Ryoo, V. Sindhwani, J. Lee, V. Vanhoucke, and P. Florence, “Socratic Models: Composing Zero-Shot Multimodal Reasoning with Language,” *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, May 2023. [*acceptance rate: 31.97%*]
- [19] K. Kahatapitiya, Z. Ren, H. Li, Z. Wu, M. S. Ryoo, and G. Hua, “Weakly-Guided Self-Supervised Pretraining for Temporal Activity Detection,” *AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*, February 2023. [*acceptance rate: 19.6%*]
- [20] S. Das and M. S. Ryoo, “ViewCLR: Learning Self-Supervised Video Representation for Unseen Viewpoints,” *IEEE/CVF Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV)*, January 2023.
- [21] R. Burgert, J. Shang, X. Li, and M. S. Ryoo, “Neural Neural Textures Make Sim2Real Consistent,” *Conference on Robot Learning (CoRL)*, December 2022.
- [22] J. Shang, S. Das, and M. S. Ryoo, “Learning Viewpoint-Agnostic Visual Representations by Recovering Tokens in 3D Space,” *Thirty-sixth Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, December 2022. [*acceptance rate: 25.6%*]
- [23] X. Li, J. Shang, S. Das, and M. S. Ryoo, “Does Self-supervised Learning Really Improve Reinforcement Learning from Pixels?,” *Thirty-sixth Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, December 2022. [*acceptance rate: 25.6%*]
- [24] J. Shang and M. S. Ryoo, “StARformer: Transformer with State-Action-Reward Representations,” *European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)*, October 2022. [*acceptance rate: 28%*]
- [25] A. Piergiovanni, K. Morton, W. Kuo, M. S. Ryoo, and A. Angelova, “Video Question Answering with Iterative Video-Text Co-Tokenization,” *European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)*, October 2022. [*acceptance rate: 28%*]
- [26] K. Ranasinghe, M. Naseer, S. Khan, F. S. Khan and M. S. Ryoo, “Self-supervised Video Transformer,” *IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, June 2022. [*oral acceptance rate: ~4%*]
- [27] R. Dai, S. Das, K. Kahatapitiya, M. S. Ryoo, and F. Bremond, “MS-TCT: Multi-Scale Temporal ConvTransformer for Action Detection,” *IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, June 2022. [*acceptance rate: 25.3%*]
- [28] K. Choromanski, H. Chen, H. Lin, Y. Ma, A. Sehanobish, D. Jain, M. S. Ryoo, J. Varley, A. Zeng, V. Likhoshesterov, D. Kalashnikov, V. Sindhwani, A. Weller, “Hybrid Random Features,” *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, April 2022. [*acceptance rate: 32.3%*]
- [29] M. S. Ryoo, A. Piergiovanni, A. Arnab, M. Dehghani, and A. Angelova, “TokenLearner: Adaptive Space-Time Tokenization for Videos,” *Thirty-fifth Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, December 2021. [*acceptance rate: 26%*]

