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## Education

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### Brown University

Providence, RI • 2016 – 2021

- PhD. in Computer Engineering, MSc. in Applied Mathematics (*GPA: 4.0*)
- *Research Focus:* Discrete Optimization for Image Segmentation and Clustering
- *Adviser:* Pedro F. Felzenszwalb.

### University of Nice-Sophia Antipolis

Sophia-Antipolis, France • 2014 – 2015

- MSc. in Computer Science, *with Honors*
- *Supervisor:* Marc Antonini.

### Federal University of Ceará

Fortaleza, Brazil • 2011 – 2015

- BEng. in Telematics Engineering, *Magna cum Laude*
- *Supervisor:* Fátima N. Sombra de Medeiros.

## Work Experience

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### Computer Science Department at Bowdoin College, Assistant Professor

Brunswick, ME • 2023 –

### Computer Science Department at Haverford College, Visiting Assistant Professor

Haverford, PA • 2021 – 2023

- Taught the introductory courses to Computer Science (Intro to Programming and Data Structures) • Taught a course in Deep Learning for Computer Vision • Co-taught Foundations of Data Science and Machine Learning.
- Advised more than 15 undergraduate students (from freshmen to seniors) in research projects in the areas of biomedical image segmentation, clustering, spectral image segmentation, topic modeling for computer vision, and unsupervised deep learning.
- Participated on a multidisciplinary NSF funded research project on the perception of GAN-generated faces, led by Profs. Ryan Lei (Psychology) and Alvin Grissom (CS) • Acted as the computer vision expert and advised the undergraduate members.

### Laboratory for Engineering Man/Machine Systems (LEMS), Research Assistant

Providence, RI • 2016 – 2021

- Developed two algorithms to unsupervisedly estimate the color distributions in the regions of an image and use them to efficiently segment it using Graph-cuts • Developed the connection between the problem of Topic Modeling and Image Segmentation.
- Proposed a multi-view spectral image segmentation algorithm that incorporates long range relationships for global appearance modeling • The method provided a natural interpretation for the cut criteria and was able to greatly outperform traditional spectral segmentation methods.
- Generalized the Normalized Cuts Algorithm to leverage expert segmentation information via a penalty function
- Worked on new ADMM-based optimization algorithms for hypergraph clustering to and subspace clustering.

### Informatics, Signals and Systems Laboratory (I3S), Research Assistant

Sophia Antipolis, France • 2014 – 2015

- Studied 3D and 2D/3D shape descriptors for view-based indexing and retrieval of 3D meshes • Proposed the application of learning algorithms such as boosting and SVMs to classify 3D models using these descriptors

### Vision, Images and Signals Laboratory (LABVIS), Research Assistant

Fortaleza, Brazil • 2013 – 2014, 2015 – 2016

- Designed several algorithms to SAR image segmentation using the statistical information extracted directly from the images • Published three journal papers on these findings.
- Designed a novel level set algorithm for image segmentation • Presented it in one of the main computer vision conferences (ICIP).
- Worked on new algorithms for biomedical image segmentation (cervical cell and fundus images, specifically) and for improving shape retrieval tasks with applications to in healthcare datasets • Published the results in journal and conferences papers.

## Teaching & Advising Experience

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### Teaching.....

### Deep Learning for Computer Vision (CS396), Main Instructor and Course Designer

Haverford College • Fall, 2022

- Designed to cover the most recent Deep Learning solutions to Computer Vision, going from image classification, object detection, segmentation, denoising and image generation. • Fully designed in PyTorch with accompanying explanatory IPython notebooks.

