

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Computer Vision and Machine Learning.	
ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	<b>Assistant Professor</b> , Georgetown University <b>Research Assistant Professor</b> , Computer Science, Boston University. <b>Postdoctoral Associate</b> , Computer Science, Boston University. <b>Research Fellow</b> , Computer Science, Boston University. <b>Teaching Fellow</b> , Computer Science, Boston University. <b>Lecturer</b> , Computer Science, Gulf University for Science and Technology.	2022 2019 - 2022 2018 - 2019 2013 - 2018 2013 - 2016 2009 - 2013
EDUCATION	<b>Ph.D.</b> , Computer Science, Boston University GPA: 4.00 Advisor: Prof. Stan Sclaroff Thesis topic: Grounding Deep Models of Visual Data  <b>M.Sc.</b> , Computer Science, The American University in Cairo GPA: 3.96 (First on Graduation Class) Advisors: Prof. Amr Goneid, Dr. Rana el Kaliouby Thesis topic: Automated Facial Expression Recognition  <b>B.Sc.</b> , Computer Science, Kuwait University GPA: 3.92 (Distinction with Class Honors) Minor: Statistics and Operations Research	2013 - 2019          2005 - 2007          2001 - 2005
AWARDS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS	<b>Provost's Distinguished Faculty Fellow</b> , Georgetown University. <b>IBM Ph.D. Fellowship</b> . <b>Outstanding Teaching Fellow Award</b> , Boston University. <b>Hariri Graduate Fellowship</b> , Boston University. <b>ACM SIGMM Student Conference Scholarship</b> to attend: Turing Award Celebration. <b>Office of Technology Development Award</b> , Boston University. <b>Emotion Recognition Challenge (third place)</b> , ICMI Conference. <b>Social Entrepreneurship Award</b> , Boston University (BU). <b>Hariri Award for Transformative Computational Science Research</b> , BU. <b>Yousef Jameel Scholarship</b> , University of Cambridge. [Declined; multiple awards] <b>Merit Fellowship</b> , The American University in Cairo. <b>Laboratory Instruction Graduate Fellowship</b> , The American University in Cairo. <b>Dean's List Honors</b> all years of undergraduate study, Kuwait University.	2022 2017 2017 2017 2017 2016 2016 2014 2014 2013 2006 - 2007 2005 - 2006 2001 - 2005
RECOGNITIONS	<b>Distinguished Student Speaker</b> , PhD Hooding Ceremony of Boston University. <b>Finalist</b> , Adobe Research Fellowship. <b>Semi-Finalist</b> , Snap Inc. Research Fellowship.	2019 2018 2018
TRAVEL AWARDS	<b>Rising Stars 2017</b> , Stanford University. <b>Grace Hopper Conference Student Scholarship</b> . <b>Grace Hopper Conference Award</b> , Boston University. <b>Invited participant for the Grad Cohort Workshop</b> of the CRA-W.	2017 2017 2016 2016

## PUBLICATIONS

- [1] S.A. Bargal, A. Zunino, V. Petsiuk, V. Murino, S. Sclaroff, K. Saenko. Beyond the Visual Analysis of Deep Model Saliency. *Book chapter, Springer Book: xxAI - Beyond Explainable Artificial Intelligence*, 2022. 2022
- [2] N. Ruiz, S. A. Bargal, C. Xie, K. Saenko, S. Sclaroff. Finding Differences Between Transformers and ConvNets Using Counterfactual Simulation Testing. In *Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2022. 2022
- [3] N. Ruiz, A. Kortylewski, W. Qiu, C. Xie, S. A. Bargal, A. Yuille, S. Sclaroff. Simulated Adversarial Testing. *IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 2022. 2022
- [4] D. Bashkirova, M. Abdelfattah, Z. Zhu, J. Akl, F. Alladkani, P. Hu, V. Ablavsky, B. Calli, S.A. Bargal, K. Saenko. Zero-Waste: Towards Automated Waste Recycling. *IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 2022. 2022
- [5] M. Oliu, S. A. Bargal, X. Baró, S. Sclaroff, and S. Escalera. Multi-varied Cumulative Alignment for Domain Adaptation. *International Conference on Image Analysis and Processing (ICIAP)*, 2022. 2022