- [30] A. Piergiovanni, V. Casser, M. S. Ryoo, and A. Angelova, “4D-Net for Learned Multi-Modal Alignment,” *International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)*, October 2021. [*acceptance rate: 25.9%*]
- [31] J. Shang and M. S. Ryoo, “Self-Supervised Disentangled Representation Learning for Third-Person Imitation Learning,” *International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)*, September 2021.
- [32] K. Kahatapitiya and M. S. Ryoo, “Coarse-Fine Networks for Temporal Activity Detection in Videos”, *IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, June 2021. [*acceptance rate: 23.7%*]
- [33] A. Piergiovanni and M. S. Ryoo, “Recognizing Actions in Videos from Unseen Viewpoints”, *IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, June 2021. [*acceptance rate: 23.7%*]
- [34] I. Akinola, A. Angelova, Y. Lu, Y. Chebotar, D. Kalashnikov, J. Varley, J. Ibarz, and M. S. Ryoo, “Visionary: Vision Architecture Discovery for Robot Learning”, *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*, May 2021.
- [35] A. Piergiovanni and M. S. Ryoo, “AViD Dataset: Anonymized Videos from Diverse Countries”, *Thirty-fourth Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, December 2020. [*acceptance rate: 20.1%*]
- [36] A. Piergiovanni, A. Angelova, A. Toshev, and M. S. Ryoo, “Adversarial Generative Grammars for Human Activity Prediction,” *European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)*, August 2020. [*oral acceptance rate: 2.8%*]
- [37] M. S. Ryoo, A. Piergiovanni, J. Kangaspunta, and A. Angelova, “AssembleNet++: Assembling Modality Representations via Attention Connections,” *European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)*, August 2020. [*acceptance rate: 27.1%*]
- [38] X. Gu, W. Luo, M. S. Ryoo, and Y. J. Lee, “Password-conditioned Anonymization and Deanonimization with Face Identity Transformers,” *European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)*, August 2020. [*acceptance rate: 27.1%*]
- [39] X. Wang, X. Xiong, M. Neumann, A. Piergiovanni, M. S. Ryoo, A. Angelova, K. M. Kitani, and W. Hua, “AttentionNAS: Spatiotemporal Attention Cell Search for Video Classification,” *European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)*, August 2020. [*acceptance rate: 27.1%*]
- [40] A. Piergiovanni, A. Angelova, and M. S. Ryoo, “Evolving Losses for Unlabeled Video Representation Learning,” *IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, June 2020. [*oral acceptance rate: 5.7%*]
- [41] M. S. Ryoo, A. Piergiovanni, M. Tan, and A. Angelova, “AssembleNet: Searching for Multi-Stream Neural Connectivity in Video Architectures,” *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, April 2020. [*acceptance rate: 26.5%*]
- [42] A. Piergiovanni and M. S. Ryoo, “Unseen Action Recognition with Multimodal Learning,” *IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV)*, March 2020.
- [43] A. Piergiovanni, A. Angelova, and M. S. Ryoo, “Differentiable Grammars for Videos,” *AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*, February 2020. [*oral acceptance rate: ~5%*]
- [44] A. Piergiovanni, A. Wu, and M. S. Ryoo, “Learning Real-World Robot Policies by Dreaming,” *IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)*, November 2019.
- [45] M. U. Kim, H. Lee, H. J. Yang, and M. S. Ryoo, “Privacy-Preserving Robot Vision with Anonymized Faces by Extreme Low Resolution,” *IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)*, November 2019.
- [46] A. Wu, A. Piergiovanni, and M. S. Ryoo, “Model-based Behavioral Cloning with Future Image Similarity Learning,” *Conference on Robot Learning (CoRL)*, October 2019. [*acceptance rate: 27.6%*]
- [47] A. Piergiovanni, A. Angelova, A. Toshev, and M. S. Ryoo, “Evolving Space-Time Neural Architectures for Videos,” *International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)*, October 2019. [*acceptance rate: 25.0%*]

- [48] A. Piergiovanni and M. S. Ryoo, “Temporal Gaussian Mixture Layer for Videos,” *International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, Long Island, CA, June 2019. [*acceptance rate: 22.6%*]
- [49] A. Piergiovanni and M. S. Ryoo, “Early Detection of Injuries in MLB Pitchers from Video,” *IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Workshops (CVPRW)*, Long Island, CA, June 2019.
- [50] A. Piergiovanni and M. S. Ryoo, “Representation Flow for Action Recognition,” *IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, Long Island, CA, June 2019. [*acceptance rate: 25.2%*]
- [51] Z. Ren, Y. J. Lee, and M. S. Ryoo, “Learning to Anonymize Faces for Privacy Preserving Action Detection,” *European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)*, Munich, Germany, September 2018. [*acceptance rate: 31.8%*]
- [52] M. Xu, C. Fan, Y. Wang, M. S. Ryoo, and D. J. Crandall, “Joint Person Segmentation and Identification in Synchronized First- and Third-person Videos,” *European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)*, Munich, Germany, September 2018. [*acceptance rate: 31.8%*]
- [53] C. Fan, J. Lee, and M. S. Ryoo, “Forecasting Hands and Objects in Future Frames”, *European Conference on Computer Vision Workshops (ECCVW)*, Munich, Germany, September 2018.
- [54] A. Piergiovanni and M. S. Ryoo, “Learning Latent Super-Events to Detect Multiple Activities in Videos,” *IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, Salt Lake City, UT, June 2018. [*acceptance rate: 29.6%*]
- [55] A. Piergiovanni and M. S. Ryoo, “Fine-grained Activity Recognition in Baseball Videos,” *IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Workshops (CVPRW)*, Salt Lake City, UT, June 2018.
- [56] M. S. Ryoo, K. Kim, and H. J. Yang, “Extreme Low Resolution Activity Recognition with Multi-Siamese Embedding Learning,” *AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*, New Orleans, LA, February 2018. [*acceptance rate: 24.6%*]
- [57] J. Lee and M. S. Ryoo, “Learning Robot Activities from First-Person Human Videos Using Convolutional Future Regression,” *IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)*, Vancouver, Canada, September 2017.
- [58] I. Gori, J. K. Aggarwal, L. Matthies, and M. S. Ryoo, “Multi-Type Activity Recognition from a Robot's Viewpoint,” *the 26th International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI)*, Melbourne, Australia, August 2017 (invited). [*acceptance rate: 26.0%*]
- [59] C. Fan, J. Lee, M. Xu, K. K. Singh, Y. J. Lee, D. J. Crandall, and M. S. Ryoo, “Identifying First-person Camera Wearers in Third-person Videos,” *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, Honolulu, HI, July 2017. [*acceptance rate: 29.2%*]
- [60] T. Shu, X. Gao, M. S. Ryoo, and S.-C. Zhu, “Learning Social Affordance Grammar from Videos: Transferring Human Interactions to Human-Robot Interactions,” *IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*, Singapore, May 2017.
- [61] M. S. Ryoo, B. Rothrock, C. Fleming, and H. J. Yang, “Privacy-Preserving Human Activity Recognition from Extreme Low Resolution,” *AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*, San Francisco, CA, February 2017. [*acceptance rate: 24.6%*]
- [62] A. Piergiovanni¹, C. Fan¹, and M. S. Ryoo, “Learning Latent Sub-events in Activity Videos Using Temporal Attention Filters,” *AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*, San Francisco, CA, February 2017 (¹equal contribution). [*acceptance rate: 24.6%*]
- [63] T. Shu, M. S. Ryoo, and S.-C. Zhu, “Learning Social Affordance for Human-Robot Interaction,” *the 25th International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI)*, New York City, NY, July 2016. [*acceptance rate: 24%*]
- [64] M. S. Ryoo, B. Rothrock, and L. Matthies, “Pooled Motion Features for First-Person Videos,” *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, Boston, MA, June 2015. [*acceptance rate: 28%*]

