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PhD candidate with experience in extended reality, computer vision, and neural engineering. Proven expertise in spearheading innovative projects, managing teams, mentoring, and rapidly adapting to new environments.

Education

Stanford University — CA, US
PhD in Bioengineering; GPA: 4.02/4.00 — *2019 - June 2025 (Expected)*

American University of Beirut (AUB) — Beirut, Lebanon
Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering; GPA: 95.04% — *2017 - 2019*

Holy Spirit University of Kaslik (USEK) — Kaslik, Lebanon
Bachelor of Engineering in Biomedical Engineering, high distinction; GPA: 95.34% — *2013 - 2017*

Research Experience

Stanford University — CA, US
Graduate Research Assistant — *Oct 2020 - Present*

- Stereoscopic calibration for augmented reality visualization in microscopic surgery
- Computer vision for improving the accuracy of tracking in augmented reality
- Interactive shape sonification for tumor localization in breast cancer surgery

Undergraduate Student Mentor — *June 2022 - Present*

- Tracking and augmented reality visualization of needles in ultrasound-guided gynecologic brachytherapy
- Automating surgical instrument tracking in mastoidectomy videos with YOLOv8
- Improving gaze stabilization exercises with virtual reality

Neural Engineering and Nanobiosensors Group, AUB — Beirut, Lebanon
Graduate Research Assistant — *Jan 2018 - Sep 2019*

- High resolution electrical stimulation of the retina
- Modeling the effect of ultrasound on neural excitability
- B-Type Natriuretic Peptide biosensing for point-of-care heart failure diagnostic platforms

Robotics and Mechatronics Laboratory, University of Twente — Enschede, the Netherlands
Student Researcher — *Oct 2016 - May 2017*

- Multimodality image registration for visualization in robotic assisted breast biopsy

CardioDiagnostics — Dbayeh, Lebanon
Research and Development Intern — *June 2016 - Aug 2016*

- Unsupervised machine learning and data mining of cardiac patient data sets

Selected Publications

- **T. E. Chemaly**, C. A. Neves, F. Fu, B. Hargreaves, N. H. Blevins, From Microscope to Head-Mounted Display: Integrating Hand Tracking into Microsurgical Augmented Reality, International Journal of Computer Assisted Radiology and Surgery 2024, (accepted).
- **T. E. Chemaly***, L. Schütz*, B. Daniel, C. Leuze, N. Navab, Interactive Shape Sonification for Tumor Localization in Breast Cancer Surgery, ACM Special Interest Group on Computer-Human Interaction (CHI).
- **T. E. Chemaly**, C. A. Neves, C. Leuze, B. Hargreaves, N. H. Blevins, Stereoscopic calibration for augmented reality visualization in microscopic surgery, International Journal of Computer Assisted Radiology and Surgery 2023, pp. 1-9.
- C. A. Neves, G. S. Liu, **T. E. Chemaly**, I. A. Bernstein, F. Fu, N. H. Blevins, Automated Radiomic Analysis of Vestibular Schwannomas and Inner Ears Using Contrast-Enhanced T1-Weighted and T2-Weighted Magnetic Resonance Imaging Sequences and Artificial Intelligence, Otology & Neurotology 2023, pp. 10.1097.
- M. de Lotbiniere-Bassett, A. V. Batista, C. Lai, **T. E. Chemaly**, J. Dort, N. Blevins, J. Lui, The user experience design of a novel microscope within SurgiSim, a virtual reality surgical simulator, International Journal of Computer Assisted Radiology and Surgery 2022, pp. 1-9.

- **T. E. Chemaly***, H. Alawieh*, M. Khraiche, Towards Point-of-Care Heart Failure Diagnostic Platforms: BNP Biosensors, Sensors 2019, 19, 5003.
- **T. E. Chemaly**, F. J. Siepel, S. Rihana, V. Groenhuis, F. van der Heijden and S. Stramigioli, MRI and stereo vision surface reconstruction and fusion, 2017 Fourth International Conference on Advances in Biomedical Engineering (ICABME), Beirut, 2017, pp. 1-4.

** Equal Contribution*

Teaching Experience

Stanford University CA, US

Teaching Assistant *Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022*

- BIOE 80: Introduction to Bioengineering
- RAD206: Mixed-Reality in Medicine
- BIOE301C: Diagnostic Devices Lab

Course Developer and Instructor *Spring 2024*

- CS 12SI: Spatial Computing Workshop

Awards and Honors

- **Best Use of Looking Glass,** MIT Reality Hack, Jan 2024
- **2nd Place for our project EduVision,** MIT Reality Hack Startup Track, Jan 2024
- **1st Place for our project Touchless Heartbeat,** Stanford XR Hackathon: Reimagining Reality, May 2022
- **The Eltoukhy Family Graduate Fellowship,** Stanford, 2019 - 2020
- **Best 3MT Research Presentation Award,** AUB, Apr 2019
- **3MT People's Choice Award,** AUB, Apr 2019
- **Robotics Design Award,** Massachusetts Qualifying Skyrise, VEXU Robotics Competition, Apr 2015
- **Merit Scholarship,** USEK, 2013 - 2017 (awarded for ranking first in the entire Engineering Department)
- **Excellence Scholarship,** USEK, 2012 - 2013

Leadership

Stanford XR CA, US

President *May 2023 - Present*

- Organized Immerse The Bay, Stanford University's first public XR Hackathon, making it the largest XR hackathon in the Bay Area and one of the 3 largest in the world with 319 competitors, 10 countries, and 82 universities
- Led a committed team of 23 to successfully execute Immerse The Bay
- Raised funds and equipment worth $50k+, marketed to 100+ universities worldwide, and organized the entire experience for 200+ in-person participants for 3 days
- Led efforts to make the hackathon beginner-friendly by providing mentors and organizing workshops, resulting in over 50% participation from first-time hackers and students who had never tried XR headsets before
- Organized the 2024 Stanford XR Annual Conference

Vice President and XR Mentor *Oct 2022 - May 2023*

- Directed Stanford University's first XR incubator program
- Delivered talks and mentorship to students by collaborating with venture capitalists and industry professionals
- Co-organized the 2023 Stanford XR Annual Conference and led the medical XR panel
- Mentored 10+ teams to build and launch their products

USEK Robotics Team Kaslik, Lebanon

Team Leader *June 2016 - June 2017*

RobotC Programmer *Sep 2015 - June 2017*

Skills

- Virtual and augmented reality development (4+ years in Unity and C#, Swift)
- Computer vision and deep learning (Python, MATLAB, Unity and C#)
- Object-oriented programming (C#, Python, JavaScript)
- Robotics programming (C/C++, RobotC, ROS, Mathematica)
- Medical signal and image processing, computational modeling (Python, MATLAB)
- Experimental handling of neural tissue and analysis of neural recording (MATLAB, Offline Sorter, Spike 2)