

Summary

- Award-winning Ph.D. candidate researching artificial intelligence, robotics and emotion
- Specialist in multi-modal machine learning in human-robot interaction
- Well-rounded programmer with 8 years robotics experience in Canada, France and Japan

Education

Kyoto University, Japan *2012 – Mar. 2014 (expected)*
• Ph.D. candidate, Dept. of Intelligence Science and Technology, Graduate School of Informatics

Kyoto University, Japan *2010-2012*

- M. Sc., Dept. of Intelligence Science and Technology, Graduate School of Informatics
- Example courses: Advanced artificial intelligence (A+), Speech processing (A+), Visual interaction (A+), Language processing (A+)
- Thesis title: "Design and Implementation of Emotions for Humanoid Robots based on the Modality-independent DESIRE Model"

Simon Fraser University, Canada *2001-2008*

- B. Sc. in Computing Science, Artificial Intelligence concentration, Honor roll
- French Extended Minor, Linguistics concentration

Université de Nice Sophia-Antipolis, France *2005 - 2006*

- Selected courses, 3rd year Licence Informatique (taught in French)

Journal publications (peer-reviewed)

1. A. Lim and H.G. Okuno, Could a robot be moved by music? Emotional contagion as a mechanism for basic empathy (In preparation)
2. A. Lim and H.G. Okuno, The MEI Robot: Towards Using Motherese to Develop Multimodal Emotional Intelligence, Transactions of Autonomous Mental Development (Accepted with minor revisions)
3. A. Lim and H.G. Okuno, Towards expressive musical robots: A cross-modal framework for emotional gesture, voice and music, EURASIP J. on Audio, Speech Music Processing, 2012:3
4. T. Itohara, T. Mizumoto, T. Otsuka, A. Lim, T. Ogata, H.G. Okuno, A multimodal tempo and beat-tracking system based on audiovisual information from live guitar performances. EURASIP J. Audio, Speech and Music Processing 2012:6
5. A. Lim et al., A musical robot that synchronizes with a co-player using non-verbal cues, Advanced Robotics, Special Issue on Cutting Edge of Robotics in Japan, Sep. 16, 2011.
6. リム アンジェリカ, 水本 武志, 大塚 琢馬, 古谷 ルイ賢造, 尾形 哲也, 奥乃 博: 音楽共演ロボット: 開始・終了キューの画像認識による人間のフルート奏者との実時間同期, 情報処理学会論文誌, Vol.52, No.12 (Dec., 2011) 採録決定, Sep. 13, 2011.

Conference publications (peer-reviewed)

1. A. Lim & H.G. Okuno, Using speech data to recognize emotion in human gait, Human Behavior Understanding IROS Workshop 2012
2. A. Lim, T. Ogata, & H.G. Okuno, Converting emotional voice to motion for robot telepresence, Humanoids 2011 (accepted as oral, acceptance rate 17.4%)
3. A. Lim et al., More cowbell! A musical ensemble with the NAO thereminist, IROS 2011 Demonstration Session (Also selected for oral symposium – best 12 proposals out of 23)
4. A. Lim et al., Robot musical accompaniment: Integrating audio and visual cues for real-time synchronization with a human flutist, IROS 2010 NTF Award for Entertainment Robots
5. A. Lim et al., Programming by playing and approaches for expressive robot performances, IROS 2010 Workshop on Robots and Musical Expression

Service

Guest Editor, International Journal on Synthetic Emotions
Special Issue on Robots, Music and Emotions

Jan '12 – July 12

Webmaster and Newsletter Editor, Digital Eve Japan
www.digitalevejapan.org

May '09 – Mar '11

- Developed English/Japanese website. Wrote and edited monthly articles to 300 members

President of Computing Science Student Society (CSSS) and Women in CS (WICS)
Simon Fraser University

May '03 – May '05

- Established WICS as first president; support group & workshops still active 9 years later
- Led dozens of volunteers to establish first Frosh Week & Chitech girls tech competition
- Liaised with Faculty of Applied Science reps to establish first AppSci Banquet (budget \$14,000)