- [6] N. Ruiz\*, H. Yu\*, D. A. Alessio, M. Jalal, A. Joshi, T. Murray, J. J. Magee, K. M. Delgado, V. Ablavsky, S. Sclaroff, I. Arroyo, B. P. Woolf, S. A. Bargal, M. Betke. ATL-BP: A Student Engagement Dataset and Model for Affect Transfer Learning for Behavior Prediction. *IEEE Transactions on Biometrics, Behavior, and Identity Science*, 2022. 2022
- [7] S. S. Majumdar, S. Jain, I. C. Tourni, A. Mustafin, Diala Lteif, S. Sclaroff, K. Saenko, S. A. Bargal. Ani-GIFs: A Benchmark Dataset for Domain Generalization of Action Recognition from GIFs. *Frontiers in Computer Science-Computer Vision*, 2022. 2022
- [8] S. A. Bargal\*, A. Zunino\*, V. Petsiuk, J. Zhang, K. Saenko, V. Murino, S. Sclaroff. Guided Zoom: Zooming into Network Evidence to Refine Fine-grained Model Decisions. *IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (PAMI)*, 2021. 2021
- [9] A. Wan, L. Dunlap, D. Ho, J. Yin, S. Lee, H. Jin, S. Petryk, S. A. Bargal, J. E. Gonzalez. NBDT: Neural-Backed Decision Tree. *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2021. 2021
- [10] S. A. Bargal\*, A. Zunino\*, P. Morerio, J. Zhang, S. Sclaroff, V. Murino. Excitation Dropout: Encouraging Plasticity in Deep Neural Networks. *International Journal of Computer Vision (IJCV)*, 2021. **Nominated for Misha Mahowald Prize.** 2021
- [11] S. A. Bargal\*, A. Zunino\*, R. Volpi, M. Sameki, J. Zhang, S. Sclaroff, V. Murino, K. Saenko. Explainable Deep Classification Models for Domain Generalization. *Workshop on Fair, Data-Efficient, and Trusted Computer Vision at IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 2021. 2021
- [12] N. Ruiz, S. A. Bargal, S. Sclaroff. Protecting Against Image Translation Deepfakes by Leaking Universal Perturbations from Black-Box Neural Networks. *Workshop on Security and Safety in Machine Learning Systems at International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2021. 2021
- [13] B. Spetter-Goldstein, N. Ruiz, S. A. Bargal. Examining the Human Perceptibility of Black-Box Adversarial Attacks on Face Recognition. *Workshop on The Prospects and Perils of Adversarial Machine Learning at International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, 2021. 2021
- [14] K. Deglado, J. Origgi, T. Hasanpoor, H. Yu, D. Alessio, I. Arroyo, W. Lee, M. Betke, B. Woolf, S. A. Bargal. Prediction of Student Engagement. *Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV) Workshops*, 2021. 2021
- [15] M. Monfort, A. Andonian, B. Zhou, K. Ramakrishnan, S. A. Bargal, Y. Yan, L. Brown, Q. Fan, D. Gutfreund, C. Vondrick, A. Oliva. Moments in Time Dataset: one million videos for event understanding. *IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (PAMI)*, 2020. 2020
- [16] N. Ruiz, S. A. Bargal, S. Sclaroff. Disrupting DeepFakes: Adversarial Attacks Against Conditional Image Translation Networks and Facial Manipulation Systems. *Workshop on Adversarial Machine Learning in Computer Vision at IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 2020. 2020

	[17] N. C. Garcia, S. A. Bargal, V. Ablavsky, P. Morerio, V. Murino, S. Sclaroff. DMCL: Distillation Multiple Choice Learning for Multimodal Action Recognition. <i>IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV)</i> , 2020.	2020
	[18] F. Cakir, K. He, S. A. Bargal, S. Sclaroff. Hashing with Mutual Information. <i>IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (PAMI)</i> , 2019.	2019
	[19] S. A. Bargal*, A. Zunino*, V. Petsiuk, J. Zhang, K. Saenko, V. Murino, S. Sclaroff. Guided Zoom: Questioning Network Evidence for Fine-grained Classification. <i>The British Machine Vision Conference (BMVC)</i> , 2019.	2019
	[20] D. Kim, S. A. Bargal, J. Zhang, S. Sclaroff. Multi-way Encoding for Robustness. <i>IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV)</i> , 2019.	2019
