

# Priya Sundaresan

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**ACADEMIC** **Stanford University**, Stanford, CA 2021 - 2026 (expected)

**BACKGROUND** *Ph.D. in Computer Science, Artificial Intelligence*  
*Advisors: Dorsa Sadigh, Jeannette Bohg*

**University of California, Berkeley**, Berkeley, CA 2017 - 2021

*M.S. in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (2020-2021)* GPA: 3.790/4.0

*Advisor: Ken Goldberg, Joseph Gonzalez*

Master's Thesis: [Robotic Untangling and Disentangling of Cables via Learned Manipulation and Recovery Strategies](#)

*B.S. in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (2017-2020)* GPA: 3.701/4.00

**EXPERIENCE** **Intrinsic, Mountain View, CA**

PhD Resident 06/2023 - Present

Summer internship at Intrinsic, a robotics software and AI company at Alphabet. Collaborated with Google DeepMind on imitation learning from hand-drawn sketches.

**Stanford Artificial Intelligence Lab**, PhD Student 09/2021 - Present

Research in robotic manipulation and perception for collaborative and assistive real-world settings

**Amazon Robotics, North Reading, MA**

Part-Time Applied Scientist Contractor 9/2020 - 12/2021

Advanced R&D Robotics Intern 5/2020 - 8/2020

Research on vision-based grasp planners for warehouse automation

**UC Berkeley AUTOLAB**, Undergraduate Researcher 8/2018 - 5/2021

*Advised by Ken Goldberg*

Developed perception-driven algorithms for household and surgical robots

**UC Berkeley Department of EECS**, Teaching Assistant 1/2019 - 5/2019

Discussion TA for introductory EE course (EE 16A) on circuit design/linear algebra

**PUBLICATIONS** [13] **Priya Sundaresan**, Suneel Belkhale, Dorsa Sadigh, Jeannette Bohg. KITE: Keypoint-Conditioned Policies for Semantic Manipulation. *Conference on Robot Learning (CoRL), 2023.*

[12] **Priya Sundaresan**, Jiajun Wu, Dorsa Sadigh. Learning Sequential Acquisition Policies for Robot-Assisted Feeding. *Conference on Robot Learning (CoRL), 2023.*

[11] Lorenzo Shaikewitz\*, Yilin Wu\*, Suneel Belkhale\*, Jennifer Grannen, **Priya Sundaresan**, Dorsa Sadigh. In-Mouth Robotic Bite Transfer with Visual and Haptic Sensing. *International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), 2023.*

[10] **Priya Sundaresan**, Suneel Belkhale, Dorsa Sadigh. Learning Visuo-Haptic Skewering Strategies for Robot-Assisted Feeding. *Conference on Robot Learning (CoRL), 2022. Oral Presentation.*

[9] **Priya Sundaresan**, Rika Antonova, Jeannette Bohg. DiffCloud: Real-to-Sim from Point Clouds with Differentiable Simulation and Rendering of Deformable Objects. *International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS), 2022.*

- [8] Rika Antonova, Jingyun Yang, **Priya Sundareshan**, Dieter Fox, Fabio Ramos, Jeannette Bohg. A Bayesian Treatment of Real-to-Sim for Deformable Object Manipulation. *IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters (RA-L)*, 2022.
- [7] Vainavi Viswanath\*, Jennifer Grannen\*, **Priya Sundareshan\***, Brijen Thananjeyan, Ashwin Balakrishna, Ellen Novoseller, Jeffrey Ichnowski, Michael Laskey, Joseph E. Gonzalez, Ken Goldberg. Disentangling Dense Multi-Cable Knots. *International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)*, 2021.
- [6] **Priya Sundareshan\***, Jennifer Grannen\*, Brijen Thananjeyan, Ashwin Balakrishna, Jeffrey Ichnowski, Ellen Novoseller, Minh Hwang, Michael Laskey, Joseph E. Gonzalez, Ken Goldberg. Untangling Dense Non-Planar Knots by Learning Manipulation Features and Recovery Policies. *Robotics: Science and Systems (RSS)*, 2021.
- [5] Aditya Ganapathi, **Priya Sundareshan**, Brijen Thananjeyan, Ashwin Balakrishna, Daniel Seita, Jennifer Grannen, Minh Hwang, Ryan Hoque, Joseph E. Gonzalez, Nawid Jamali, Katsu Yamane, Soshi Iba, Ken Goldberg. Learning Dense Visual Correspondences in Simulation to Smooth and Fold Real Fabrics. *International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*, 2021.
- [4] **Priya Sundareshan\***, Aditya Ganapathi\*, Brijen Thananjeyan, Ashwin Balakrishna, Daniel Seita, Ryan Hoque, Joseph Gonzalez, Ken Goldberg. MMGSD: Multi-Modal Gaussian Shape Descriptors for Correspondence Matching in 1D and 2D Deformable Objects. *International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS), Workshop on Robotic Manipulation of Deformable Objects*, 2020.
- [3] Jennifer Grannen\*, **Priya Sundareshan\***, Brijen Thananjeyan, Jeffrey Ichnowski, Ashwin Balakrishna, Minh Hwang, Vainavi Viswanath, Michael Laskey, Joseph E. Gonzalez, Ken Goldberg. Untangling Dense Knots by Learning Task-Relevant Keypoints. *Conference on Robot Learning (CoRL)*, 2020. **Oral Presentation**.
- [2] **Priya Sundareshan**, Jennifer Grannen, Brijen Thananjeyan, Ashwin Balakrishna, Michael Laskey, Kevin Stone, Joseph E. Gonzalez, Ken Goldberg. Learning Rope Manipulation Policies Using Dense Object Descriptors Trained on Synthetic Depth Data. *International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*, 2020.
- [1] **Priya Sundareshan**, Brijen Thananjeyan, Johnathan Chiu, Danyal Fer, Ken Goldberg. Automated Extraction of Surgical Needles from Tissue Phantoms. *Conference on Automation Science and Engineering (CASE)*, 2019.

## AWARDS

FANUC Student Fellowship	2022
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship	2021
Timothy B. Campbell Innovation Award, UC Berkeley EECS	2021
James H. Eaton Memorial Scholarship, UC Berkeley EECS	2020
Cal Alumni Association Leadership Award Scholarship	2019

## OUTREACH

<b>UC Berkeley AUTOLAB</b>	2018-2021
Prepared and presented robot demos to prospective students at Cal day and lab visit days for local middle/high school students	

**Bioengineering Honor Society**, Webmaster/Projects Chair 2018-2019  
 Prototyped hardware demos to showcase at local middle/high schools and built [club](#)

[website](#) from scratch

Volunteered at BioEngineering High School Competition (BioEHSC), a student-run science fair where UC Berkeley undergraduates mentor local high school students on a semester-long research project

**ACADEMIC  
SERVICE**

*External Reviewer for Conferences, Journals*

Conference on Robot Learning (CoRL): 2023

International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA): 2023

Robotics and Automation Letters (RA-L): 2022.

International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS): 2022

International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA): 2021