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40 Years of Color Science Education & Research

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From the Director: *Reflecting on 40 Years!*

Greetings! Whenever I visit a city, I love going to the top of a tall monument – the Eiffel Tower, CN Tower, London Eye – to get an overview and a feel for the place. 2023 marks 40 years since the beginning of the Munsell Color Science Laboratory in 1983. As I reflect on those 40 years, it's similar to being atop a monumental summit, but looking back instead of down.

Over 40 years, MCSL has had immense impact as the world's leading academic color science organization, producing research and training researchers that have affected many industries. Pretty much everything related to color is now cheaper, easier, and better: photography, printing, color management, archiving, lighting, graphics, and display. Looking forward, we work toward technology for more immersive and natural imaging and visual communication, and we look deeper into the visual system to better understand color and cognition.

In my second year leading POCS/MCSL and the Integrated Sciences Academy, I am getting more comfortable in the role and more excited about

steering our course. As a partner in both the Neuroscience BS and Cognitive Science PhD programs, ISA is hiring new faculty and broadening our interdisciplinary scope, which offers new opportunities for MCSL.

Our 2023 Color Science entering class is the largest I have seen, indicating both strong interest in our program and bold plans for our research portfolio. As always, our research is funded through a combination of federal grants, corporate contracts, gifts, and endowment funds. If you are in a position to support us, please see the penultimate page for opportunities!

In this annual report, we are proud to highlight the accomplishments of the students and faculty of MCSL. We've been busy! Please reach out if you have interest in or questions about anything you read here.

All the best! *Mike*

Photo: *that's me reflecting in a concave mirror at the Corning Museum of Glass*



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RIT Doctoral Hooding Delegate: **Olivia Kuzio**

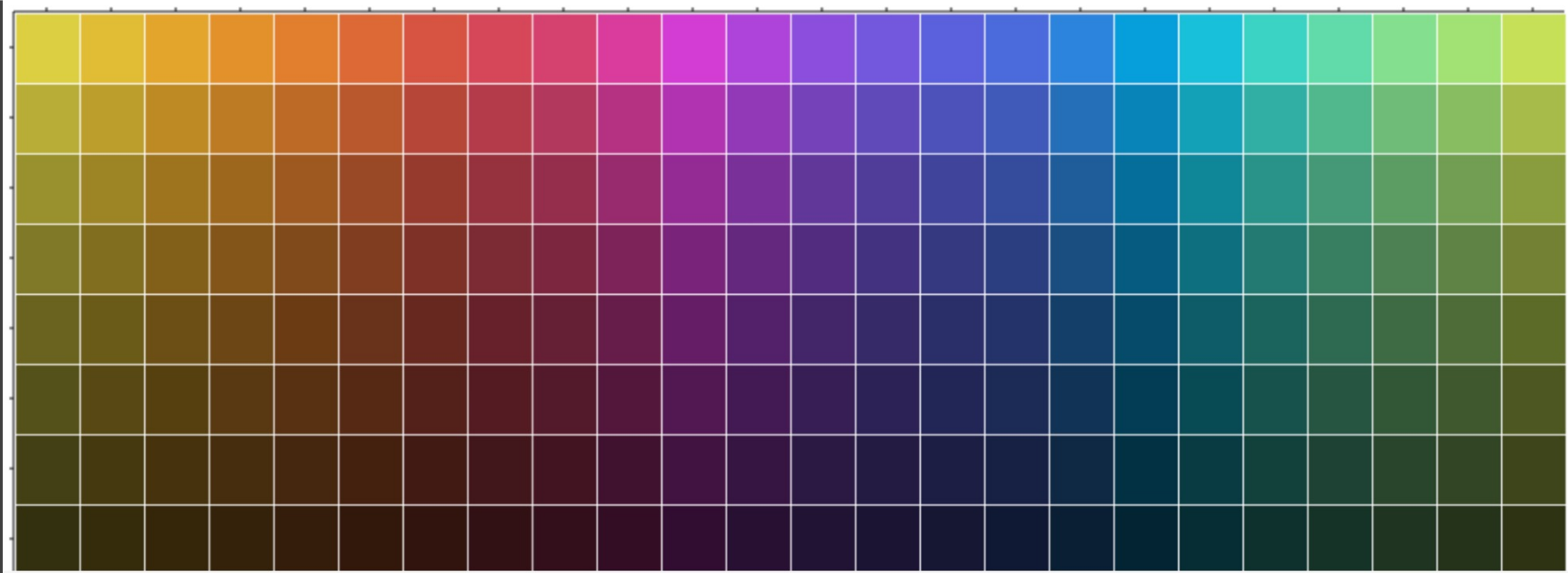
2023 PhD Graduate Olivia Kuzio (with color target)

Olivia Kuzio represented Color Science and all RIT PhD graduates on the Commencement stage, delivering remarks as the Doctoral Hooding Delegate. *Congratulations, Olivia!*

Olivia began her doctoral studies in color science in 2017. She conducted her research in the Studio for Scientific Imaging and Archiving of Cultural Heritage, where she learned the science and art of advanced technical imaging for museum applications. Her dissertation focused on developing and refining accessible techniques and tools for carrying out these kinds of imaging with more familiar, affordable photography equipment. Concurrently with her doctoral studies, she also pursued parallel interests in the chemical nature of artists' materials, and earned an MS in chemistry in 2022. She enriched her graduate studies with internships at the Smithsonian Museum Conservation Institute and the Getty Conservation Institute, where she performed scientific imaging and material analysis on collections objects ranging from ancient Near-Eastern cuneiform tablets to Renaissance oil paintings to 20th-century Bauhaus pastel color studies. Olivia defended her dissertation in February, 2023, and is currently a fellow in the Science Department of the Getty Conservation Institute in Los Angeles, CA.