	[21] S. A. Bargal*, A. Zunino*, V. Petsiuk, J. Zhang, K. Saenko, V. Murino, S. Sclaroff. Are CNN Predictions based on Reasonable Evidence? <i>Workshop on Explainable Artificial Intelligence at IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)</i> , 2019.	2019
	[22] S. A. Bargal*, A. Zunino*, D.Kim, J. Zhang, V. Murino, S. Sclaroff. Excitation Backprop for RNNs. <i>IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)</i> , 2018. <b>Featured in CVPR Daily.</b>	2018
	[23] K. He, F. Cakir, S. A. Bargal, S. Sclaroff. Hashing as Tie-Aware Learning to Rank. <i>IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)</i> , 2018.	2018
	[24] J. Zhang, S. A. Bargal, Z. Lin, J. Brandt, X. Shen, S. Sclaroff. Top-down Neural Attention by Excitation Backprop. <i>International Journal of Computer Vision (IJCV)</i> , 2017.	2017
	[25] F. Cakir, K. He, S. A. Bargal, S. Sclaroff. MIHash: Online Hashing with Mutual Information. <i>International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)</i> , 2017.	2017
	[26] S. Ma, S. A. Bargal, J. Zhang, L. Sigal, S. Sclaroff. Do Less and Achieve More: Training CNNs for Action Recognition Utilizing Action Images from the Web. <i>The Journal of the Pattern Recognition Society (PR)</i> , 2017. <b>Office of Technology Development Award, Boston University.</b>	2017
	[27] S. A. Bargal, E. Barsoum, C. Canton, C. Zhang, Emotion Recognition in the Wild from Videos using Images. <i>International Conference on Multimodal Interaction (ICMI)</i> , 2016. <b>Third place: ICMI'16 Emotion Recognition Challenge.</b>	2016
	[28] F. Cakir, S. A. Bargal, S. Sclaroff. Online Supervised Hashing. <i>Computer Vision and Image Understanding Journal (CVIU)</i> , 2016.	2016
	[29] S. A. Bargal, A. Welles, C. R. Chan, S. Howes, S. Sclaroff, E. Ragan, C. Johnson, C. Gill. Image-based Ear Biometric Smartphone App for Patient Identification in Field Settings. <i>International Conference on Computer Vision Theory and Applications (VISAPP)</i> , 2015. <b>Social Entrepreneurship Award, Boston University.</b>	2015
	[30] S. A. Bargal, R. el Kaliouby, A. Goneid, A. Nayfah. Classification of Mouth Action Units using Local Binary Patterns. <i>International Conference on Image Processing, Computer Vision, and Pattern Recognition (IPCV)</i> , 2012.	2012
PAPERS UNDER REVIEW	[1] Q. Fan, D. Kim, R. Chen, S. Sclaroff, S. A. Bargal. Analysis of Temporal Dependences in Video Action Models.	2022
	[2] Y. Song, H. Tillman, D. Lteif, A. Wan, D. Ho, S. A. Bargal, J. E. Gonzalez. GradPAM: Visual Explanations for Segmentation.	2022
	[3] T. Oanda, N. Ruiz, S. A. Bargal. UniFace Cross Domain Style Transfer.	2022
	[4] N. Ruiz, S. A. Bargal, S. Sclaroff. Efficient Black-Box Disruptions of Image Translation Deepfake Generation Systems.	2022
GRANTS	Co-PI (Boston University PI), <b>NSF: Program on Fairness in Artificial Intelligence in Collaboration with Amazon (FAI)</b> , \$976,673. Collaboration with University of California Santa Cruz and Johns Hopkins University. <i>Status: submitted.</i>	2021
	Co-PI (Boston University PI), <b>NSF: Research on Emerging Technologies for Teaching and Learning (RETTL)</b> , \$840,215. Collaboration with University of Massachusetts Amherst. <i>Status: submitted.</i>	2021
	Co-PI, <b>Facebook's Foundational Integrity Research</b> , \$99,990. <i>Status: submitted.</i>	2021

	PI, <i>nVIDIA Hardware Grant Program</i> , \$11,399. <i>Status: submitted.</i>	2021
	Co-PI, Cloud Credits for Research from <i>Amazon Web Services</i> , with Vasili Ramanishka and Ben Usman, 01/23/2019 - 12/31/2019, \$15,000. <i>Status: received.</i>	2019
	PI, <i>nVIDIA GPU Grant</i> , \$3,000. <i>Status: received.</i>	2019
INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE	<b>IBM Research</b> - Vision and Learning Group, <i>Research Intern</i> Manager: Rogerio Feris Project: Deep learning for action recognition from video	2017
	<b>Microsoft Research</b> - Group MIX, <i>Research Intern</i> Manager: Cha Zhang Project: Deep learning for emotion recognition from video	2016
	<b>MIS - Oracle partner</b> , <i>Software Developer</i> Project: Automated forms and reports generation	2005
INVITED TALKS AND LECTURES	<b>Invited Speaker</b> , Museum of Science AI speaker "The Future of Intelligence" moderated by Kara Miller of the Boston Globe.	2022
	<b>Invited Speaker</b> , Department of Computer Science, Georgetown University.	2022
	<b>Invited Keynote Speaker</b> , CVPR workshop on: Fair, Data-Efficient and Trusted Computer Vision.	2021
	<b>Guest Lecturer</b> , EC 414 Machine Learning, College of Engineering, Boston University.	2021
	<b>Invited Speaker</b> , KAUST/Stanford.	2020
	<b>Guest Lecturer</b> , CS 585 Image and Video Computing Course, Boston University.	2020
	<b>Invited Speaker</b> , National Academy of Sciences, Arab-American Frontiers Symposium.	2019
	<b>Invited Speaker</b> , IEEE Applied Imagery Pattern Recognition (AIPR) workshop, D.C.	2019
	<b>Invited Speaker</b> , CSAIL, MIT.	2019
	<b>Invited Speaker</b> , Google, Cambridge MA.	2019
	<b>Invited Speaker</b> , Computational Science Workshop, Harvard University.	2019
	<b>Invited Speaker</b> , Law School, BU/MIT Technology Law Clinic, Boston University.	2019
	<b>Invited Speaker</b> , Geometric Analysis Approach to AI Workshop, Harvard University.	2019
	<b>Invited Speaker</b> , College of Information and Computer Science, UMass Amherst.	2019
	<b>Invited Keynote Speaker</b> , AI4ALL, Boston University.	2018
	<b>Invited Speaker</b> , New England Computer Vision Workshop, Harvard University.	2018
	<b>Invited Speaker</b> , Machine Intelligence Conference, MIT Media Lab.	2018
	<b>Invited Speaker</b> , Computer Science Department, Tufts University.	2018
	<b>Invited</b> to present our work on <i>Excitation Backprop for RNNs</i> at the CVPR 2018 Workshop: "Brave New Ideas for Video Understanding."	2018
	<b>Guest Lecturer</b> , CS 480/680 Computer Graphics Course, Boston University.	2018
	<b>Guest Lecturer</b> , CS 542 Machine Learning Course, Boston University.	2017
	<b>Guest Lecturer</b> , CS 591 Deep Learning Course, Boston University.	2017
	<b>Guest Speaker</b> , Computer Science Dept. of the American University in Cairo.	2017
	<b>Invited Speaker</b> , Affectiva, Boston, MA.	2015
PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES	<b>PhD Dissertation Prospectus Committee Member</b> . Nataniel Ruiz, <i>Using Adaptive Simulation to Train, Test and Understand Neural Networks</i> , Boston University.	2022
	<b>PhD Oral Exam Committee Member</b> . Dina Bashkirova, <i>Disentanglement in Unpaired Image-to-Image Translation</i> , Boston University.	2022
	<b>Guest Editor</b> , special issue of the Frontiers on Computer Vision Journal.	2021
	<b>Third Reader of Doctoral Thesis Examining Committee</b> . Xiao Zhou, <i>Non-competitive and Competitive Deep Learning for Imaging Applications</i> , Boston University.	2021
	<b>PhD Dissertation Prospectus Committee Member</b> . Donghyun Kim, <i>Learning Generalizable Representation with Self-supervised Learning</i> , Boston University.	2021
	<b>PhD Oral Exam Committee Member</b> . Vitali Petsiuk, <i>Saliency Methods for Explainable AI</i> , Boston University.	2021
	<b>PhD Oral Exam Committee Member</b> . Hao Yu, <i>Facial Expression Analysis for Predicting Student Engagement</i> , Boston University.	2021
	<b>NSF Panelist</b> , CISE.	2020
	<b>Fourth Reader and Chair of Doctoral Thesis Examining Committee</b> . Xingchao Peng,	2020

	<i>Domain Adaptive Learning with Disentangled Features</i> , Boston University.	
