Daniel S. Brown

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2022 - Present

2020 - 2022

Graduation: 2020

Academic Employment

University of Utah

Assistant Professor

School of Computing, Robotics Center

University of California, Berkeley

Postdoctoral Scholar

Mentors: Anca Dragan and Ken Goldberg

Education

University of Texas at Austin

Ph.D. Computer Science

Dissertation: Safe and Efficient Inverse Reinforcement Learning

Advisor: Scott Niekum

Brigham Young University

M.S. Computer Science Graduation: 2013

Thesis: Toward Scalable Human Interaction with Bio-Inspired Robot Teams

Advisor: Michael A. Goodrich

B.S. Mathematics Graduation: 2011

Honors Thesis: Learning and Control Techniques in Portfolio Optimization

Advisor: Sean Warnick

Awards and Honors

Price College of Engineering Top 15% teaching recognition, 2023.

University of Utah VP NSF 2023 Cohort. Accepted to small cohort of pre-tenure faculty for grant writing mentorship.

Robotics: Science and Systems (RSS) Pioneer. Selected as one of 30 top early career researchers in robotics, 2021.

3rd Place RoboCup@Home. Member of UT Austin Villa team that won 3rd prize in the Domestic Standard Platform League in 2017 in Nagoya, Japan.

UT Austin Provost Fellowship. Four-year fellowship for graduate students in the College of Natural Sciences, 2016-2020.

Best Paper Finalist. Symposium on Distributed Autonomous Robot Systems (DARS), 2016.

Best Paper Finalist. Conference on Human Robot Interaction (HRI), 2014.

Science, Mathematics and Research for Transformation (SMART) Scholarship. DoD scholarship awarded to top US students to pursue graduate school and work with DoD research labs, 2011-2013.

Teaching

The University of Utah

- CS 5960/6960 Human-AI Alignment: Fall 2022, Fall 2023
 - Fall 2022: Course Overall Rating: 5.57/6.00, Instructor Overall Rating: 5.86/6.00
- CS 6300 Artificial Intelligence: Spring 2023
 - Spring 2023: Course Overall Rating: 5.59/6.00, Instructor Overall Rating: 5.61/6.00

Outreach

Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP)

2024

University of Utah

- Mentored four undergraduates as part of Utah's Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program.
- Students attended weekly lab meetings with my graduate students and pursued independent research projects.

Engineering Scholars Program

2023, 2024

University of Utah

- Mentored a total of four first-year undergraduate students.
- Students attended weekly lab meetings with my graduate students, learned about reinforcement learning, and presented their research at the Engineering Scholars Poster Symposium.

Undergraduate Spring Scavenger Hunt

2022

University of Utah

Invited undergraduates to tour our lab and talk with graduate students about research.

Cabrillo Community College Berkeley Robotics Tour

2022

University of California, Berkeley

- Organized visit for members of the SACNAS chapter at Cabrillo College to visit UC Berkeley.
- Led students on tour of robotics facilities at UC Berkeley and organized meetings with current UC Berkeley undergraduate and graduate students.

Mentor for Transfer-to-Excellence REU

2021

University of California, Berkeley

• Mentored underrepresented, first-generation California community college student during summer internship at UC Berkeley.

- Helped student develop research, technical writing, and presentation skills.
- Student's summer research was awarded **Best Poster** at SACNAS 2021.

Mentor for BAIR Undergraduate Mentoring Program

2020

University of California, Berkeley

- Matched with UC Berkeley undergraduates from underrepresented groups.
- Met monthly and provided insight and advice regarding career paths in AI and how to get started with research.

Austin Hour of Code Instructor

2017 - 2019

Austin, TX

- Taught students in underserved elementary schools basic coding skills.
- Introduced students to exciting career opportunities in computer science.

Summer Intern Mentor

2015, 2016

AFRL Information Directorate, Rome, NY

- Mentored three college students and one high school student during their summer internships.
- Helped students improve their coding, research, and communication skills.