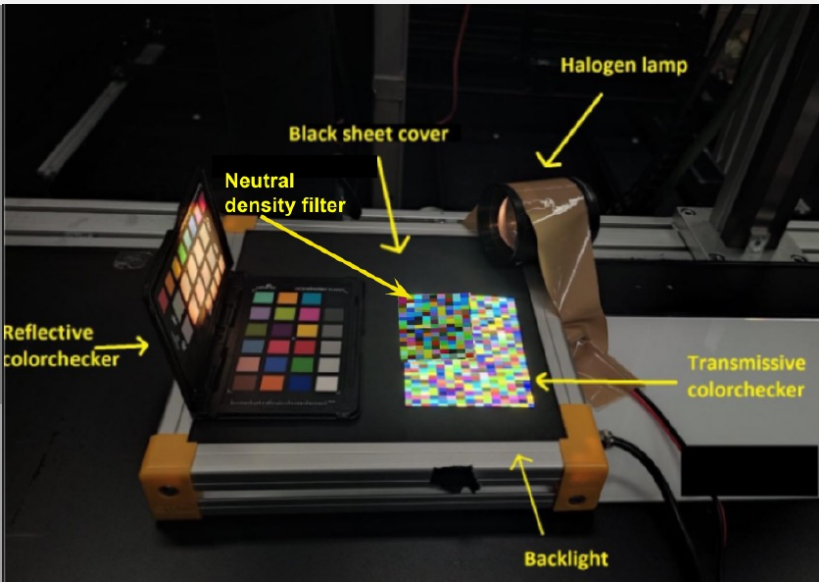
Research Highlight: **Structure of Color Appearance Models**



At CIC in 2012, Mark and Rod Heckaman presented a paper, *Deriving Appearance Scales*, that suggested an implementation of color appearance modeling in which the dimensions of color perception (brightness, lightness, colorfulness, saturation, chroma, and hue) were derived without reliance on an intermediate multidimensional color space. Mark and his students have been working to further define these potential uni-dimensional appearance scales. At the ISCC Color Impact 2023 conference, Mark led a workshop to guide participants in considering the benefits of deriving color appearance scales prior to, rather than after, construction of a multidimensional color space. This concept was also explored in a CR&A paper entitled *On the questionable utility of color space for understanding perception*. The accompanying figure, constructed using the Virtual Color Atlas, shows the potential benefit of an independently-derived scale of lightness based on the concept of brilliance and the DIN system for various hues at constant saturation levels.

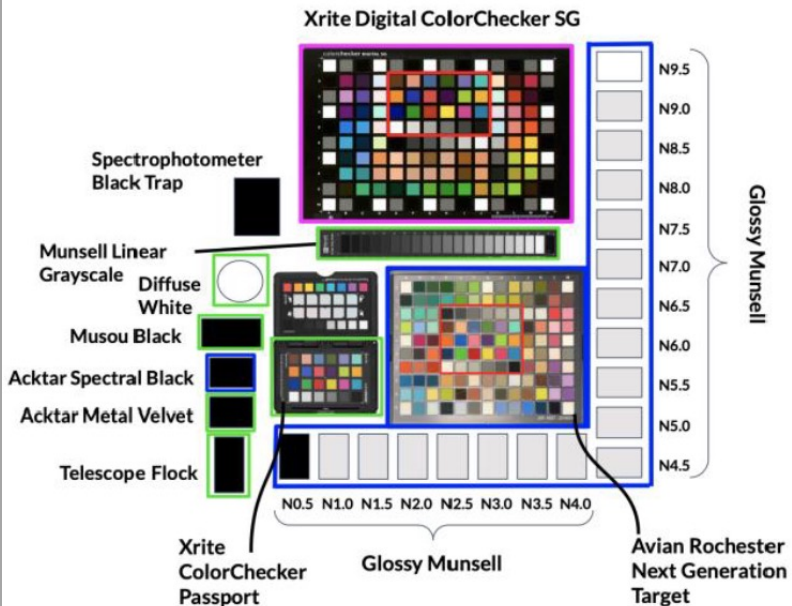
Mark D. Fairchild

Research Highlight: Camera characterization for HDR scene acquisition



Current camera characterization standards are typically designed with limited dynamic range applications in mind. However, applying these standards to High Dynamic Range (HDR) scene acquisition presents several limitations, hindering accurate color reproduction. To address this challenge, a new approach is under investigation, focusing on the contributions of more representative color targets, including both transmissive and reflective patches, in HDR environments. Additionally, the optimization process and exposure settings of the characterization process are being examined. The study aims to improve camera characterization accuracy, especially in capturing higher ranges of luminance levels and complicated color variations. One selected application of this research pertains to the high-quality rendering of images depicting cultural heritage materials, necessitating precise color reproduction and HDR scene capture. Another application involves improving spectral and hyperspectral acquisition to accommodate extended dynamic range scenes.