- [65] M. S. Ryoo, T. Fuchs, L. Xia, J. K. Aggarwal, and L. Matthies, “Robot-Centric Activity Prediction from First-Person Videos: What Will They Do to Me?,” *ACM/IEEE International Conference on Human-Robot Interaction (HRI)*, Portland, OR, March 2015. [*acceptance rate: 25.4%*]
Best Paper Award Nominee
- [66] L. Xia, I. Gori, J. K. Aggarwal, and M. S. Ryoo, “Robot-Centric Activity Recognition from First-Person RGB-D Videos,” *IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV)*, HI, January 2015. [*1st-round acceptance rate: 30.0%*]
- [67] Y. Iwashita, A. Takamine, R. Kurazume, and M. S. Ryoo, “First-Person Animal Activity Recognition from Egocentric Videos,” *International Conference on Pattern Recognition (ICPR)*, Stockholm, Sweden, August 2014.
- [68] Y. Iwashita¹, M. S. Ryoo¹, T. J. Fuchs, and C. Padgett, “Recognizing Humans in Motion: Trajectory-based Aerial Video Analysis,” *British Machine Vision Conference (BMVC)*, Bristol, U.K., September 2013 (¹equal contribution). [*acceptance rate: 29.8%*]
- [69] M. S. Ryoo and L. Matthies, “First-Person Activity Recognition: What Are They Doing to Me?,” *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, Portland, OR, June 2013. [*acceptance rate: 26.2%*]
- [70] J. H. Joung, M. S. Ryoo, S. Choi, and S. R. Kim, “Reliable Object Detection and Segmentation Using Inpainting,” *IEEE/RSJ International Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)*, Algarve, Portugal, October 2012.
- [71] M. S. Ryoo, “Human Activity Prediction: Early Recognition of Ongoing Activities from Streaming Videos,” *International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)*, Barcelona, Spain, November 2011. [*acceptance rate: 23.7%*]
- [72] M. S. Ryoo, “Interactive Learning of Human Activities Using Active Video Composition,” *International Workshop on Stochastic Image Grammars (SIG)*, in *Proceedings of International Conference on Computer Vision Workshops (ICCVW)*, Barcelona, Spain, November 2011.
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- “Semantic Representation and Recognition of Human Activities,” Ph.D. Dissertation, the University of Texas at Austin, August 2008.
Outstanding Dissertation Award Nominee
- “Semantic Understanding of Continued and Recursive Activities using Context-Free Grammar,” M.S. Thesis, the University of Texas at Austin, August 2006.
Outstanding Thesis Award Nominee
- “Affective Dialogue Communication System with Emotional Memories for Humanoid Robots,” B.S. Thesis, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), August 2004.

