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Curriculum Vitae

Department of Computer Science

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Education

- 2012 **Ph.D.** Computer Science, Stanford University
- 2007 **M.S.** Computer Science, Stanford University
- 2003 **B.S.** Computer Science, *Dean's Honored Graduate*,
University of Texas at Austin
- 2003 **B.S.** in Mathematics (Pure Mathematics), 4.0 GPA
University of Texas at Austin

Teaching Experience

- Jan 2019 - Assistant Professor of Instruction
Teaching an expanded CS 302 (CS1-like class for non-majors) course and
CS 312 (Introduction to Programming)

- Nov 2018 Co-facilitator of Unconscious Bias workshop
BigCommerce, Inc., Austin, Texas
Created a new research-based unconscious bias curriculum for Breaking
the Glass, an organization for increasing diversity in the tech industry

- Jan-Mar 2016 Instructor of Computer Science
Foothill College, Los Altos Hills, California
Taught introductory Java course, prepared homework assignments, graded
and administered all assignments and exams, conducted numerous active
learning activities in computer lab classroom with hands-on programming
exercises

- 2014-2015 Stanford Ph.D. Career Strategy Workshops
Advised and led creation of Stanford's first-ever seminar series on the
Ph.D.-industry transition; created survey to obtain specific information on
students' interests; secured sponsorship from Stanford Computer Forum
and Stanford Career Development Center

- 2011 Stanford Product Management Seminar
Created Stanford University's first-ever seminar series to teach engineers about product management; secured sponsorship and funds from Stanford Computer Forum and MobileIron Corporation
- 2008 BioE 485: Modeling and Simulation of Human Movement (1 quarter)
Stanford University
Teaching Assistant: advanced graduate course; held office hours to advise students on their class projects
- 2007 BioE 215: Physics-Based Simulation of Biological Structures (1 quarter)
Stanford University
Teaching Assistant: early graduate / advanced undergraduate course; graded assignments involving computer science and physics questions, assisted students with C++ programming for physics-based simulation
- 2005 CS 103B: Discrete Structures (1 quarter)
Stanford University
Teaching Assistant and substitute instructor for two lectures for beginning undergraduate course for computer science majors; held office hours and graded assignments and exams
- 2005 CS 103A: Discrete Mathematics for Computer Science (1 quarter)
Stanford University
Teaching Assistant and substitute instructor for two lectures for beginning undergraduate course for computer science majors; held office hours and graded assignments and exams

Professional Societies

Association for Computing Machinery Special Interest Group on Computer Science Education (ACM SIGCSE)

Advisor to Breaking the Glass (organization for increasing gender diversity in the tech industry), Austin, Texas

IEEE Robotics and Automation Society Technical Committee on Human Movement Understanding (invited as founding member, 2014)

Industry Experience

- Oct 2018 - Principal Robotics Software Engineer (Consultant)
Verb Surgical, Mountain View, California
Developing safety system for robotic medical device system
- 2016-2018 Senior Software Engineer (consulting since July 2017)
Verb Surgical, Mountain View, California
Senior engineer on robotic software infrastructure team; created several documents and delivered several presentations on robotic software; created foundational libraries in C++ for medical robotic device to perform high-speed mathematical operations, represent robotic components in an object-oriented framework for high-performance computing, handle user interaction logic, and manage asynchronous communication during real-time execution
- 2013-2016 Software Engineer
Honda Research Institute, Mountain View, California
Created dynamics-based inverse kinematics algorithm for musculoskeletal modeling of human motion from motion capture data; applied algorithm to create a real-time GUI application quantifying muscular effort during performance of manufacturing tasks, presented to Honda manufacturing staff; also applied algorithm to vehicle occupant packaging
- 2012-2013 Founder & Developer
ZoomCat (Android App)
Created app for managing tasks, projects, and schedules
- 2000 Software Engineer
Bits & Pixels, Inc., Austin, Texas
Developed search programs in Java for finding code in Web pages
- 1999 Software Engineer
Bits & Pixels, Inc., Austin, Texas
Developed user data storage, encoding and management system in Java

Media

- Feb 2017 *ACM Inroads* journal back page comic on computer science education
<https://inroads.acm.org/article.cfm?aid=2914794>
- Nov 2016 TED-Ed Lessons video on sorting algorithms: >1.9 million views
<https://ed.ted.com/lessons/what-s-the-fastest-way-to-alphabetize-your-bookshelf-chand-john>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WaNLJf8xzC4>

- Aug 20, 2008 The longest high-fidelity, physics-based musculoskeletal simulation of human walking to date, featured in *Biomedical Beat*, a publication of the National Institutes of Health
<https://publications.nigms.nih.gov/biobeat/08-08-20/index.html#1>
- Winter 2007 Cover image, *Biomedical Computation Review*, a publication of the NIH National Center for Simulation of Biological Structures
<http://biomedicalcomputationreview.org/issue-landing/114>