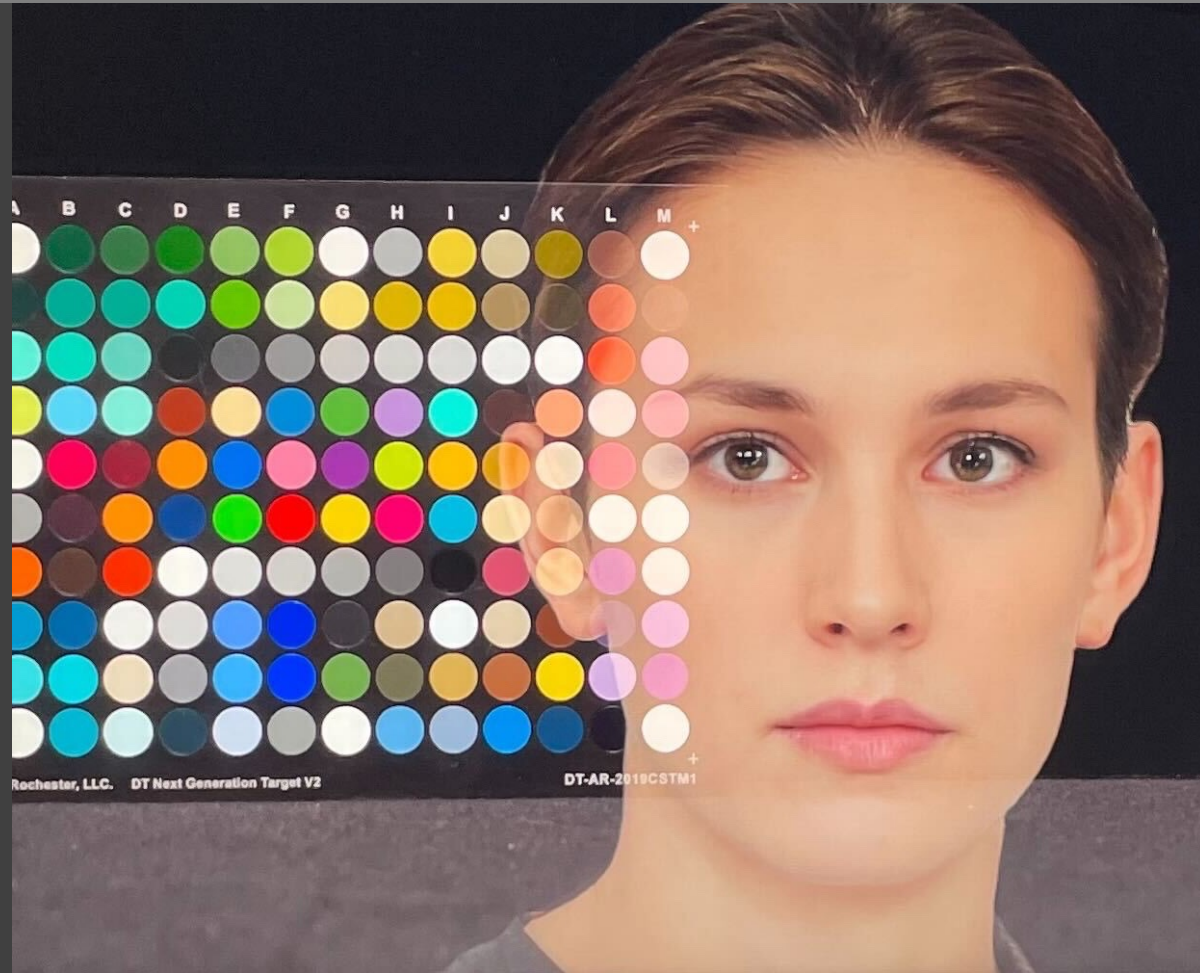
*Leah Humenuck, Aqsa Hassan, Susan Farnand,
Mekides Assefa Abebe*



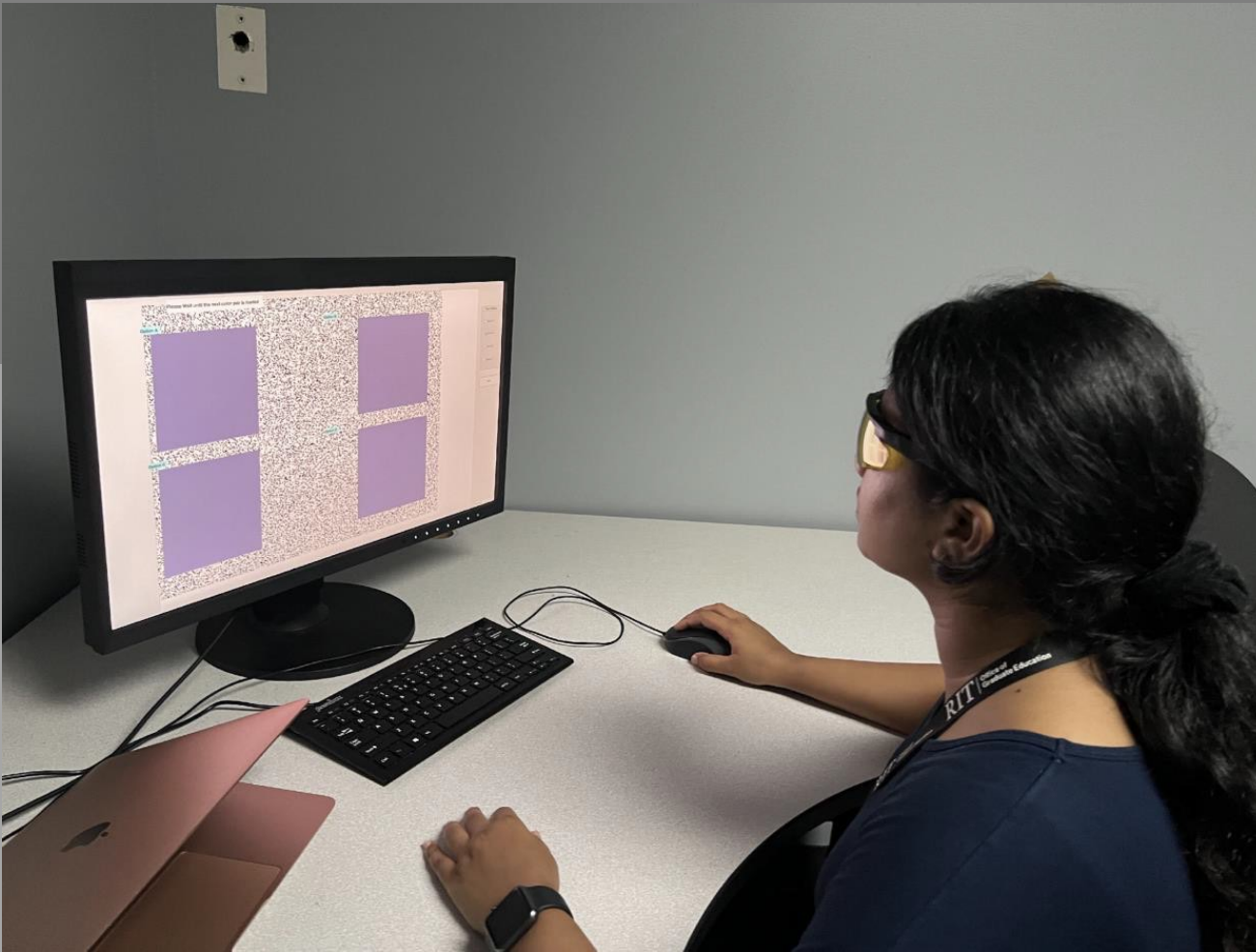
Research Highlight: **Natural Rendering in Transparent AR**

Rendering human faces in optical see-through (OST) augmented reality (AR) with naturalistic fidelity is a challenging endeavor, given the distortions caused by the background visible through the transparent display. This research aims to explore the correlation between perceived naturalness and facial color attributes, including the redness and yellowness of skin as well as the gamma of the image. Building on a previous study that uncovered a nearly proportional relationship between average lightness and gamma preference for AR fruit stimuli, this project seeks to ascertain whether the gamma preference for faces in OST-AR behaves similarly. The study employs the same transparent AR setup previously used in experiments investigating color appearances, brightness, transparency, and realness in AR. The findings of this research are expected to contribute significantly to the enhancement of naturalness in human facial image rendering within the OST-AR context, thereby improving the overall user experience in augmented reality applications.