STEM Robotics Coach

2013

Staley Elementary School, Rome, NY

- Mentored student teams in building and competing in LEGO Mindstorms robotics challenges.
- Helped inspire 4th and 5th graders to pursue STEM careers.

Student Research Mentoring at University of Utah

PhD Students

- Connor Mattson (PhD Advisee), GECCO 2023.
- Akansha Kalra (PhD Advisee), NeurIPS Workshop 2022.
- Jordan Thompson (PhD Advisee), HRI Workshop 2023.
- Nancy Blackburn, CHI Play 2023.
- Michael Gardone, CHI Play 2023.
- Zohre Karimi (PhD Advisee)
- Eric Brewer (PhD Advisee)

Masters Students

- Anurag Aribandi (Master's Project Advisee)
- Atharv Belsa
- Chia Tsai
- Tejaswini Bosukonda

Undergraduate Students

- Emily Erickson (Honors thesis mentor)
- Emilie Parra (Engineering Scholars Mentoring Program)
- Danny Garringer (Engineering Scholars Mentoring Program)

- Jeremy Clark
- Ben Kempers
- Sabath Rodriguez
- Qiaoyi Cai
- Seth Doubek

Grants and Funding

Successful

- A Gaze-Controlled Neck Exoskeleton for Dropped Head Syndrome. Co-PI NIH Trailblazer. \$295.000, 2023-2026.
- Interactive Human-Agent Teaming via Multiple Feedback Types. PI. Army Research Lab. \$96,806, 2023-2024.
- Collaborative Research: HCC: Medium: Aligning Robot Representations with Humans.

Co-PI. National Science Foundation: Human-Centered Computing. \$305,523, 2023-2026.

- Course Development Gift. PI Open Philanthropy. \$31,773, 2023-2024.
- Value Alignment of AI Systems. PI Open Philanthropy. \$140,000, 2023-2024.
- Robotics Certificates and Graduate Degree Programs
 Co-PI. State of Utah System of Higher Education \$545,460. 2022-2024.
- Dynamic Multi-Agent Physical Search Problems with Probabilistic Knowledge. Co-PI. AFOSR Laboratory Research Initiation Request. \$630,000, 2015.
- Adaptive Decision Making for Secure Bio-Inspired Computing Co-I AFRL Commanders Research and Development Fund. \$585,000, 2015.
- Foundational Autonomy Demonstration and Evaluation. Co-PI. AFRL Chief Scientist Fund. \$50,000, 2015.
- Swarm Intelligence for Multiagent Search and Reconnaissance. PI Rome Laboratory Venture Research Funding. \$50,000, 2014.

Invited Talks

Challenges and Progress Towards AI Alignment via Reinforcement Learning from Human Feedback. University of Utah Data Science Seminar. February, 2024.

Reinforcement Learning in and from the real-world. RL-CONFORM Workshop Panelist at the International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS). October, 2023.

Human-AI Alignment. Invited by Price College Engineering Deans office to present to Engineering National Advisory Council (ENAC). May, 2023.

Pitfalls and paths forward when learning rewards from human feedback. International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) Workhop on Interactive learning with implicit human feedback. July, 2023.

Challenges and Progress Towards AI Alignment via Reinforcement Learning from Human Feedback. Marquette University Department Colloquium. March, 2023.

Challenges and Progress Towards Efficient and Causal Preference-Based Reward Learning. OpenAI Alignment Workshop, February, 2023.

Latent Spaces and Learned Representation for Better Human Preference Learning. CoRL 2022 Workshop on Aligning Robot Representations with Humans, Dec 2023.

Interactive Imitation Learning. University of Texas at Austin PeARL Lab. July, 2022.

Leveraging Human Input to Enable Robust AI Systems. Semiautonomous Seminar at UC Berkeley. July 2022.

Leveraging Human Input to Enable Robust AI Systems. Stanford Robotics Seminar. May, 2022.

Efficient and Robust Robot Learning of Human Objectives. University of Alberta Artificial Intelligence Seminar. October, 2021.