<b>Data Structures (CS106)</b> , Main Instructor and Course Designer	<b>Haverford College • Spring, 2022-2023</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Designed in Java, it covered Object Oriented Programming the the traditional data structures (lists, queues, stacks, graphs, hashing, etc.). • The course received praise from the department and students.</li> </ul>	
<b>Machine Learning (CS360)</b> , Co-Instructor	<b>Haverford College • Spring, 2022</b>
<b>Introduction to Computer Science (CS105)</b> , Main Instructor and Course Designer	<b>Haverford College • Fall, 2021-2022</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Designed in Python, the foundations of computer science to students without prior experience in programming • Covered variables, conditional statements, loops, file management, exception handling and Numpy.</li> </ul>	
<b>Foundations of Data Science (CS260)</b> , Co-Instructor	<b>Haverford College • Fall, 2021</b>
<b>Artificial Intelligence and Deep Learning</b> , Instructor and Course Designer	<b>Brown University • Summer, 2019</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Designed and taught course on Deep Learning entirely designed to high-schoolers with none or very little background on Calculus and Algebra • The class had a duration of 60h and included homeworks and class assignments on Jupyter/IPython.</li> </ul>	
<b>Introduction to Matlab</b> , Instructor and Course Designer	<b>Federal University of Ceará • Jan – Feb, 2013</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Short course (16 h) on the basics of Matlab and its applications in engineering • The course content and materials, which included a 90-page long Matlab tutorial in Portuguese written in L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X(<a href="#">link to download</a>), were compiled by me specially for this class.</li> </ul>	
<b>Linear Systems (ENGN 1570)</b> , Teaching Assistant	<b>Brown University • Fall, 2020</b>
<b>Machine Learning and Pattern Recognition (ENGN 2520)</b> , Teaching Assistant	<b>Brown University • Spring, 2019</b>
<b>Research Advising and Metoring</b> .....	
<b>Undergraduate and Masters Research Projects</b> , Research Advisor	
○ Ben Bockman <i>CNNs for Predicting Poverty Rates using Sattelite Imagery.</i>	Bowdoin College • Spring, 2024
○ Jack Roberts <i>Studying the Effect of Adding Superpixel Information to the U-Net for Image Segmentation.</i>	Bowdoin College • Spring, 2024
○ Yonas Gebregziabher <i>Creating an Online Environment to Teach Deep Learning on the Google Cloud Platform.</i>	Bowdoin College • Spring, 2024
○ William Warlick <i>Measuring Shot Put Distances using 3D vision.</i>	Bowdoin College • Spring, 2024
○ Olivia Wirsching <i>GANs for Art Restoration.</i>	Bowdoin College • Fall, 2023
○ Cassandra Goldberg <i>Statically sound Deep Learning Approaches to SAR Image Segmentation.</i>	Bowdoin College • Fall, 2023 – Spring, 2024
○ Ahmed Haj and Mohammad Fanous <i>Majorization-Minimization for Superpixel-based Unsupervised Image Segmentation.</i>	Haverford College • Summer, 2022
○ Issac Wasserman <i>Patch-based Deep Unsupervised Image Segmentation with Graph Cuts.</i>	Haverford College • Fall, 2022 – Spring, 2023
○ Dylan Soemitro <i>A Novel Spectral Clustering Algorithm for Mixed/Heterogeneous Data.</i>	Haveford College • Fall, 2022 – Spring, 2023
○ Yiting Zou <i>Using Topic Modeling Strategies for Image Segmentation.</i>	Haveford College • Fall, 2022 – Spring, 2023
○ Sam Silverman, Julia Curran and Angelina Geralis <i>Using Data Science to Predict Soccer Matches Outcomes and Player Performance.</i>	Haveford College • Fall, 2022 – Spring, 2023
○ Li Fan <i>Parameter Estimation for the <math>G_1^0</math> Distribution Using Deep Learning.</i>	Haveford College • Fall, 2022 – Spring, 2023
○ Joseph Tadrous <i>Literature Review on Deep Learning Methods For Semantic Image Segmentation.</i>	Haveford College • Fall, 2022
○ Adiel Benisty <i>Derivative-free Optimization with Graph-Cuts.</i>	Haveford College • Summer, 2022
○ Ivy Xie and Ellie Hughes <i>Literature Review on Deep Learning Methods For Saliency Detection.</i>	Haveford College • Summer, 2022
○ Olufemi Obiwumi <i>Estimating Coherent Appearance Models for Segmentation using Non-Negative Matrix Factorization.</i>	Haveford College • Spring, 2022

- Jacob Zimmerman Haverford College • Fall, 2021 – Spring, 2022  
*Global Modeling for Noise2void-Based Deep Unsupervised Image Restoration.*
- Rahul Palnitkar Haverford College • Fall, 2021 – Spring, 2022  
*New Sparse Graphs with Global Modeling for Spectral Image Segmentation.*
- Frederick Gould Haverford College • Fall, 2021 – Spring, 2022  
*Graph-cut based K-means formulation for Image Segmentation.*
- Keeton Martin Haverford College • Fall, 2021  
*Using Deep Learning to Estimate Item Response Theory Parameters.*
- Iryna Khovryak Haverford College • Fall, 2021  
*Leveraging Graph Structure in Fundus Images for Blood Vessel Segmentation using Graph Neural Networks.*
- Pedro Polanco Brown University • Summer, 2020 – Spring, 2021  
*Unsupervised Deep Image Segmentation with Gaussian Processes.*

**Direct Reading Program in Applied Math, Mentor Brown University • Spring, 2019 – Fall, 2020**

- Advised undergraduate research projects on topics related to the mathematical foundations of Deep Learning.