Zilong Li, Michael J. Murdoch



Research Highlight: **Metrics for Evaluating Protective Lens Performance**



This study, at the intersection of military innovation and human perception, evaluated high-end eyewear, focusing on metrics like contrast threshold, correctness of response, and response time. It explored the impact of various tints for color contrast enhancement. Participants wore tinted eyewear, engaging in tasks identifying color patches with contrast patterns. Two experiments revealed participant variability in adjusting color values for visibility thresholds and a decreasing correctness trend with higher spatial frequencies. Response times, especially with dark-tinted eyewear, indicated difficulty. The study also evaluated the efficacy of a model predicting color appearance through eyewear tint. It is an important step in understanding how different color-enhanced eyewear influences human performance, suggesting considerations for future research, including more precise experiments and expanded lens comparisons.

Likhitha Nagahanumaiah and Susan Farnand

Research Highlight: **Saturation and Brightness in HDR Images**



We conducted a psychophysical experiment in which observers compared the saturation and brightness between high-dynamic-range images that had been modulated in chroma and achromatic lightness. Models of brightness which account for the Helmholtz-Kohlrausch effect include both chromatic and achromatic inputs into brightness metrics, and this experiment was an exploration of whether these metrics could be expanded to images. The observers consistently judged saturation in agreement with the predictions of our color appearance modeling. However, some unexpected results and differences between observers in their methods for judging brightness indicate that further modeling, including spatial effects of color perception, need to be included to apply our model of the Helmholtz-Kohlrausch effect to images.

Luke Hellwig, Mark D. Fairchild

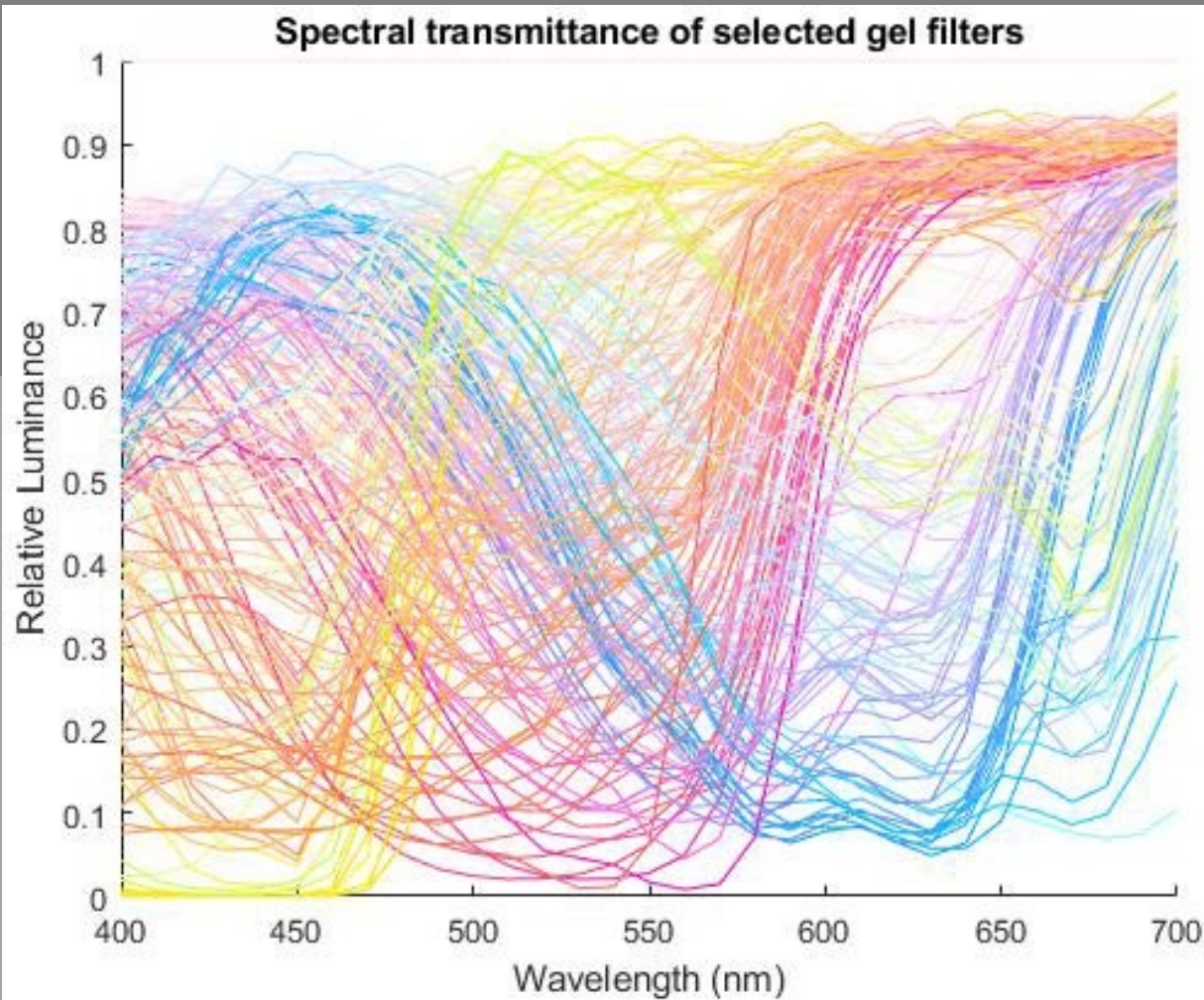
Research Highlight: **Practical Spectral Imaging for Cultural Heritage Applications**

Leah Humenuck traveled to Dubrovnik, Croatia with Izzy Moyer, a BS Museum Studies student partnered with RIT Croatia. She provided guidance and support for the setup and installation of a portable multispectral imaging system for the Dubrovnik State Archive. While there she gave BeyondRGB presentations to archivists, conservators, and to two RIT Croatia classes. The BeyondRGB work continues with the third cohort of senior Software Engineers. Leah is a semifinalist for the Fulbright U.S. Student Program for research with the Norwegian University of Science and Technology focused on using mobile phone imaging for documentation of cultural heritage items.