Leveraging Human Input for Robust Robot Learning. Talking Robotics Virtual Seminar Series. October, 2021.

Harnessing Machine Learning for Science: Helping Robots Learn from, Predict, and Better Assist Humans. Berkeley Science at Cal Midday Science Cafe. May, 2021.

Safe and Efficient Inverse Reinforcement Learning. MIT AeroAstro Humans Interacting with Autonomy Workshop. January, 2021.

Safe and Efficient Imitation Learning. BAIR/CPAR/BDD Seminar, University of California, Berkeley. November, 2020.

Safe and Efficient Inverse Reinforcement Learning. University of Southern California. November, 2020.

Toward Safe and Efficient Inverse Reinforcement Learning. University of California Berkeley. September, 2019.

Toward Safe and Efficient Imitation Learning. Massachusetts Institute of Technology. August 2019.

Dumb and Dumber: Collective Intelligence through Simple Behaviors. AFRL/AFIT Autonomy Technical Interchange Meeting. Dayton, OH. September, 2015.

Controlling Bio-Inspired Swarms through Limited Interactions. Command, Control, Communications, Cyber and Intelligence (C4I) Technology Review Days. Utica, NY. June 2014.

Press

Blog. Eric Jang. (Oct 23, 2021) "Just Ask for Generalization." https://evjang.com/2021/10/23/generalization.html [Highlights my work on D-REX with regards to generalizing from imperfect demonstrations].

Quanta Magazine. Natalie Wolchover. (January 30, 2020). "Artificial Intelligence Will Do What We Ask. Thats a Problem." https://www.quantamagazine.org/artificial-intelligence-will-do-what-[Highlights my work on value alignment, including risk-aware active reward learning and T-REX].

Internal Service

University of Utah AI/ML/Robotics Course Teaching Liaison. 2023 – Present Coordinated with all AI, ML, and robotics faculty to help determine class teaching assignments and make sure core courses are covered.

Moderator for Idaho National Labs Visit and Center of Excellence Workshop. 2024. Moderated the discussion on AI and research interest of INL and Utah. Presented findings to all INL and Utah visitors to argue for an AI Center of Excellence.

University of Utah Robotics Track Director.

2022 - Present

In charge of administration and degree requirements for all robotics track students.

Utah Robotics Degree Creation Program Committee Member. 2022 – Present Weekly meetings to design new Robotics degree at the University of Utah.

Grad visit day. 2023,2024

- Gave overview talk on robotics research at the University of Utah to prospective students.
- Provided transportation for ski trip and helped recruit students.

University of Utah PhD and MS Admission Committee Member. 2023,2024 Reviewed PhD and MS admissions applications for in the areas of AI, ML, and Robotics.

Creation of New Class: CS 5960/6960 Human-AI Alignment

Developed new curriculum for class covering how to get AI systems to do what we as humans want them to do.

Significant Updates to Existing Class: CS 6300 Artificial Intelligence

Updated class to cover more modern AI topics, including policy gradient algorithms, deep reinforcement learning, imitation learning, inverse reinforcement learning, and reinforcement learning from human feedback.

University of Utah Student Committee Member (Non-Advisor)

- Wenzheng Tao (Prof. Ross Whitakers student) PhD Qualifying Exam.
- Griffin Tabor (Prof. Tucker Hermans student) PhD Qualifying Exam.
- Rishanth Rajendhran (Prof. Ana Marasovic's student) MS project.

External and Other Service

2024 RL Conference Workshop Co-Chair.

In charge of writing call for submissions, recruitment, review and selection, and coordination of workshops for the 2024 RL Conference.

External Committee Member

• Ricardo Vega. George Mason University. PhD Qualifying Exam Committee, 2022.

NSF:FRR Proposal Review Panel. 2023.

Workshop Organization

- Co-Organizer for IROS Workshop on Human-Multi-Robot Interaction, 2023.
- Co-Organizer for NeurIPS Workshop on Safe and Robust Control of Uncertain Systems, 2021.