**Other.....**

**The Sheridan Teaching Seminars, Certified Participant Brown University • 2020 – 2021**

- Received teaching certificates on Reflective Teaching (I) and Course Design (II) from Brown’s Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning. These intensive programs certificates recognize one’s ability to develop their teaching practice in order to support diverse learners (I), while developing professional and inclusive courses’ syllabi (II).

**Publications**

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**Preprint.....**

- [1] A. Grissom, R. F. Lei, **J. F. S. R. Neto**, B. Lin, and R. Trotter, *Examining pathological bias in a generative adversarial network discriminator: A case study on a stylegan3 model*, 2024. eprint: [arXiv:2402.09786](https://arxiv.org/abs/2402.09786).
- [2] M. Gusdorff, A. Grissom, R. F. Lei, **J. F. S. R. Neto**, B. Lin, and R. Trotter, *Considering social biases in the creation and use of computer-generated faces*, 2024.
- [3] D. Soemitro and J. F. S. R. Neto, *Spectral clustering of categorical and mixed-type data via extra graph nodes*, 2024. arXiv: [2403.05669](https://arxiv.org/abs/2403.05669) [stat.ML].
- [4] I. Wasserman and J. F. S. R. Neto, *Patch-based deep unsupervised image segmentation using graph cuts*, 2024. arXiv: [2311.01475](https://arxiv.org/abs/2311.01475) [cs.CV].
- [5] L. Fan and **J. F. S. R. Neto**, *Using neural networks for fast sar roughness estimation of high resolution images*, 2023. eprint: [arXiv:2309.03351](https://arxiv.org/abs/2309.03351).
- [8] R. Palnitkar and **J. F. S. R. Neto**, *A sparse graph formulation for efficient spectral image segmentation*, 2023. eprint: [arXiv:2306.13166](https://arxiv.org/abs/2306.13166).
- [10] **J. F. S. R. Neto**, *Estimating appearance models for image segmentation via tensor factorization*, 2022. eprint: [arXiv:2208.07853](https://arxiv.org/abs/2208.07853).
- [15] **J. F. S. R. Neto** and P. F. Felzenszwalb, *Spectral image segmentation with global appearance modeling*, 2020. eprint: [arXiv:2006.06573](https://arxiv.org/abs/2006.06573).

**Journal Papers.....**

- [7] **J. F. S. R. Neto** and F. A. A. Rodrigues, “Improving log-cumulant-based estimation of heterogeneity information in sar imagery,” *IEEE Geoscience and Remote Sensing Letters*, Ago 2023.
- [11] **J. F. S. R. Neto**, P. F. Felzenszwalb, and M. Vazquez, “Direct estimation of appearance models for segmentation,” *SIAM Journal on Imaging Sciences*, vol. 15, no. 1, pp. 172–191, 2022.
- [12] F. H. D. Araújo, R. R. V. Silva, F. N. S. Medeiros, **J. F. S. R. Neto**, P. H. C. Oliveira, A. G. C. Bianchi, and D. Ushizima, “Active contours for overlapping cervical cell segmentation,” *International Journal of Biomedical Engineering and Technology*, Jan. 2021.
- [13] A. M. Braga, R. C. Marques, F. N. Medeiros, J. F. R. Neto, A. G. Bianchi, C. M. Carneiro, and D. M. Ushizima, “Hierarchical median narrow band for level set segmentation of cervical cell nuclei,” *Measurement*, p. 109 232, 2021.
- [16] A. C. Carneiro, J. G. Lopes, M. M. Souza, **J. F. S. R. Neto**, F. H. Araújo, R. R. Silva, F. N. Medeiros, and F. N. Bezerra, “Parameter optimization of a multiscale descriptor for shape analysis on healthcare image datasets,” *Pattern Recognition Letters*, Jun. 2019.
- [17] **J. F. S. R. Neto**, A. M. Braga, R. C. P. Marques, and F. N. S. Medeiros, “Level-set formulation based on an infinite series of sample moments for sar image segmentation,” *IEEE Geoscience and Remote Sensing Letters*, Sep. 2019.
- [20] L. C. Neto, G. L. B. Ramalho, **J. F. S. R. Neto**, R. M. S. Veras, and F. N. S. Medeiros, “An unsupervised coarse-to-fine algorithm for blood vessel segmentation in fundus images,” *Expert Systems with Applications*, Feb. 2017.