Leah Humenuck and Susan Farnand



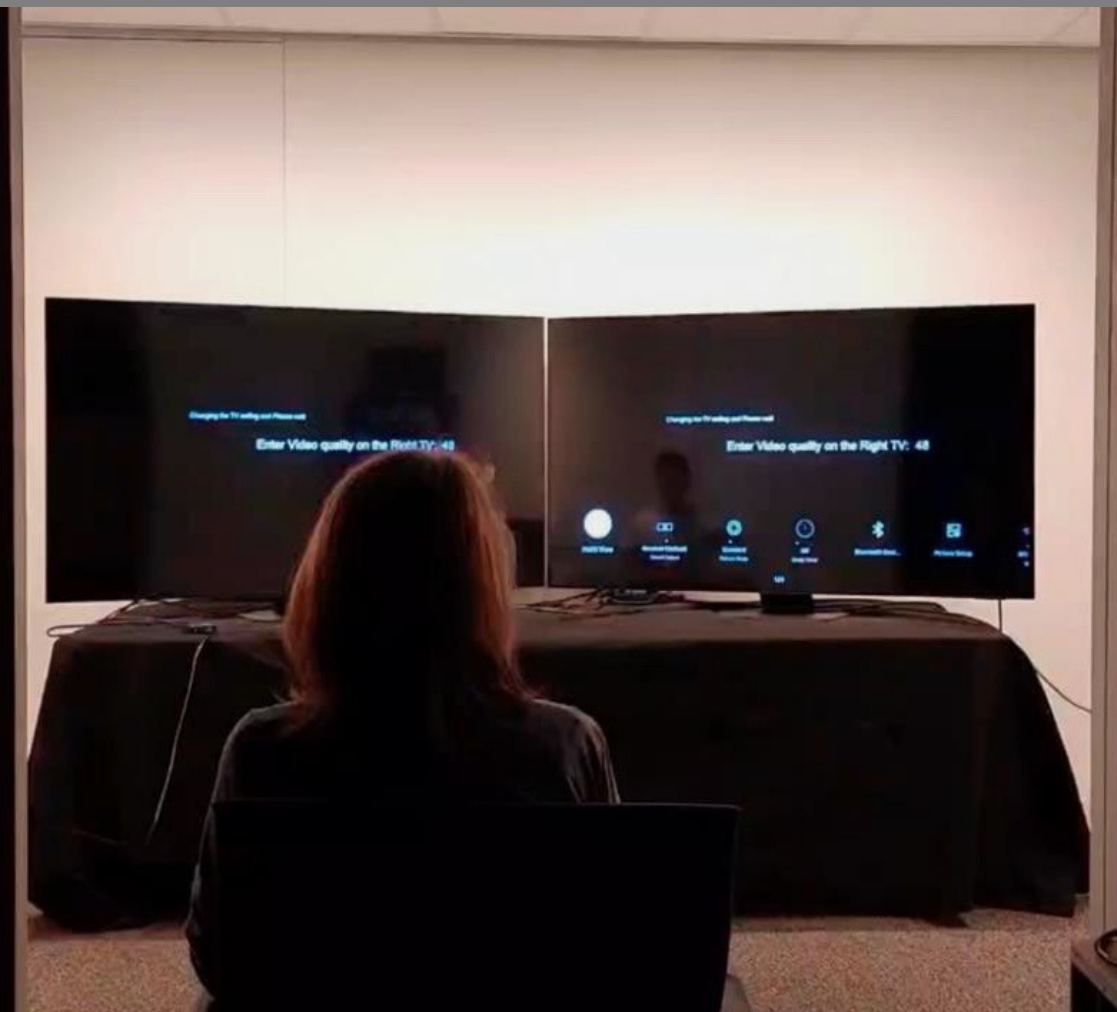
Research Highlight: **Color-accurate spectral imaging using filtered light**



Compared to traditional RGB capture, multispectral imaging (MSI) allows for the capture of more color-accurate images, which is essential in cultural heritage contexts. Previous research at this lab has worked on reducing the barriers to MSI by using narrow-band LEDs with common photography equipment, a technique known as two-light imaging. To further reduce costs, the possibility of replacing the LEDs with filtered white light is now being explored. A simulation was run using over 200 theatre gel filters, a small selection of white lights, and numerous cameras for the purpose of finding optimal filters for two-light imaging. Results were evaluated by the performance of colorimetric and spectral estimation of color targets, and consistency over different lights and cameras. Further research will involve physically evaluating the performance of the top ranked filters.

Sahara Smith, Leah Humenuck, Susan Farnand

Research Highlight: **Evaluation of Subjective Video Quality of Television Displays**

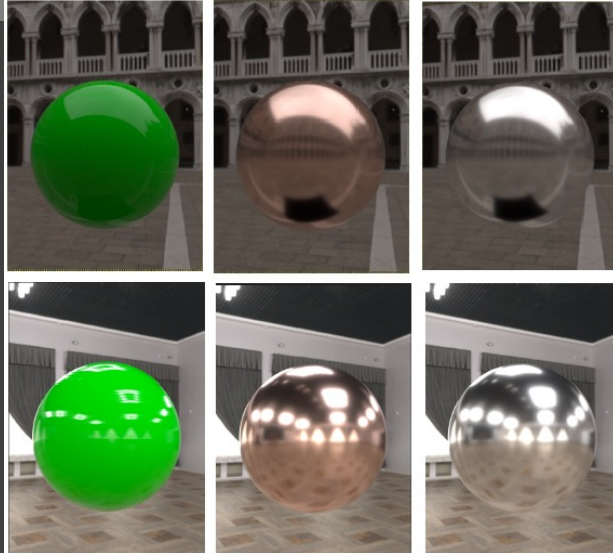


With evolution of video and display technologies, there is an interest in better understanding user preferences for video quality and the factors that impact these preferences. This study focused on the subjective video quality assessment (VQA) of TV displays, considering a range of factors that influence viewer experience. We conducted two psychophysical experiments to investigate the latent factors affecting human-perceived video quality. Our results offer insights into how different factors contribute to video quality perception. This research will guide researchers and developers aiming to improve display and environmental settings to give end-users an optimal viewing experience.