Journal Reviewing

- Transactions on Machine Learning Research (TMLR), 2022-24.
- Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR), 2021-23.
- IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters (RA-L), 2017-23.
- IEEE Transactions on Robotics (T-RO), 2019-22.
- ACM Transactions on Human-Robot Interaction (THRI), 2018, 2022.
- AI Review, 2022.
- IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems, 2021.
- Transactions on Emerging Topics in Computing, 2018.
- IEEE Intelligent Systems, 2016-17.
- IEEE Transactions on Human-Machine Systems, 2015.

Conference Reviewing

- IEEE International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS), 2022-23
- Conference on Robot Learning (CoRL), 2021-23.
- IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), 2021-23.
- AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), 2021-23.
- Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2020, 2021, 2022.
- Robotics: Science and Systems (RSS), 2021.
- International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI), 2021, 2023.
- International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2021.
- International Conference on Automation Science and Engineering (CASE), 2021.
- International Symposium on Multi-Robot and Multi-Agent Systems (MRS), 2021.
- International Conference on Human Robot Interaction (HRI), 2015-16, 2020, 2022.
- International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2019-20.
- American Control Conference (ACC), 2016.
- Autonomous Agents and Multi-Agent Systems (AAMAS), 2015.

Workshop Reviewing

- HRI Pioneers reviewer, 2023.
- CoRL 2022 Workshop on Aligning Robot Representations with Humans, 2022.
- NeurIPS Workshop on Safe and Robust Control of Uncertain Systems, 2021.
- R:SS Pioneers Workshop, 2021.
- ICRA Workshop: Social Intelligence in Humans and Robots, 2021.

Publications

Google Scholar Page

Preprints

 Can Differentiable Decision Trees Learn Interpretable Reward Functions? Akansha Kalra, Daniel S. Brown arXiv, 2023.

Refereed Journal and Conference Proceedings

- 1. Quantifying Assistive Robustness Via the Natural-Adversarial Frontier. Jerry Zhi-Yang He, Daniel S Brown, Zackory Erickson, Anca Dragan Conference on Robot Learning (CoRL), 2023.
- 2. Exploring Behavior Discovery Methods for Heterogeneous Swarms of Limited-Capability Robots

Connor Mattson, Jeremy C Clark, Daniel S Brown IEEE International Symposium on Multi-Robot & Multi-Agent Systems (MRS), 2023.

- 3. Contextual Reliability: When Different Features Matter in Different Contexts. Gaurav Rohit Ghosal, Amrith Setlur, Daniel S Brown, Anca Dragan, Aditi Raghunathan International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2023.
- 4. Leveraging Human Feedback to Evolve and Discover Novel Emergent Behaviors in Robot Swarms.

Connor Mattson, Daniel S. Brown Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference (GECCO), 2023.

5. Efficient Preference-Based Reinforcement Learning Using Learned Dynamics Models.

Yi Liu, Gaurav Datta, Ellen Novoseller, Daniel S. Brown International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), 2023.

 Causal Confusion and Reward Misidentification in Preference-Based Reward Learning.

Jeremy Tien, Jerry Zhi-Yang He, Zackory Erickson, Anca D. Dragan, Daniel S. Brown International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2023.

- 7. SIRL: Similarity-based Implicit Representation Learning
 Andreea Bobu, Yi Liu, Rohin Shah, Daniel S. Brown, Anca D. Dragan
 International Conference on Human Robot Interaction (HRI), 2023.
- 8. Benchmarks and Algorithms for Offline Preference-Based Reward Learning. Daniel Shin, Anca D. Dragan, Daniel S. Brown.
 Transactions on Machine Learning Research, 2023.
- 9. The Effect of Modeling Human Rationality Level on Learning Rewards from Multiple Feedback Types.

Gaurav R. Ghosal, Matthew Zurek, Daniel S. Brown, Anca D. Dragan AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), 2023.