- [21] R. H. Nobre, F. A. A. Rodrigues, R. C. P. Marques, J. S. Nobre, **J. F. S. R. Neto**, and F. N. S. Medeiros, "SAR image segmentation with renyi's entropy," *IEEE Signal Processing Letters*, Nov. 2016.
- [22] F. A. A. Rodrigues, **J. F. S. R. Neto**, R. C. P. Marques, F. N. S. de Medeiros, and J. S. Nobre, "SAR image segmentation using the roughness information," *IEEE Geoscience and Remote Sensing Letters*, Feb. 2016.

## Conference Papers

- [18] A. C. Carneiro, J. G. F. Lopes, **J. F. S. R. Neto**, M. M. S. Souza, and F. N. S. Medeiros, "On the evaluation of cost functions for parameter optimization of a multiscale shape descriptor," in *IEEE Symp. on Signal Process. and Inf. Technol. (ISSPIT)*, Feb. 2017.
- [19] **J. F. S. R. Neto**, A. M. Braga, F. N. S. Medeiros, and R. C. P. Marques, "Level-set formulation based on Otsu method with morphological regularization," in *IEEE International Conference on Image Processing (ICIP)*, Sep. 2017.

## In Preparation

- [6] **J. F. S. R. Neto**, "Assisted normalized cuts," 2023.
- [9] L. Pinheiro and **J. F. S. R. Neto**, "Fast parameter estimation in item response theory models using and approximation for logistic-normal integral," 2023.

## Thesis

- [14] **J. F. S. R. Neto**, "New model-based algorithms for image segmentation," PhD's Thesis, Brown University, 2021.
- [23] —, "SAR image segmentation using level-sets," Bachelor's Thesis, Federal University of Ceará, 2015.
- [24] —, "View-based indexing and retrieval of 3D meshes using machine learning," University of Nice Sophia Antipolis, 2015.

## Academic Service & Engagement

### Talk

- "Penalized Normalized Cuts" at Joint Mathematics Meetings 2022 Seattle, Apr 2022
- "Penalized Normalized Cuts" at IACS, Harvard University 2022 Boston, Mar 2022
- "Bias in AI-Generated Faces" at Faculty Seminar, Bowdoin College 2022 Brunswick, Mar 2024

### Peer-reviewer

- IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Applied Earth Observations and Remote Sensing 2016–
- International Journal of Computer Vision 2020–
- Artificial Intelligence Review 2020–
- IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence 2021–
- ISPRS Journal of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing 2022–
- Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV) 2023
- European Conference of Computer Vision (ECCV) 2024

### Memberships

- Sigma Xi Scientific Research Honor Society (*Associate Member*, earned by nomination) Jun, 2019 –
- Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics - SIAM Jan, 2019 –

### Workshop Organization / Participation

- Computer Vision Semester Program at ICERM (*Attended*) Spring, 2019
- Undergraduate Workshop on Scientific Writing (*Organizer*) Oct, 2013 • Mar, 2014 • Oct 2014 • Oct, 2015

### Other

- Applied Math/ICERM Machine Learning Journal Club (*Co-organizer*) Jan, 2019 – Mar, 2020
- 2021 Brazil Conference at Harvard & MIT (*Staff Member and Co-organizer*) Oct, 2020 – Jun, 2021
- **Poster**: Social bias in computer-generated faces, SPSP Annual Convention, San Diego, CA Feb, 2023

## Awards

### Prize

- Sigma Xi Prize (excellence in research in Electrical Sciences and Computer Engineering at Brown U.) 2018

### Scholarships and Grants

- Brown University's School of Engineering Graduate Fellowship 2016 –

- BRAFITEC (*Brésil-France Ingénierie et Technologie*) Full Scholarship for Masters studies in France 2014 – 2015
- CNPq (Brazilian National Agency for Scientific Research, in Portuguese) Research Grant 2013 – 2014

## Skills

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**Languages:** Portuguese (*Mother Tongue*), English (*TOEFL Score: 109*), French (*Professional Working Proficiency*)

**Technical:** Matlab, Python (*Numpy, Scikit-Learn, Keras, TensorFlow, PyTorch*), Java, C++ (*OpenCV*), Git,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ / Beamer

## References

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