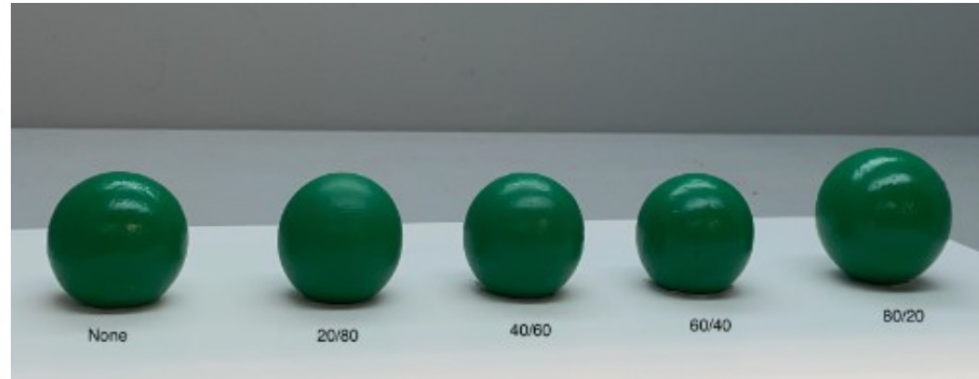
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The experimental setup for the perceptual experiments. Room lighting was computationally controlled.

Research Highlight: **Perceptual Gloss measurement and reproduction**



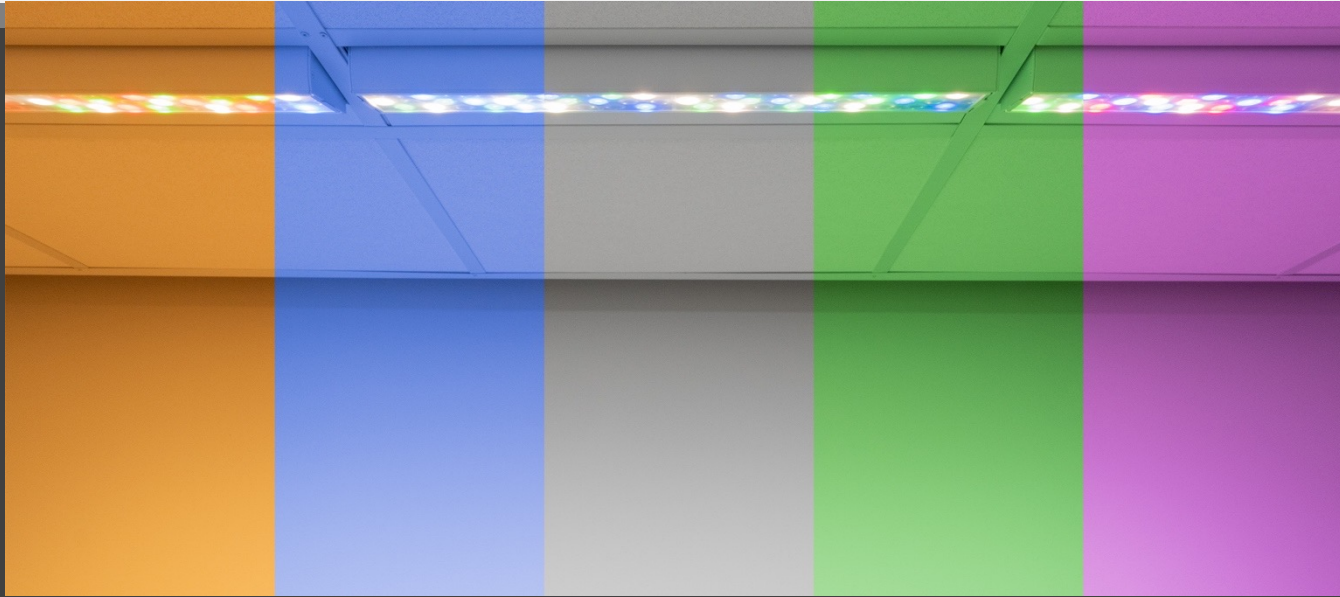
Sample Virtual stimuli with different background and material types



Examples of Real stimuli: with varnish coating with combinations of liquid gloss and matte varnishing.

Previous research has examined gloss perception, exploring factors such as the illumination field, background, and scene dynamic range, as well as the connection between reflection model parameters and perceived gloss. However, current studies often overlook diverse real-world environments and material types, tending to focus on scenes with limited dynamic range and achromatic samples. Most studies do not consider the measurement and reproduction of perceptual gloss across different application industries. To address these gaps, our study plans to investigate gloss perception across diverse backgrounds, materials, and extended dynamic ranges. We will conduct psychophysical experiments using real and virtual chromatic samples, a rarely explored approach, to gain a comprehensive understanding of perceptual gloss applicable to various contexts. As the next step, we will measure the physical material properties of our real samples and explore an efficient gloss reproduction approach based on the findings of our perceptual gloss study. The intended applications of this study include 3D printing and computer-generated imaging.