10. Bayesian Methods for Constraint Inference in Reinforcement Learning. Dimitris Papadimitriou, Usman Anwar, Daniel S. Brown.
Transactions on Machine Learning Research, 2022.

11. Learning Representations that Enable Generalization in Assistive Tasks.

Jerry Zhi-Yang He, Zackory Erickson, Daniel S. Brown, Aditi Raghunathan, Anca D. Draaan

Conference on Robot Learning (CoRL), 2022.

12. Monte Carlo Augmented Actor-Critic for Sparse Reward Deep Reinforcement Learning from Suboptimal Demonstrations.

Albert Wilcox, Ashwin Balakrishna, Daniel S. Brown, Jules Dedieu, Wyame Benslimane, Ken Goldberg

Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2022.

13. Teaching Robots to Span the Space of Functional Expressive Motion.

Arjun Sripathy, Andreea Bobu, Zhongyu Li, Koushil Sreenath, Daniel S. Brown, Anca D. Dragan

International Conference on Robot and Systems (IROS), 2022.

14. Learning Switching Criteria for Sim2Real Transfer of Robotic Fabric Manipulation Policies.

Satvik Sharma, Ellen Novoseller, Vainavi Viswanath, Zaynah Javed, Rishi Parikh, Ryan Hoque, Ashwin Balakrishna, Daniel S. Brown, Ken Goldberg
International Conference on Automation Science and Engineering (CASE), 2022.

15. LEGS: Learning Efficient Grasp Sets for Exploratory Grasping.

Letian Fu, Michael Danielczuk, Ashwin Balakrishna, Daniel S. Brown, Jeffrey Ichnowski, Eugen Solowjow, Ken Goldberg

International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), 2022.

16. ThriftyDAgger: Budget-Aware Novelty and Risk Gating for Interactive Imitation Learning.

Ryan Hoque, Ashwin Balakrishna, Ellen Novoseller, Albert Wilcox, Daniel S. Brown, Ken Goldberg.

Conference on Robot Learning (CoRL), 2021.

17. LazyDAgger: Reducing Context Switching in Interactive Imitation Learning.

Ryan Hoque, Ashwin Balakrishna, Carl Putterman, Michael Luo, Daniel S. Brown, Daniel Seita, Brijen Thananjeyan, Ellen Novoseller, Ken Goldberg.

IEEE Conference on Automation Science and Engineering (CASE), 2021.

18. Kit-Net: Self-Supervised Learning to Kit Novel 3D Objects into Novel 3D Cavities.

Shivin Devgon, Jeffrey Ichnowski, Michael Danielczuk, Daniel S. Brown, Ashwin Balakrishna, Shirin Joshi, Eduardo M. C. Rocha, Eugen Solowjow, Ken Goldberg. IEEE Conference on Automation Science and Engineering (CASE), 2021.

19. Value Alignment Verification.

Daniel S. Brown*, Jordan Schneider*, Anca D. Dragan, Scott Niekum. International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2021.

20. Policy Gradient Bayesian Robust Optimization for Imitation Learning.

Zaynah Javed*, Daniel S. Brown*, Ashwin Baladrishna, Satvik Sharma, Jerry Zhu, Marek Petrik, Anca D. Dragan, Ken Goldberg.

International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2021.

21. Optimal Cost Design for Model Predictive Control.

Avik Jain, Lawrence Chan, Daniel S. Brown, Anca D. Dragan. Learning for Dynamics and Control Conference (L4DC), 2021.

22. Situational Confidence Assistance for Lifelong Shared Autonomy.

Matthew Zurek, Andreea Bobu, Daniel S. Brown, Anca D. Dragan. International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), 2021.

23. Dynamically Switching Human Prediction Models for Efficient Planning.

Arjun Sripathy, Andreea Bobu, Daniel S. Brown, Anca D. Dragan. International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), 2021.

24. Exploratory Grasping: Self-Supervised Asymptotically Optimal Algorithms for Grasping and Re-Grasping Polyhedral Objects.

