

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, NC August 2003-May 2008
B.S. Electrical Engineering Technology
Cumulative GPA: 2.8
Major GPA: 3.4

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, NC August 2008 – August 2008
M.S. Electrical Engineering
Anticipated Graduation August 2010
Graduate GPA: 3.6

Professional Work Experience

SheekGeek LLC – New London, NC July 2005 - Present
Co-Owner/Research & Development

- Built business from the ground up
- Designed circuits and PCBs in EagleCAD
- Pursued designs from concept to production
- Produced and retailed educational kits and products.
- Designed and implemented an ecommerce website based on ZenCart
- Represented the company at many public events

Freelance Writer - Charlotte, NC May 2008 - Present

- Created how-to articles at Hackaday.com
- Brainstorming new topics for articles for the writers' pool

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, NC February 2006- March 2007
MOSAIC Technical Assistant

- Solved problems on users' Windows XP, UNIX, and Linux accounts on the MOSAIC Computing Network through UNIX.
- Maintained professional contacts with users by phone or in person

Micro Robotics Supply, Incorporated - Huntersville, NC August 2004 - 2006
Consultant

- Constructed biologically inspired robotic kits
- Conducted research on new uses for current hardware

Academic Work Experience

North Carolina Junior Engineering and Technologist Society (NCJETS) - National Science Foundation Grant Project at UNCC - Charlotte, NC April 2007 – May 2010

Student Project Coordinator

- Planned major events and competitions involving up to 700 people
- Designed rules and courses for robot, trebuchet, paper, and website competitions
- Designed curriculum for and taught middle school summer camps
- Interviewed, hired, and managed NCJETS mentors
- Increased enrollment by presenting to schools interested in the program
- Represented the organization at conferences and public events

Teaching Experience

Graduate Assistant ETEE 2201 Assembly Language Lab January 2009- May 2009

- Developed course material
- Lectured course
- Helped students understand concepts and techniques of assembly language programming

Instruction of Introductory JAVA Class April 2009

- Instructed teams entering NCJETS robot competition on introductory JAVA for use on their robots

Instruction of Engineering-Related Curriculum June 2006 -July 2009

- Co-taught week-long NCJETS summer camps for high school and middle school students
- Supervised all projects given to the students
- Gave tours of campus labs, including the Microelectronics Clean Room, Motorsports Engineering shop, and Mechanical Engineering machine shop.

Creation of Engineering-Related Curriculum April 2007 - July 2009

- Designed week-long NCJETS summer camps for high school and middle school students

Creation of Engineering-Related Curriculum May 2008-August 2008

- Designed the ENGR 1201 final project curriculum based on real-world collaborative engineering
- Designed and fabricated testing apparatus

Community Service

- Technical Mentor, Senior Graduation Project, Mecklenburg County School
September 2008 – May 2009
- Carowinds Education Days
May 2008
- Chairperson of the National Foundation for Transplants,
North Carolina in Honor of Thomas “Red” Gallimore
April 2008-Present
- NCSU State Science Olympiad Judge: Robo-Cross Competition
April 2008
- NCJETS Robot competition
March 2007
- National Association for Gifted Children’s Annual Convention
November 2006
- NCJETS Robot and Bridge Competition
March 2006

Peer Reviewed Publications

- 1) **Harris, Adam**; Conrad, James M.; “Hybrid Control of a Simple Autonomous Robot”; *Proceedings of the 2010 IEEE SoutheastCon*, Charlotte, NC March 2010
- 2) Brizendine, Anthony; Kuyath, Stephen J.; **Harris, Adam**; Morgan, Daniel; “Enhancing Diversity in Engineering Technology” (Showcase) *AACC ATE National Principal Investigators Conference*; October 2008
- 3) Tolley, Patricia; Sharer, Deborah; Brizendine, Anthony; Phillips, Michael; **Harris, Adam**; “Enhancing Diversity in Engineering Technology”; *Proceedings of the American Society of Engineering Education National Conference, Pittsburgh, PA*. February 2008
- 4) **Harris, Adam**; Conrad, James M.; “A Biology, Electronics, Aesthetics, Mechanics Robotics Platform” (Poster); *Proceedings of the 1st annual State of North Carolina Undergraduate Research Symposium*, November 2005
<http://www.ncsu.edu/sncurcs/abstracts/etmabs.htm>