Research Highlight: **Chromatic Adaptation in Dynamic Environments**



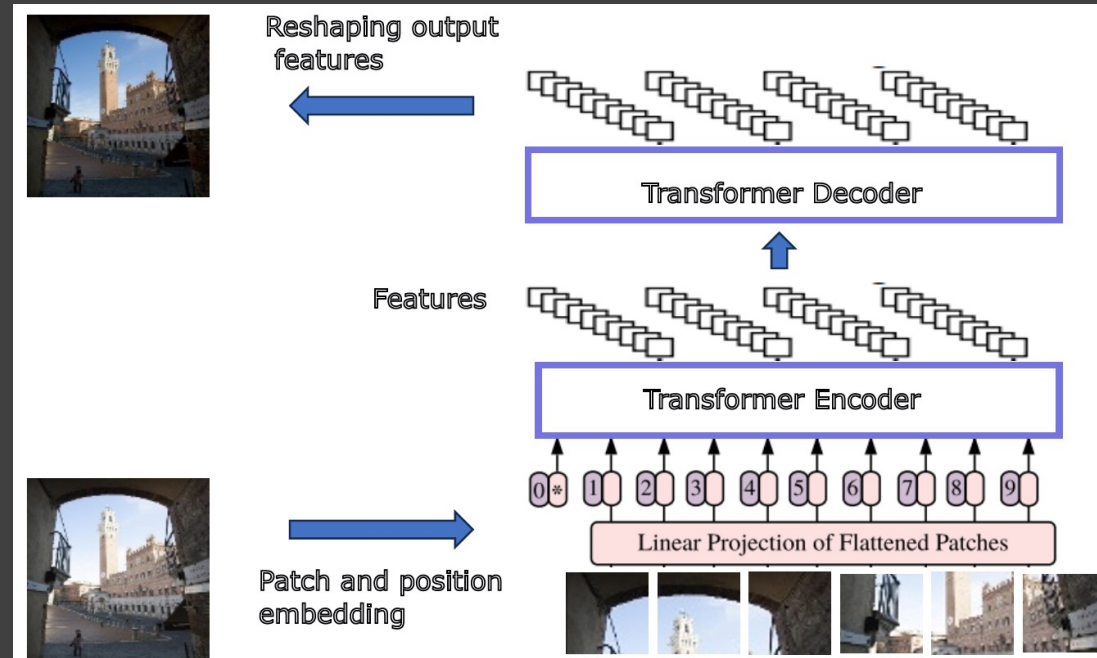
As augmented reality (AR) systems continue to develop, it is important to characterize visual perception within this framework, whether to present virtual elements accurately or manipulate them for a desired effect. Chromatic adaptation is a significant part of visual perception which is not well understood in the context of AR. Environmental lighting in AR applications is rarely constant, as illumination shifts and users move in the real world, and adaptation has not been thoroughly studied under such conditions. In order to address these issues, experiments are planned to measure chromatic adaptation to dynamically changing lighting and AR elements, both individually and together. In the upcoming experiment, we will track achromatic appearance on a physical display as the illumination changes gradually and smoothly. The transitions will be in four hue directions anchored at the chromaticity of D65 (see images above), and adaptation will be measured during the lighting change as well as during periods of constant illumination at either end point of transition. Later experiments will utilize a similar methodology but incorporating AR stimuli that will follow the same color changes. The data will be used to create a model of chromatic adaptation that can account for dynamic changes in both the illumination and augmented reality stimulus.

Abby Weymouth and Michael J. Murdoch

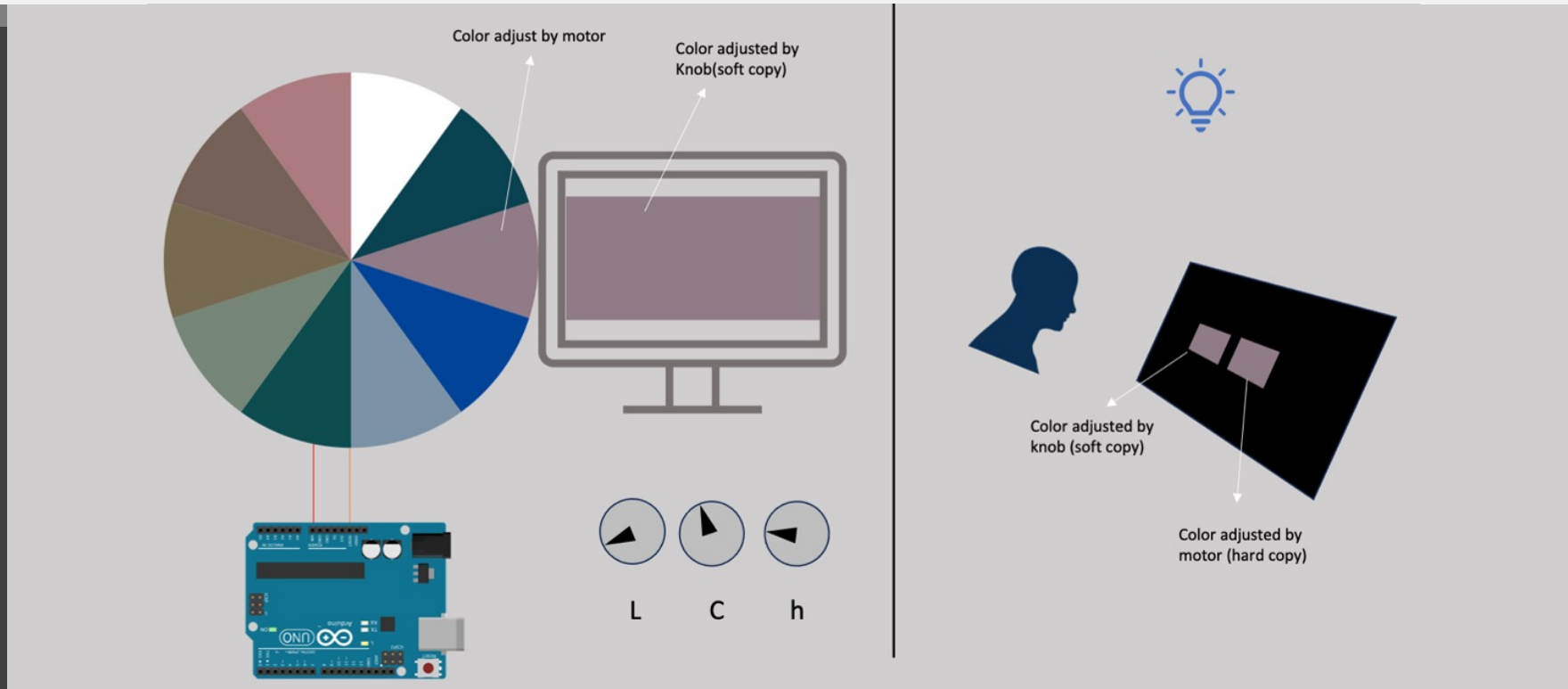
Research Highlight: **Application of deep learning models in HDR imaging**