Michael Danielczuk, Ashwin Balakrishna, Daniel S. Brown, Ken Goldberg. Conference on Robot Learning (CoRL), 2020.

25. Bayesian Robust Optimization for Imitation Learning.

Daniel S. Brown, Scott Niekum, Marek Petrik.

Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2020.

26. Safe Imitation Learning via Fast Bayesian Reward Inference from Preferences.

 $Daniel\ S.\ Brown,\ Russell\ Coleman,\ Ravi\ Srinivasan,\ Scott\ Niekum.$

International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2020.

27. Better-than-Demonstrator Imitation Learning via Automatically-Ranked Demonstrations.

Daniel S. Brown, Wonjoon Goo, Scott Niekum.

Conference on Robot Learning (CoRL), 2019.

28. Extrapolating Beyond Suboptimal Demonstrations via Inverse Reinforcement Learning from Observations.

Daniel S. Brown*, Wonjoon Goo*, Prabhat Nagarajan, Scott Niekum.

International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2019.

29. Machine Teaching for Inverse Reinforcement Learning: Algorithms and Applications.

Daniel S. Brown, Scott Niekum.

AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), 2019.

30. Risk-Aware Active Inverse Reinforcement Learning.

Daniel S. Brown*, Yuchen Cui*, Scott Niekum.

Conference on Robot Learning (CoRL), 2018.

31. Efficient Probabilistic Performance Bounds for Inverse Reinforcement Learning.

Daniel S. Brown, Scott Niekum.

AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), 2018.

32. Discovery and Exploration of Novel Swarm Behaviors given Limited Robot Capabilities.

Daniel S. Brown, Ryan Turner, Oliver Hennigh, Steven Loscalzo.

International Symposium on Distributed Autonomous Robotic Systems (DARS), 2016.

Best Paper Award Finalist

33. Classifying Swarm Behaviors via Compressive Subspace Learning.

Matthew Berger, Lee M. Seversky, Daniel S. Brown.

International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), 2016.

34. Two Invariants of Human-Swarm Interaction.

Daniel S. Brown, Michael A. Goodich, Shin-Young Jung, and Sean Kerman. Journal of Human-Robot Interaction, 2016.

35. Exact and Heuristic Algorithms for Risk-Aware Stochastic Physical Search.

Daniel S. Brown, Jeffrey Hudack, Nathaniel Gemelli, Bikramjit Banerjee. Computational Intelligence, 2016.

36. Evolving and Controlling Perimeter, Rendezvous, and Foraging Behaviors in a Computation-Free Robot Swarm.

Matthew Johnson, Daniel S. Brown.

International Conference on Bio-inspired Information and Communications Technologies (BICT), 2015.

37. k-Agent Sufficiency for Multiagent Stochastic Physical Search Problems.

Daniel S. Brown, Steven Loscalzo, Nathaniel Gemelli.

International Conference on Algorithmic Decision Theory (ADT), 2015.

38. Multiobjective Optimization for the Stochastic Physical Search Problem.

Jeffrey Hudack, Nathaniel Gemelli, Daniel S. Brown, Steven Loscalzo, Jae C. Oh.

International Conference on Industrial, Engineering and Other Applications of Applied Intelligent Systems, 2015.

39. Balancing Human and Inter-Agent Influences for Shared Control of Bio-Inspired Collectives.

Daniel S. Brown, Shin-Young. Jung, and Michael A. Goodrich.

Proceedings of IEEE International Conference on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics (SMC), 2014.

40. Limited Bandwidth Recognition of Collective Behaviors in Bio-Inspired Swarms.

Daniel S. Brown and Michael A. Goodrich.

Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems (AAMAS), 2014.

41. Human-Swarm Interactions Based on Managing Attractors.

Daniel S. Brown, Sean Kerman, and Michael A. Goodrich.

International Conference on Human-Robot Interaction (HRI), 2014.

