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Contributor Biographies

Computer Vision Based Object Detection and Tracking in Micro Aerial Vehicles

RICHARD CHAPMAN is an undergraduate Computer Science major at Florida Southern College. In addition to CS, he is interested in Math, Physics, and Astronomy. He is an executive in the campus Astronomy Club as well as the Computer Science Club, and is involved with many events in the department. Some of his non-academic interests include graphic design, films, and reading. Richard is entering his senior year at Florida Southern. After graduation, he plans to attend graduate school to obtain a Master's of Science degree, perhaps continuing his research in computer vision. **DR. DAVID MATHIAS** is chair of Computer Science and the Charles and Mildred Jenkins Chair in Mathematics and Computer Science at Florida Southern College. He received a B.S. in Computer Science from the University of Delaware and M.S. and D.Sc. degrees in Computer Science from Washington University in St. Louis. His primary research area is genetic algorithms. He teaches a wide array of courses but has a particular fondness for teaching Analysis of Algorithms.

From Sensor to Street: Intelligent Vehicle Control Systems

ZACHARIAH COLES graduated from Georgia Southern University May of 2016 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. Zach is a veteran of the USAF. After serving for eight years, he worked as a Ski Lift Mechanic at The Canyons Resort in Park City Utah for three years. In the spring of 2012 before Zach began his college journey. He is currently beginning his career as a Project Engineer with Shaw Floors in Dalton, Georgia. **TOM BEYERL** is an active duty Major in the United States Army. He is pursuing a master's of science in applied engineering at Georgia Southern University. He served as the Assistant Product Manager for Maneuver Targeting Systems for Product Manager Soldier Precision Targeting Devices at Ft. Belvoir, VA. He holds a master's degree in administration from Central Michigan University and a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Norwich University. **IMANI AUGUSMA** is a very bright Electrical Engineer who graduated from Georgia Southern University in 2015. **DR. VALENTIN SOLOIU** is Professor at Georgia Southern University. He has 30 years of experience in Automotive Engineering teaching and research. During his career he produced 130 peer reviewed papers and studies, and 9 textbooks.

Optimism in Independence: The European Central Bank after the 2008 Global Financial Crisis

MELISSA DIXON is a 2015 graduate of Georgia Southern University. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a minor in Business. Melissa has presented her research at the 2013 and 2014 annual meetings of the Georgia Political Science Association. **DR. JAMIE SCALERA** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science and International Studies at Georgia Southern University. She teaches and researches in the field of International Relations, with a focus on international organizations, international political economy, and European Union politics.

Maleiwa: A Story of Creation

JUAN JAIRO GARCES is an International Art Marketing Student at the University of North Georgia. He was born on November 27, 1993 in Barranquilla, Colombia. Maleiwa, the piece presented here and on the cover of this journal, was featured in the 2016 Hal B. Rhodes III Juried Student Exhibition.

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The Clerk Conundrum: Chaucer's Attitude towards Pilgrim and Profession

AMBER JURGENSEN is pursuing an MA in English Literature at Louisiana Tech University. In May 2016, she graduated summa cum laude in English and History from Louisiana Tech, and she continues to work in the Louisiana Tech Writing Center as a graduate assistant. Amber was proud to serve as the 2015-2016 Student Representative of the Southern Region and President of the Rho Gamma Chapter of Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society, continuing her service as the 2016-2017 Vice President of the Rho Gamma Chapter. She also enjoys membership in Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society as well as the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, Lambda Sigma National Honor Society, and the National Society of Leadership and Success. Amber has presented academic papers at her university's annual research symposium, the Southeastern Medieval Association Conference in 2015, and the Sigma Tau Delta 2016 International Convention. Her goal is to obtain a PhD in English with a focus in nineteenth-century British literature, Victorian culture, and the history of the novel. In her free time, Amber enjoys traveling, reading, and watching movies and musicals.

Mapping Joaquín: How Literary Cartography Opens New Perspectives on the Western Novel

REINHILD KOKULA was born in and raised near Würzburg, Germany, alongside three siblings. After skipping a year of elementary school, she attended the Friedrich-Koenig Gymnasium Würzburg and graduated in 2012. In the same year she started attending the Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg and studies teaching at grammar schools in the subjects of English, Math, and Computer Science. In Fall 2015, she spent a semester abroad in the USA at the University of North Georgia; during this time she learned about the subject of literary cartography and created this essay which she presented at the Georgia Undergraduate Research Conference 2015 in Statesboro, GA. She is expected to complete her studies at the University of Würzburg in July 2017.

'It Relates to My Everyday Life.' Critical Pedagogy and Student Explanations of Interest in Sociology Course Topics

MINDY MAULDIN recently graduated with her Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology and Psychology from Florida Southern College. She is originally from and currently resides in Fort Worth, Texas. Mindy's research interests center around the application of sociology and psychology to a variety of topics such as education, the prison system, and trauma. In the future, she intends to pursue a doctorate degree in clinical psychology. **CULLEN O'DONNELL**, a senior at Florida Southern College from Mentor, Ohio, has always had a passion for learning about society and improving social issues. He is pursuing a Bachelors of Science in Sociology and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Spanish. He is currently employed as a youth development professional at Boys & Girls Club, counselor at Neighborhood Ministries, and substitute teacher for Polk County. He has held several leadership positions on campus, including Founding Father and Historian of Pi Kappa Phi. He plans on getting his Masters of Social Work and is interested in joining the Peace Corps. **JEREMIE BATES** is a Bachelor of Fine Art student at the University of Central Florida. Although the study of fine arts is his main focus, he has always had a lifelong interest in human behavior. While attending Valencia State College, he took an Introduction to Sociology course to learn more on the subject. He continued his sociology studies as an intern under **DR. CHASTITY BLANKENSHIP**. He applies this knowledge to improve his work and understanding of the different cultural standards of art. Blankenship is an assistant professor of Sociology at Florida Southern College. Her teaching and research areas include educational issues, race, class, and gender inequality.

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The Gaps in Health Care of the LGBT Community: Perspectives of Nursing Students and Faculty

KEILY MITCHELL, LAKENYA LEE, AYANA GREEN, and JASMINE SYKES are Georgia Southern University nursing students who investigated this topic as a component of their research course. They will graduate in the fall of 2016 with a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing. The authors are residents of Georgia and passionate about patient centered care, especially pertaining to patients in rural areas and those who fall into health disparity populations. After graduating the authors' plans include further involvement in the future of nursing practice. A poster presentation of this research was presented at the 2016 National Conference on Health Disparities and the 2015 Georgia Undergraduate Research Conference.

The Puppeteer: An Analysis of the Implications of Gendered Spheres through Sadie Burke in *All the King's Men*

SIERRA D. RIDDLE is a senior Presidential and Honors Scholar at Lee University in Cleveland, Tennessee where she majors in English with a concentration in literature. Sierra serves as the secretary for the Society for Law and Justice, as well as the prosecuting attorney for Lee University's Competitive American Mock Trial Association Team, and as a judge for the National Christian Forensics and Communications Association. She is also a member of the Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society. In her free time Sierra interns at the 10th Judicial District Attorney's Office, with a particular interest in the Juvenile Division, as well as volunteers at her local animal shelter and equine therapy center. Upon the completion of her bachelor's degree in the summer of 2016, Sierra plans to backpack South America before attending law school to pursue the study of public interest law, and hopes to one day serve as a Juvenile Court Judge. In addition to literature, Sierra enjoys intersectional feminism, social justice, yoga, hiking, and hoop dance.