Awards

- 2014-2017 OpenSim Fellowship, in recognition of computational expertise in modeling and simulation of robot and human motion
<http://simtk-confluence.stanford.edu:8080/display/OpenSim/OpenSim+Fellows>
- 2009 Summer Bioengineering Conference Semi-Finalist
The American Society of Mechanical Engineers
- 2008-2009 Achievement Rewards for College Scientists Fellowship
- 2006-2008 AAAS/Science Program for Excellence in Science
The American Association for the Advancement of Science
- 2005-2008 NIH (NIGMS) Predoctoral Fellowship in Biocomputation
- 2003-2004 School of Engineering Fellowship
Stanford University
- 2003 Dean's Honored Graduate in Computer Science
University of Texas at Austin
- 2003 Computing Research Association Undergraduate Award Finalist
- 2003 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Honorable Mention
- 2003 George H. Mitchell Award
University of Texas at Austin
- 2003 University of Illinois Distinguished Fellowship offer
- 2003 Membership in National Society of Collegiate Scholars
- 2003 Tivoli Scholarship

- 2002 Computing Research Association Undergraduate Award Honorable
Mention

- 2002-2003 National Science Foundation VIGRE grant for mathematics research
University of Texas at Austin

- 2001-2002 Tivoli Scholarship

- 2000 Barry Goldwater Scholarship nominee
University of Texas at Austin

Patent Application

C. T. John, B. Dariush, inventors; Honda Motor Co., Ltd., assignee. System and method for Interactive Vehicle Design using Performance Simulation and Prediction in Execution of Tasks. United States patent application number 14/203453, filed March 10, 2014.

Publications

Scientific Magazine Articles:

- C. T. John. What Value Could Fractals Add to Biomedical Image Analysis? *Biomedical Computation Review* Winter 2017 issue, p. 29.

Journal Papers:

- C. T. John, A. Seth, M. H. Schwartz, S. L. Delp. Contributions of Muscles to Mediolateral Ground Reaction Force over a Range of Walking Speeds. *Journal of Biomechanics* **45**: 2438-2443, 2012.
- C. T. John, F. C. Anderson, J. S. Higginson, S. L. Delp. Stabilisation of Walking by Intrinsic Muscle Properties Revealed in a Three-Dimensional Muscle-Driven Simulation. *Computer Methods in Biomechanics and Biomedical Engineering* 1-12, 2012.
- C. A. Chen, W. Lu, C. T. John, B. A. Hargreaves, S. B. Reeder, S. L. Delp, R. A. Siston, G. E. Gold. Multi-Echo IDEAL-GRE Water-Fat Separation for Rapid Assessment of Cartilage Morphology—Initial Experience. *Radiology* **252**(2): 561-567, 2009.
- S. L. Delp, F. C. Anderson, A. S. Arnold, P. Loan, A. Habib, C. T. John, E. Guendelman, D. G. Thelen. OpenSim: Open-source Software to Create and Analyze Dynamic Simulations of Movement. *IEEE Transactions on Biomedical Engineering* **54**(11): 1940-1950, 2007.
- C. T. John. All Bézier Curves Are Attractors of Iterated Function Systems. *New York Journal of Mathematics* **13**(7): 107-115, 2007.

Book Chapter:

- C. T. John. Visualization by Subdivision: Two Applications for Future Graphics Platforms. In E. John and J. Rubio (eds.), *Unique Chips and Systems*, chapter 9, pp. 239-258, CRC Press, 2008.

Technical Reports:

- C. T. John. Thoughts on Hybrid Systems. The University of Texas at Austin, Department of Computer Sciences, Technical Report CS-TR-03-22, May 14, 2003, 6 pages (supervised by Dr. Jayadev Misra).

Conference Papers:

- C. T. John, B. Dariush. Dynamically Consistent Human Movement Prediction for Interactive Vehicle Occupant Package Design. *3rd International Digital Human Modeling Symposium*, Tokyo, Japan, May 20-22, 2014.
- C. T. John. Visualization by Subdivision: Two Applications for Future Graphics Platforms. *Workshop on Unique Chips and Systems (UCAS-1)*, pages 12-19, Austin, Texas, USA, March 20, 2005.

