Shane Josias - Curriculum Vitae



EDUCATION

Stellenbosch University PhD Applied Mathematics 2021 - 2024

Reliable likelihoods for out-of-distribution data from continuous-time normalising flows

Promoter: Prof. Willie Brink

Stellenbosch University MSc Applied Mathematics, cum laude

2018 - 2020

Multitask learning and data distribution search in visual relationship recognition

Advisor: Prof. Willie Brink

Work Experience

Stellenbosch University

Lecturer, Applied Mathematics 2025 - curr.

Junior lecturer, Applied Mathematics 2021 - 2024

Standard Bank Lab co-chair, the School for DS and CT

2021 - 2022

VASTech

Junior software engineeer 2020 - 2021

RESEARCH

Journals

- S Josias & W Brink. Reliable likelihoods from conditional flow matching generative models. Under review, 2024.
- DS Geldenhuys, S Josias et. al. Deep learning approaches to landmark detection in tsetse wing images. *PLoS Computational Biology*, 19(6): e1011194, 2023.
- S Josias & W Brink. Jacobian norm regularisation and conditioning in neural ODEs. Springer Communications in Computer and Information Science, volume 1734, pp 31-45, 2022.
- S Josias & W Brink. Class-selective mini-batching and multitask learning for visual relationship recognition. SAIEE Africa Research Journal, volume 112(2), pp 99-109, 2021.

Conference and workshop proceedings

- S Josias & W Brink. Multimodal base distributions in conditional flow-matching generative models. *The British Machine Vision Conference*, 2024.
- S Josias & W Brink. Multimodal base distributions for continuous-time normalising flows. The Symbiosis of Deep Learning and Differential Equations Workshop at NeurIPS, 2023.
- S Josias & W Brink. Batch construction and multitask learning in visual relationship recognition. *International SAUPEC/RobMech/PRASA Conference*, pp 713-718, 2020.

Collaborators

Mathematical Sciences, SU Willie Brink, Pietro Landi, Cang Hui

SACEMA John Hargrove, Marijn Hazelbag, Jeremy Bingham

Research Assistant

Mathematical Sciences, SU Cameron Painting

FUNDING

DHET University Capacity Development programme ($\pm R170K$)	2024
NRF Thuthuka Research Grant ($\pm R500K$)	2022 - 2024
Google Deepmind PhD Scholarship (declined in favour of other opportunities)	2021
TEACHING AND LEARNING	
Mathematics for Machine Learning 811 (15 credits)	
$MSc~in~ML~\&~AI,~\pm~20~students$	2025
Probability Theory & Statistics 114 (16 credits)	
$Science, \pm 300 \ students \ (out \ of \ 600)$	2024-2025
Computer Vision 792 (16 credits)	
Applied Mathematics & Computer Science Hons, \pm 50 students	2024-2025
Applied Maths for Civil Engineers B252 (8 credits)	
Engineering, \pm 80 students	2023
Statics B124 (15 credits)	
Engineering, \pm 200 students (out of 800)	2021-2023

Scholarship of teaching and learning

I presented a proof-of-concept online interactive explanation at the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning conference in Stellenbosch, 2021. The poster presentation at the conference was part of the Professional Educational Development of Academics (PREDAC) short course.

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

NITheCS Junior Associate	2021 - curr.
Reviewer: British Machine Vision Conference	2024
Reviewer: The Symbiosis of Deep Learning and Differential Equations Workshop	2023
SIAM student chapter advisor and career panel discussion	2023
Examiner: SU Masters in Machine Learning and AI	2023 & 2022
Examiner: SU Honours in Applied Mathematics	2023 & 2022
Launched a Data Science Hackathon (Standard Bank Lab)	2022
Standard Bank Lab consulting	2022
Co-led a computer vision journal club	$2022 \ \& \ 2021$
LaunchLab Techpreneurship centre liason (Data School)	2021
Guest lecturer in the LaunchLab Techpreneurship programme (Data School)	2021

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