Other Publications

- 1) **Harris, Adam**; Regular writer at my website, *SheekGeek.org*
(<http://www.sheekgeek.org>) Starting September 2009
- 2) **Harris, Adam** “How to Make Your Own Plastic Vacuum Former”, O’Reilly Media Inc. *Best of Instructables Volume 1* pp.207 – 209, October 2008
- 3) **Harris, Adam**; “How To“ author at *Hackaday.com*
(<http://www.hackaday.com/author/adamharris/>) Starting May 2008
- 4) **Harris, Adam**; “Complete Beginner’s Guide to C and C++ Programming in Windows” (<http://projectbloc.com/playground/?p=31>) March 2007

Non-Academic Presentations

Astronomy Days, North Carolina Museum of Natural Science

- "SheekGeek: Build a Working Robot" January 2008
http://www.naturalsciences.org/wnew/2008-01-18_astronomy.html

Geekfest, CPCC Levine Campus

- "SheekGeek" <http://www1.cpcc.edu/thegeekfest/2009> November 2009
- "SheekGeek" <http://www1.cpcc.edu/thegeekfest/2008> November 2008
- "SheekGeek" <http://www1.cpcc.edu/thegeekfest/2007> October 2007
- "SheekGeek" <http://www1.cpcc.edu/thegeekfest/2006> September 2006

Bugfest, North Carolina Museum of Natural Science

- "Robotic Bugs: Build a Working Robot with SheekGEEK.com and NCJETS" <http://www.bugfest.org/> September 2008
- "Robotic Bugs and NCJETS" September 2007
- "SheekGeek: Build a Working Robot" September 2006
- "SheekGeek: Build a Working Robot" August 2005
- "Robotic Bugs" September 2004

Achievements

- 1) UNC Charlotte/Society for Technical Communication Annual Exhibition of Student Work. First Place, Soft Copy Instructions category. "Complete Beginner's Guide to C and C++ Programming in Windows." April 2007
- 2) The William States Lee College of Engineering Annual Celebration of Student Achievement Volunteer Recognition. May 2006, 2007
- 3) Instructables and Popular Science "Use it again!" Contest, Second Place, <http://www.instructables.com/blog/BJK3XPCF05IO1W1/> "How to Make Your Own Prototypes: How to Make Your Own Plastic Vacuum Former" <http://www.instructables.com/id/How-to-Make-Your-Own-Prototypes-%3a-How-to-make-your>. Feb 2007.
- 4) Stanly Community College Electronics Blast Electronics III Competition. Second Place. August 2002.

Academic Research Projects

- Design of SoutheastCon 2010 Hardware Competition Rules** 2009 - 2010
- Took a leading role in early development
 - Brainstormed rules
 - Designed track
 - Wrote up preliminary rules
 - Modeled the Preliminary track designs in 3D CAD
- Multiphase Computational Fluid Dynamics Algorithm in VHDL** December 2008
- Ported parallel C++ code of algorithm to VHDL
 - Parallelized the code further to improve speed of calculation
- Design and Fabrication of a Voice Controlled Rob** January 2008 – May 2008
- Constructed HM2007 voice recognition circuit
 - Controlled Servos with an Atmega128 microprocessor
 - Designed 2D Infrared scanning for obstacle avoidance
 - Programmed Atmega128 microprocessor in Embedded C
 - Created project website at <http://www.projectbloc.com/seniorproject>
- Interfacing the HD44780 to the Fox11** November 2006
- Interfaced an LCD using the HD44780 controller to the Fox11 68HC11 microprocessor using the 4-bit mode of the HD44780
 - Used Assembly Code
 - Added keypad allowed more versatility of the circuit
- Remote Controlled Servo Sword Fighter** March 2005
- Interfaced two servos with the TMD100+MD series PLC
 - Implemented timers, counters, custom scripts, analog to digital conversion, and pulse width modulation
- Design and Fabrication a Planar Wifi/Bluetooth Antenna on Silicon** March 2004
- Designed a planar antenna for a 2.4GHz device
 - Fabricated a silicon wafer with an array of antennae in a clean room