Conference Presentations:

- C. T. John, F. C. Anderson, E. Guendelman, J. S. Higginson, S. L. Delp. Long-Duration Muscle-Actuated Simulations of Walking at Multiple Speeds. *American Society of Biomechanics 2007*, Stanford, California, USA, August 22-25, 2007.
- C. T. John, F. C. Anderson, E. Guendelman, J. S. Higginson, S. L. Delp. Generating 3D Muscle-Actuated Simulations of Normal and Pathological Walking. *Dynamic Walking III*, Mariehamn, Åland, Finland, June 25-29, 2007.

Conference Abstracts:

- S. R. Hamner, C. T. John, J. S. Higginson, S. L. Delp. Muscle Contributions to Propulsion and Support during Running. *American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM) Annual Meeting*, Seattle, Washington, USA, May 27-30, 2009.
- S. R. Hamner, C. T. John, J. S. Higginson, S. L. Delp. Muscle Contributions to Support and Progression during Running. *Gait and Clinical Movement Analysis Society 2009*, Denver, Colorado, USA, March 10-13, 2009.
- S. R. Hamner, C. T. John, F. C. Anderson, J. S. Higginson, S. L. Delp. Reducing Residual Forces and Moments in a Three-Dimensional Simulation of Running. *North American Congress on Biomechanics 2008*, Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA, August 5-9, 2008.
- F. C. Anderson, E. Guendelman, P. Loan, A. Habib, C. John, A. Arnold, D. Thelen, S. Delp. OpenSim: An Open-Source Platform for Simulating and Analyzing Musculoskeletal Dynamics. *American Society of Biomechanics 2007*, Stanford, California, USA, August 22-25, 2007.
- C. A. Chen, C. T. John, B. A. Hargreaves, S. B. Reeder, S. L. Delp, R. A. Siston, G. E. Gold. Multi-Echo IDEAL-GRE Water-Fat Separation for Rapid Assessment of Cartilage Morphology. *ISMRM-ESMRMB (International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine – European Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine and Biology) Joint Annual Meeting*, Berlin, Germany, May 19-25, 2007.

- F. C. Anderson, C. T. John, E. Guendelman, A. S. Arnold, S. L. Delp. SimTrack: Software for Rapidly Generating Muscle-Actuated Simulations of Long-Duration Movement. *2006 International Symposium on Biomedical Engineering*, Taipei, Taiwan, December 14-16, 2006.

Invited Presentations:

- C. T. John. Can computers tell us how to keep people from falling? Selected for presentation at posters-only Opportunity Job Fair, Stanford University School of Engineering, January 28, 2011.
- C. T. John. How can a CS researcher focus their career on biomechanics? Seminar on Human, Avatar, and Robot Motion, Stanford University, January 25, 2011.
- C. T. John. Can mathematics cure all walking disorders? Mathematical & Computational Biology Seminar, Department of Mathematics, UC-Berkeley, December 9, 2009.
- C. T. John. Non-technical speech on human walking research, including passive dynamics, potential energy, kinetic energy, and gravity and their roles in walking and other movements, during the class Dance 139: Liquid Flow, Intermediate Modern Dance, at Stanford University, October 2, 2009.
- C. T. John. Slicer & Simbios. SimTK Tech Meeting, National Center for Physics-Based Simulation of Biological Structures (Simbios), Stanford University, February 12, 2007.
- C. T. John. Generating 3D Muscle-Actuated Simulations of Movement. Manipulation Group Meeting (Directed by Oussama Khatib, PhD), Stanford Robotics Laboratory, Department of Computer Science, Stanford University, September 12, 2006.
- C. T. John. Image Processing with Slicer. Graphics Café, Computer Graphics Laboratory, Department of Computer Science, Stanford University, August 25, 2005.
- C. T. John. Features Added to Slicer Image Editor. NA-MIC Programming Week, Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, June 28, 2005.
- C. T. John. Collaboration between Simbios and NA-MIC. NA-MIC Programming Week, Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, June 28, 2005.

Conference Posters:

- C. T. John, M. D. Fox, M. Q. Liu, M. H. Schwartz, S. L. Delp. Muscle Contributions to Medial-Lateral Acceleration of the Body during Walking. *Proceedings of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) 2009 Summer Bioengineering Conference (SBC2009)*, Resort at Squaw Creek, Olympic Valley, CA, June 17-21, 2009.
- S. R. Hamner, C. T. John, S. L. Delp. Muscle Contributions to Propulsion and Support During Running. *Biomedical Computation at Stanford (BCATS)*, Stanford, California, USA, October 25, 2008.

