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EDUCATION

University of Colorado Boulder, *Smead Department of Aerospace Engineering Sciences* Boulder, CO
Master of Science in Aerospace Engineering Sciences; Astrodynamics & Satellite Navigation; **August 2024 - May 2026**

Cornell University, *The Sibley School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering* Ithaca, NY
Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering; GPA: 3.5 **August 2020- December 2023**

EXPERIENCE

Autonomous Vehicle Systems Laboratory (CCAR) Boulder, CO
Graduate Research Assistant **August 2024 – Present**

- Monte Carlo simulation software development for the [Basilisk Astrodynamics simulation framework](#)
- Research Assistantship advised by Dr. Hanspeter Schaub

Vast Space Long Beach, CA
Guidance Navigation and Controls Engineering Intern **May 2024 – August 2024**

- [Crewed Space Station \(Haven-1\)](#) GNC subsystem engineering
- Human Motion dynamics model development as a second order perturbation for 6DOF simulation truth model in C++
- Human Motion trajectory profiling using polynomial approximation in C++ with Matlab animation
- 6DOF flight simulation development using C++ OOP
- IIP Prediction & State Transition flight algorithm development in C++ with GTest unit tests and CMake build system
- Hohmann Transfer Guidance flight algorithm development in C++ with GTest unit tests and CMake build system

Varda Space Industries El Segundo, CA
Guidance Navigation and Controls Engineering Intern **January 2024 – May 2024**

- [Space-manufactured pharmaceutical payload reentry](#) trajectory analysis
- Trajectory Reconstruction of Reentry Flight with IMU Data and EKF State Estimation
- 6DOF Satellite flight simulation and algorithm development in Python and C++
- Ground station camera and radar tracking trajectory input file generation and scripting
- Reentry data review using Grafana and Influx
- Flight Safety Analysis for Reentry using Monte Carlo simulation and statistical analysis

SpaceX Redmond, WA
Guidance Navigation and Controls Engineering Intern **May 2023 – August 2023**

- Member of [Starlink](#)'s Collision Avoidance GNC team
- Cradle-to-grave GNC algorithm development that yielded a 10X runtime performance increase
- SQL and Grafana for data visualization and analysis

Blue Origin Kent, WA
Guidance Navigation and Controls Engineering Intern **September 2022 – December 2022**

- Development of [Lunar Mission](#) Design software for Copernicus using Python and Julia

NASA Glenn Research Center Cleveland, OH
Guidance Navigation and Controls Engineering Intern **June 2022 – August 2022**

- Development of 6-DOF Spacecraft Flight Simulation featuring Lyapunov-Stable reference-tracking control laws tuned for a monolithic Flexible-Structure Spacecraft in MATLAB, used for rapid design in the [Compass Lab](#)

SOFTWARE SKILLS

C++ | PYTHON | MATLAB | SIMULINK | GIT | COPERNICUS | STK | DATASHADERS | BOKEH | MONTE CARLO

HOBBIES

Work-Out: Running (4-hour marathoner), Weight Training, Hiking **Games:** Backgammon, Foosball, Ping Pong, Chess