Best Paper Award Finalist

42. Shaping Couzin-like Torus Swarms through Coordinated Mediation.

Shin-Young Jung, Daniel S. Brown, and Michael A. Goodrich. International Conference on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics (SMC), 2013.

43. Supporting Human Interaction with Robust Robot Swarms.

Sean Kerman, Daniel S. Brown, and Michael A. Goodrich. Proceedings of the International Symposium on Resilient Control Systems, 2012.

Workshop Proceedings and Late Breaking Reports

1. Player-Centric Procedural Content Generation: Enhancing Runtime Customization by Integrating Real-Time Player Feedback.

Nancy Blackburn, Michael Gardone, Daniel S. Brown CHI Play Work-In-Progress, 2023.

2. Towards a Gaze-Driven Assistive Neck Exoskeleton via Virtual Reality Data Collection.

Jordan Thompson, Haohan Zhang, Daniel S. Brown

HRI Workshop on Virtual, Augmented, and Mixed-Reality for Human-Robot Interactions, 2023.

3. Interpretable Reward Learning via Differentiable Decision Trees.

Akasha Kalra, Daniel S. Brown

NeurIPS Workshop on ML Safety, 2022.

4. Autonomous Assessment of Demonstration Sufficiency via Bayesian Inverse Reinforcement Learning.

Tu Trinh and Daniel S. Brown.

AAAI Fall Symposium on Lessons Learned for Autonomous Assessment of Machine Abilities, 2022.

5. A Study of Causal Confusion in Preference-Based Reward Learning.

Jeremy Tien, Jerry Zhi-Yang He, Zackory Erickson, Anca D. Dragan, Daniel S. Brown

RSS Workshop on Overlooked Aspects of Imitation Learning: Systems, Data, Tasks, and Beyond, 2022.

6. Unbiased Efficient Feature Counts for Inverse RL.

Gerard Donahue, Brendan Crowe, Marek Petrik, Daniel S. Brown. NeurIPS Workshop on Safe and Robust Control of Uncertain Systems, 2021.

7. Bayesian Inverse Constrained Reinforcement Learning.

Dimitris Papadimitriou, Usman Anwar, Daniel S. Brown, .
NeurIPS Workshop on Safe and Robust Control of Uncertain Systems, 2021.

8. Offline Preference-Based Apprenticeship Learning.

Daniel Shin, Daniel S. Brown.

ICML Workshop on Human-AI Collaboration in Sequential Decision-Making, 2021.

9. Deep Bayesian Reward Learning from Preferences.

Daniel S. Brown, Scott Niekum.

NeurIPS Workshop on Safety and Robustness in Decision Making, 2019.

10. LAAIR: A Layered Architecture for Autonomous Interactive Robots.

Yuchian Jian, Nick Walker, Minkyu Kim, Nicolas Brissonneau, Daniel S. Brown, Justin W. Hart, Scott Niekum, Luis Sentis, Peter Stone.

AAAI Fall Symposium on Reasoning and Learning in Real-World Systems for Long-Term Autonomy, 2018.

11. Toward Probabilistic Safety Bounds for Robot Learning from Demonstration.

Daniel S. Brown, Scott Niekum.

AAAI Fall Symposium on Artificial Intelligence for Human-Robot Interaction, 2017.

12. Algorithms for Stochastic Physical Search on General Graphs.

Daniel S. Brown, Jeffrey Hudack, Bikramjit Banerjee.

AAAI Workshop on Planning, Search, and Optimization Workshop, 2015.

Dissertation and Theses

1. Safe and Efficient Inverse Reinforcement Learning.

Daniel S. Brown

Doctoral Dissertation

University of Texas at Austin, 2020.

2. Toward Scalable Human-Swarm Interaction with Bio-Inspired Robot Teams.

Daniel S. Brown

Masters Thesis

Brigham Young University, 2013.

3. Learning and Control Techniques for Portfolio Optimization.

Daniel S. Brown.

Honors Thesis

Brigham Young University, 2011.