Honours

- **Cortona Summer School** on Agent-based models of Creativity, Best Poster 2013
- **TEDxKyoto 2012** speaker 2012
- **Information Processing Society of Japan** Student Award 2012
- **IROS 2010 NTF Award for Entertainment Robots and Systems** (\$1000) 2010
- **Monbukagakusho Scholar** (\$115,000 over 6 years) 2008
- **Google Canada Anita Borg** Memorial Scholarship (\$5000) 2008
- **NSERC Undergraduate Student Research** Award (\$4500) 2007
- **Elma Krbavac** Scholarship in Computing (\$2200) 2007
- **IEEE Distinguished Service in a Pre-College Environment** Award (\$1000) 2006
- **Canadian Federation of University Women** Award (\$1000) 2006

Work Experience

Visiting Researcher

April '13 – present

Honda Research Institute, Japan, Wako Branch

- Collaborative research with Kyoto University on human robot interaction with HARK

Research Assistant, Musical co-player robots

Sept. '09 – present

Speech and Media Processing Lab, Kyoto University, Japan with Prof. Hiroshi G. Okuno

- Created an interactive music robot (HRP-2 and NAO) that responds to sound and gestural cues, using C++ and Python with ROS as middleware.
- Teaching assistant for HARK robot audition system for online and in-person tutorials.

Journalist

Jan. '12–present

IEEE Spectrum Automaton Robotics Online Magazine

- One of four official contributors worldwide for award-winning Automaton Magazine

User Experience Manager

July '12 – April '13

Aldebaran Robotics Japan

- Main client-facing representative of Aldebaran in Japan, one of first two employees.
- Designed and developed fun and interactive behaviors on the NAO humanoid robot
- Trained non-technical clients to develop robotics applications
- Spearheaded HRI efforts and broadcast weekly reports to >100 Paris HQ employees

Research Intern, Robot audition

Aug– Sep '10, '11

Honda Research Institute, Japan with Prof. Kazuhiro Nakadai

- Multi-modal data fusion for musical instrument recognition using Gaussian Mixture Model approach with ROS, OpenCV & HARK. Coded in C++.
- Developed a Kalman Filter cue prediction method for multi-robot, multi-human ensemble

Software Engineering Intern

Sept '08 – Dec '08

Google, Santa Monica, USA

- Very large dataset processing for Ads Team (MapReduce, C++, Python, Shell scripts)
- Implemented unit or end-to-end tests (gUnit and PyUnit) for all code written

NSERC Undergraduate Student Researcher*Jan '08 - Apr '08**Vision and Media Lab, Simon Fraser University, Canada with Prof. Greg Mori*

- Created algorithm and program to read Hotmail CAPTCHA images automatically
- Used machine learning and image processing techniques coded in MATLAB, Python and Lisp

Research Intern, Underwater Robotics*Jan '07 - July '07**Laboratoire d'Informatique, Signaux et Systèmes de Sophia Antipolis, CNRS with Prof. Joao Rendas*

- Developed a C++ image-based reactive controller for an autonomous underwater vehicle
- Architected, implemented and tested a heterogeneous data server in C and C++, designing common API for MS Robotics Studio simulator and micro-controller

Others: SFU Recruiter and Communications Specialist (over 70 hours of highschool outreach presentations, 8 months); Chevron Canada IT Helpdesk Analyst (In-house PC troubleshooting, 8 months)

Relevant Skills

Programming/Markup Languages: Proficiency in C++, Python, C, Java, MATLAB, XHTML/CSS, shell scripting, LaTeX. Working knowledge of XML, SQL, PHP, Visual Basic, Lush/Lisp

Robotics: Naoqi, Choregraphe, ROS, networking, Player/Gazebo, Linux fluency

Languages: Native English, Fluent in French. Advanced Japanese. Basic Tagalog.

Interests: Improvised comedy, flute, singing, running