Other Awards and Honors

- **Best Poster Award**
The 18th International Conference on Machine Vision Applications (MVA), Hamamatsu, July 2023.
Das & Ryoo, “Cross-modal Manifold Cutmix for Self-supervised Video Representation Learning”
- **Outstanding Area Chair**
International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2021.
- **Best Paper Award**
CVPR Workshop on Deep Learning for Robot Vision (DLRV), 2017 (sponsored by Google/Facebook/ACRV).
Lee & Ryoo, “Learning Robot Activities from First-Person Human Videos Using Convolutional Future Regression”
- **Best Poster Award**
The 10th Joint Workshop on Machine Perception and Robotics (MPR), Beijing, Oct. 2014.
Iwashita, Takamine, Kurazume & Ryoo, “First-Person Animal Activity Recognition from Egocentric Videos”

- **Best Video Award** (sponsored by IEEE RO-MAN)
The 6th Korea Robotics Society Annual Conference (KRoC), 2011.
Ryoo *et al.*, “Personal Driving Diary: Constructing a Video Archive of Everyday Driving Events”
- **Outstanding Dissertation/Thesis Award Nominee, 2007 and 2009**
The only candidate nominated by the Department of ECE, the University of Texas at Austin.
- **UT Engineering Doctoral Fellowship, 2006.9 ~ 2008.8**
Full tuition and \$10,000 annual supplemental stipend to support research (3 years granted).
Supported by the College of Engineering, the University of Texas at Austin.
- **David Bruton Jr. Graduate School Fellowship, 2006**
- **Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies Fellowship** (supported by SK), 2004.8 ~ 2008.8
Full scholarship awarded for tuition and living expenses, \$50,000 annually, for Ph.D. study (5 years granted).
One of the five recipients selected from nationwide (South Korea) in Computer Science.
- **Professional Development Award, the University of Texas at Austin, 2006 and 2007**
- **KAIST Undergraduate Scholarship, 2000.3 ~ 2004.1**
Full scholarship awarded for tuition and living expenses.

Research Funding

- **(PI)** IITP grant by South Korean Ministry of Science and ICT, “Semantic Action Policy Learning and State Inference for Mobile Robot Intelligence,” 2020.01~2022.12, ~\$200,000 for 36 months, with Electronics and Telecommunications Research Institute (ETRI).
- **(PI)** NSF Information and Intelligent Systems (IIS): Core Programs, “RI: Small: Collaborative: Understanding Human-Object Interactions from First-person and Third-person Videos,” 2018.08~2022.08, \$250,000 for 36 months, with Y. J. Lee (UC Davis).
- **(PI)** NSF Computer and Network Systems (CNS): Core Programs, “CSR: Small: Collaborative: Decentralized Real-Time Machine Learning Systems on Near-User Edge Devices,” 2018.08~2022.08, \$250,000 for 36 months, with H. Kim (Gatech).
- **(PI)** IITP grant by South Korean Ministry of Science and ICT, “Semantic Action Policy Learning and State Inference for Mobile Robot Intelligence,” 2018.01~2019.12, ~\$130,000 for 24 months, with Electronics and Telecommunications Research Institute (ETRI).
- **(PI)** ARL’s Robotics Collaborative Technology Alliance (RCTA), Task P5-5 “Human Activity Recognition with Context Learning” (2016) and T2C1S2D “Predicting Human Intent and Activity Possibilities” (2017-2018), 2016.01~ 2018.12, \$220,000 for 36 months.
- **(PI)** ICT R&D program of South Korean Ministry of Science, “Recognizing Objects and Events from Videos for XD-Media Special Effects,” 2016.01~2017.12, ~\$260,000 for 24 months, with Electronics and Telecommunications Research Institute (ETRI).
- **(co-PI)** DARPA’s Simplifying Complexity in Scientific Discovery (SIMPLEX), Task “Action Recognition and Learning from a First-Person View,” 2015.03~2016.03, \$90,000 for 12 months, with S.-C. Zhu (UCLA).
- **(PI)** NVIDIA hardware donation program, 2015, 2016.
- **(co-PI, subtask-PI)** ARL’s Robotics Collaborative Technology Alliance (RCTA), Task P5-2 “Understanding of Human Interactions and Reactions,” Phase1: 2012.04~2014.12, “Semantic Understanding of Human Activities,” Phase2: 2015.01~ 2015.12, ~\$500,000, with L. Matthies (JPL).
- **(PI)** NASA-JPL B&P Funding, “Group Activity Recognition from Aerial Videos,” etc., 2013~2014, \$17,000.
- **(PI)** Otis Elevator Korea, “Detection of Abnormal Activities in Elevators Using Cameras,” 2011, \$60,000.