	<b>Chair of Doctoral Thesis Examining Committee</b> , Xide Xia, <i>Deep Representation Learning for Photorealistic Content Creation</i> , Boston University.	2020
	<b>Area Chair</b> , IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV).	2020
	<b>Technical Program Committee Member</b> , AffectiCom Workshop, IEEE International Conference on Communications (ICC).	2020
	<b>Affiliate</b> , Hariri Institute of Computing, Boston University.	2019 - 2022
	<b>Core Faculty</b> , Artificial Intelligence Research (AIR) Initiative, Boston University.	2019 - 2022
	<b>Program Chair</b> , Multi-modal Video Analysis and Moments in Time Challenge (MMVAMT) Workshop, ICCV.	2019
	<b>Reviewer</b> for CVPR, ICCV, ECCV, ICMI, AAAI, FG, TPAMI, AI Letters, TKDE, and CogSys.	2013 - 2022
	<b>Consultant</b> on Project SEARCH: Scanning Ears for Child Health, Boston University.	2017
	<b>Student Representative on the Graduate Academic Affairs Committee</b> , a Graduate School of Arts & Sciences Governance Committee at Boston University.	2015
	<b>Seminar Series Coordinator</b> , Image and Video Computing Group, Boston University.	2015
	<b>Judging Committee Member</b> of Gulf Programming Competition (GPC) in Abu Dhabi.	2012, 2013
OUTREACH AND SERVICE	<b>Co-Director</b> , AI4ALL Program, Boston University.	2019 - 2022
	<b>Committee Chair</b> , Computer Science Department's Graduate Awards Committee, Boston University.	2021-2022
	<b>Committee Member</b> , Research Faculty Merit Review Committee, Boston University.	2022
	<b>Speaker</b> , CS Research Workshop for Undergraduates and Masters, Boston University.	2021
	<b>Panelist</b> , Artemis Project, Boston University.	2021
	<b>Committee Member</b> , Computer Science Department's Professor of Practice Search Committee, Boston University.	2020-2021
	<b>Committee Member</b> , Computer Science Department's committee for external fellowship nomination of doctoral students, Boston University.	2020-2022
	<b>Faculty Scholarship Application Reviewer</b> , Grace Hopper Conference.	2020
	<b>Computer Science Instructor</b> , Boston University's Summer High School Program.	2019
	<b>Committee Member</b> , Computer Science Department's committee for teaching and research awards for doctoral students, Boston University.	2019
	<b>GWISE Representative</b> (Graduate Women in STEM), Boston University.	2018
	<b>Panelist</b> , Building your professional/scholarly profile, AI retreat, Boston University.	2018
	<b>Panelist</b> , uWise (Undergraduate Women in STEM), Boston University.	2017
MENTORING	<b>PhD Students at Boston University and UC Berkeley*</b>	2017 - 2022
	Alvin Wan* (with Joseph Gonzalez), Donghyun Kim (with Stan Sclaroff), Lisa Dunlap* (with Joseph Gonzalez), Nataniel Ruiz (with Stan Sclaroff), Vitali Petsiuk (with Kate Saenko), Isidora Tourni, Diala Lteif, and Arsenii Mustafin.	
	<b>MSc Students at Boston University</b>	2019 - 2022
	Chenwei Cui, Juan Origgi, Tania Hasanpoor, Shubhangi Jain, and Shoumik Majumdar.	
	<b>Undergraduate Students at Boston University and The American University in Cairo*</b>	2019 - 2022
	Benji Spetter-Goldstein, Kevin Delgado, Tabitha Oanda (2022 Scarlet Key Honor), and Mohamed Abdelfattah*.	
TEACHING	<b>Boston University, Department of Computer Science</b>	2016 - 2022
	CS 523 Deep Learning (38 students)	
	CS 542 Machine Learning (120 students)	
	CS 440 Artificial Intelligence (90 students)	
	CS 995 Directed Study: Computer Vision (6 students)	
	CS 112 Intro to Computer Science II (Data Structures and Algorithms) (35 students)	
	CS 480/680 Intro to Computer Graphics (60 students)	
	<b>Outstanding Teaching Fellow Award</b>	