- S. R. Hamner, C. T. John, F. C. Anderson, J. S. Higginson, S. L. Delp. Reducing Residual Forces and Moments in a Three-Dimensional Simulation of Running. *North American Congress on Biomechanics 2008*, Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA, August 5-9, 2008.
- C. T. John, F. C. Anderson, E. Guendelman, J. S. Higginson, S. L. Delp. Rapid Generation of 3D Muscle-Driven Simulations of Human Walking. *Biomedical Computation at Stanford (BCATS)*, Stanford, California, USA, October 27, 2007.
- S. L. Delp, F. C. Anderson, A. S. Arnold, P. Loan, A. Habib, C. T. John, A. Seth, E. Guendelman, D. G. Thelen, J. A. Reinbolt. OpenSim: Open-source Software for Neuromuscular Biomechanics. *Life in Motion Bio-X Symposium 2007*, Stanford, California, USA, October 25, 2007.
- C. T. John, F. C. Anderson, E. Guendelman, A. S. Arnold, S. L. Delp. An Algorithm for Generating Muscle-Actuated Simulations of Long-Duration Movements. *Biomedical Computation at Stanford (BCATS)*, Stanford, California, USA, October 21, 2006.
- C. T. John, S. L. Delp. From Biomedical Images to Geometric Models. *Biomedical Computation at Stanford (BCATS)*, Stanford, California, USA, October 15, 2005.
- C. T. John. Characterization of Quadratic Bézier Splines as Attractors of Iterated Function Systems. *Nonlinear Dynamics and Pattern Formation Conference*, Austin, Texas, USA, June 2000.

Undergraduate Research:

- C. T. John. Subdivision of Plane Curves. Undergraduate Thesis Defense. Supervisor: Chandrajit L. Bajaj, PhD. Second Reader: Sean Keel, PhD. University of Texas at Austin, April 28, 2003.
- C. T. John, M. P. Marder. Cloud Formation: Simulating the Evolution of Water Droplet Populations. Center for Nonlinear Dynamics, Department of Physics, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX. 20 pages.

Student/Career Advice Publications:

- C. T. John. *Computer Science for Kids and Adults Too* (comic book), a project aimed at increasing diversity in computer science (2014-Present) <https://medium.com/education-innovation/a-comic-book-for-all-of-us-especially-girls-and-women-to-learn-and-enjoy-computer-science-e79c4bf73888#.x2gwjjh05>
- C. T. John. *PhorbiDden PhooD: Real Secrets to Mastering the PhD Adventure* (a book of concrete advice for Ph.D. students), 2013. (CafePress, 177 pages)
- Lead Editor of *The Redbook*, 2008-2011, written by graduate students in the Department of Computer Science, Stanford University

Service

- Dec 2018 Guest Speaker, Gasquet Mountain School, Crescent City, California
Selected by teacher to speak to sixth- to eighth-grade STEM class about software & careers for the Hour of Code, via Code.org
- Nov 2018 Mentor, Breaking the Glass + Charles Schwab Speed Networking for Women in Tech, Austin, Texas
Selected by Breaking the Glass to mentor women in the tech industry
- Oct 2018 Mentor, Beth Sadler Means Young Women's Leadership Academy, Austin, Texas
Assisted middle-school students with robotics project for Coding in the Classroom event
- Dec 2016 Guest Speaker, Don Callejon School, Santa Clara, California
Selected by teacher to speak to third-grade students about what it means to be a computer scientist and software engineer, via Code.org
- Aug 2011 OpenSim Advanced User and Developer Workshop, Stanford University
Trained classroom of users and developers of open-source software for physics-based analysis of human movement
- Nov 2009 Volunteer at Biomedical Computation at Stanford Conference
Performed demos for OpenSim (biomechanical simulation) and OpenMM (molecular simulation) software, explained the work of the Simbios center for physics-based simulation of biological structures, helped setup breakfast and lunch
- Oct 2009 OpenSim Developers' Workshop, Stanford University
Developed software and presentation to train non-programmers on how to program controllers for human and robot models
- Aug 2009 OpenSim Advanced Users' Workshop, Stanford University
Developed a software plug-in for a controller for human/robot models in the open-source package OpenSim and trained researchers to use and develop code within OpenSim to support their research goals
- Jan 2009 OpenSim Jamboree II, Stanford University
Updated a controller algorithm inside the OpenSim software package, delivered presentation on running analyses in OpenSim, assisted participants with using OpenSim and developing programs to add to OpenSim to perform their research on movement science

Aug 2008 OpenSim Jamboree, Stanford University
Developed a controller algorithm inside the OpenSim software package, assisted participants with using OpenSim and developing programs to plug-in to OpenSim to perform their biomechanical simulation research

2007 OpenSim Workshop
American Society of Biomechanics Conference, Stanford University
Co-hosted the first-ever workshop to train human movement science researchers to use the open-source OpenSim simulation package

Reviewer Positions

- *Journal of Biomechanics*, 2010
- *SIGGRAPH (ACM Transactions on Graphics)*, 2009
- *Computers & Graphics*, 2008