Professional Activities

Organizer/Chair

- General chair, The Conference on Robot Learning (CoRL) 2025
- Local organizing chair, ACM/IEEE International Conference on Human-Robot Interaction (HRI) 2018
- Lead organizer, the 4th Workshop on Egocentric (First-Person) Vision, with CVPR 2016
- Organizer, the 3rd Workshop on Egocentric (First-Person) Vision, with CVPR 2014
- Lead organizer, ICPR Contest on Semantic Description of Human Activities (SDHA), with ICPR 2010

Area Chair

- 2024: ICML/ECCV/NeurIPS
- 2023: ICML/ICCV
- 2022: ICLR/CVPR/NeurIPS
- 2021: ICLR/ICCV
- 2020: ICLR
- 2019: CVPR
- 2017: MVA
- 2016: WACV

Journal reviewer

- IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (PAMI), International Journal of Computer Vision (IJCV), Computer Vision and Image Understanding (CVIU), IEEE Transactions on Image Processing (T-IP), IEEE Transactions on Circuits and Systems for Video Technology (T-CSVT), Image and Vision Computing Journal (ImaVis), IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man and Cybernetics (SMC), etc.

Advising

Past students/postdoc

- Srijan Das, Department of CS, Stony Brook University (Postdoc, 2023), joined UNC Charlotte
- Alan Wu, Department of ISE, Indiana University (Ph.D., 2023), joined MIT Lincoln Lab
- AJ Piergiovanni, Department of CS, Indiana University (Ph.D., 2020), joined Google Brain
- Alex Seewald, Department of CS, Indiana University (M.S., 2018), joined Cerner Corporation
- Maria Soledad Elli, Department of CS, Indiana University (M.S., 2017), joined Intel

Current students

- Cristina Mata, Department of CS, Stony Brook University (Ph.D. student)
- Kumara Kahatapitiya, Department of CS, Stony Brook University (Ph.D. student)
- Jinghuan Shang, Department of CS, Stony Brook University (Ph.D. student)
- Xiang Li, Department of CS, Stony Brook University (Ph.D. student)
- Jongwoo Park, Department of CS, Stony Brook University (Ph.D. student)
- Ryan Burgert, Department of CS, Stony Brook University (Ph.D. student)
- Kanchana Ranasinghe, Department of CS, Stony Brook University (Ph.D. student)
- Abe Leite, Department of CS, Stony Brook University (Ph.D. student)

Ph.D. defense/proposal committee member of

- Xiaofang Wang, CMU (Ph.D. 2022)
- Srijan Das, INRIA (Ph.D. 2020)

- Chenyou Fan, Department of CS, Indiana University (Ph.D. 2018)
- Sven Bambach, Department of CS, Indiana University (Ph.D. 2016)
- Stefan Lee, Department of CS, Indiana University (Ph.D. 2016)
- Josh Harguess, Department of ECE, the University of Texas at Austin (Ph.D. 2011)
- Birgi Tamersoy, Department of ECE, the University of Texas at Austin (M.S. 2009)

Teaching Experience

- ***CSE 378 Introduction to Robotics, Stony Brook University:*** Fall 2023,
Instructor: M. S. Ryoo
Scope: an introductory Robot Learning course for undergraduate students
- ***CSE 525 Robotics, Stony Brook University:*** Spring 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023,
Instructor: M. S. Ryoo
Scope: a Robot Learning course for graduate students focusing on deep reinforcement learning.
- ***CSE 527 Computer Vision, Stony Brook University:*** Fall 2021,
Instructor: M. S. Ryoo
Scope: an introductory Computer Vision course for graduate students.
- ***CSE 615 Advanced Computer Vision, Stony Brook University:*** Spring 2020,
Instructor: Dimitrios Samaras, Haibin Ling, M. S. Ryoo, Minh Hoai Nguyen
Scope: an advanced Computer Vision course for graduate students.
- ***CS/INFO B490/I400 Intro to Computer Vision, Indiana University Bloomington:*** Spring 2016, 2017, 2018,
Instructor: M. S. Ryoo
Scope: an introductory Computer Vision course for undergraduate students.
- ***CS/INFO B659/I590 Vision for Intelligent Robotics, Indiana University Bloomington:*** Fall 2015, 2016, 2017,
Instructor: M. S. Ryoo
Scope: a graduate seminar course on state-of-the-art Computer Vision algorithms and their applications to Robotics.
- ***ME/CS 132a Introduction to Vision-based Robot Navigation, California Institute of Technology:*** Winter 2015,
Instructors: L. Matthies, R. Brockers, B. Rothrock, T. Fuchs, S. Weiss, and M. S. Ryoo
Scope: current topics in robotics research in the areas of autonomous navigation and vision, including perception.