The application of deep learning in High Dynamic Range (HDR) imaging has been increasing. It has been utilized to enhance HDR images by increasing dynamic range, color accuracy, and overall image quality. Deep learning algorithms process HDR images, learning intricate mappings between standard dynamic range (SDR) inputs and HDR outputs. This enables sophisticated tone mapping and dynamic range compression, even generating HDR content from SDR images. Our research focuses on reverse tone mapping and detail restoration, crucial for HDR applications with tone expansion feature. Conventional methods often fail in severe under- and over-exposure cases, necessitating advanced techniques. We explore the limitations of the convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and generative adversarial networks (GANs), addressing challenges like insufficient data and weak spatial representation. To capture global dependencies and contextual understanding, beyond local spatial variations, transformer models such as vision transformers will be applied. Additionally, we analyze the models' activations and attention mechanisms to gain deeper insight on key SDR and HDR image characteristics.

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Research Highlight: **Individualized Color Characterization**



Human color vision exhibits substantial variability, challenging the accurate measurement and reproduction of individual color appearances. Che's recent research introduces a novel cross-media color-matching experiment that combines physical pigments and digital displays, providing a practical and efficient solution to measure individual color matching functions (CMFs). By using the Kubelka-Munk theory to synthesize broadband spectral pigments, optimized metameric pairs can be created to significantly differentiate categorical observers. Psychophysical results reveal the superiority of specific CMFs (categorical observers) for individual observers, surpassing standard models like the CIE 1931 2-degree CMFs. This study also underscores the significance of employing CMFs for personalized color reproduction and explores the potential benefits of using higher bit-depth displays, narrower-band displays, and increasing repetition counts to enhance the accuracy of the color matching process.

Che Shen, Mark D. Fairchild

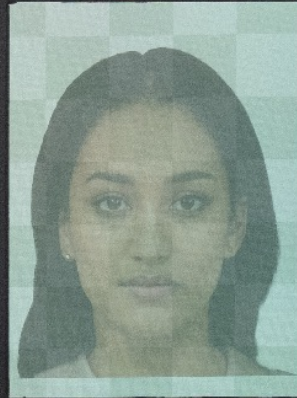
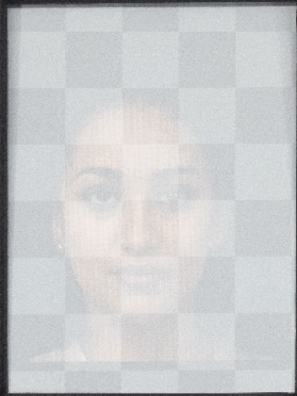
Research Highlight: **Hue and Brightness Scaling**

Two research studies were conducted in 2023. In the first, two types of hue scales were developed based on fundamental cone responses: hue discrimination (FHSh) and hue appearance (FHS). The scales development and mathematical evaluation of scales were published in a paper. Then, two psychophysical experiments were conducted to visually evaluate the linearity and spacing of hue scales. The second study considers the effect of stimuli size on perceived brightness. For this purpose, three pilot experiments and one main experiment were conducted. A model was developed based on the results of visual experiments which incorporate the size of stimuli. The model was evaluated and the results showed that it can successfully predict the perceived brightness considering the stimuli size. A paper is in preparation to be published.

Saeedeh Abasi, Mark D. Fairchild



Research Highlight: **Faces in Spaces: Transparency Perception of Faces in AR**



Seeing and interacting with human faces is an important component of remote social interaction, including in virtual- and augmented-reality meeting spaces. Optical see-through augmented reality (OST-AR) presents unique challenges in displaying objects; Due to OST-AR's additive light mixture of real-world with virtual objects, many virtual objects are unable to be displayed with full opacity, with low-lightness stimuli in particular introducing significant amounts of perceived transparency when displayed. This is especially problematic for displaying faces, since the perceived transparency of faces will differ based on the natural differences in skin lightness among the human population. In this research, we are evaluating how to modify OST-AR's display to produce similar amounts of perceived transparency among different faces and non-face objects, as well as evaluating how perceived transparency contributes to acceptability judgments about the appearance of faces and non-face objects.

*Sofie Herbeck, Michael J. Murdoch,
Chris Thorstenson*

Research Highlight: **Independent Color Scales**



Hao wrapped up his dissertation, after collecting G0-based brightness and saturation scales, by investigating their independence relations. Using maximum likelihood conjoint measurements, two-dimensional manipulations in terms of brightness and saturations were done to evaluate the observer's ability to judge one attribute without interference from the other. For the average observer, saturation as constant chromaticity is independent of luminance changes, while brightness receives a small positive contribution from the physical saturation dimension (a residual amount of H-K effect). This work further supports the feasibility of representing color as multiple independent scales and provides the framework for further investigation of other color attributes. Hao has been invited to present his dissertation at a few conferences, and keeps pondering about the grand illusions, the moon or Monet's sun.

Hao Xie, Mark D. Fairchild

Research Highlight: **Illumination Discrimination on Mars**

Geologists consider it crucial to work on faithful images of Mars. However, no systematic color correction is done on those images. Due to fluctuating weather and the low gravity of the planet, varying amounts of dust in the atmosphere leads to ground illumination variations. Low discrimination of light variations by the Human Visual System is explained by Chromatic Adaptation (CA). Color image processing therefore often accounts for a step related to CA. This study investigated whether this step has to be applied to Mars images as well and is done through an illumination discrimination task performed on 15 observers for stimuli along daylight locus and solight locus (lights of Mars planet) generated through a 7-channel LED lighting system. The results agree with each other on the daylight locus while showing small differences between results under daylight and solight. This study was performed in the frame of a postdoc in collaboration with the Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales (CNES – i.e the French space agency) and the Integrated Image Sensors research team at ISAE-SUPAERO, both located in Toulouse, FRANCE.

Emilie Robert, Mark D. Fairchild



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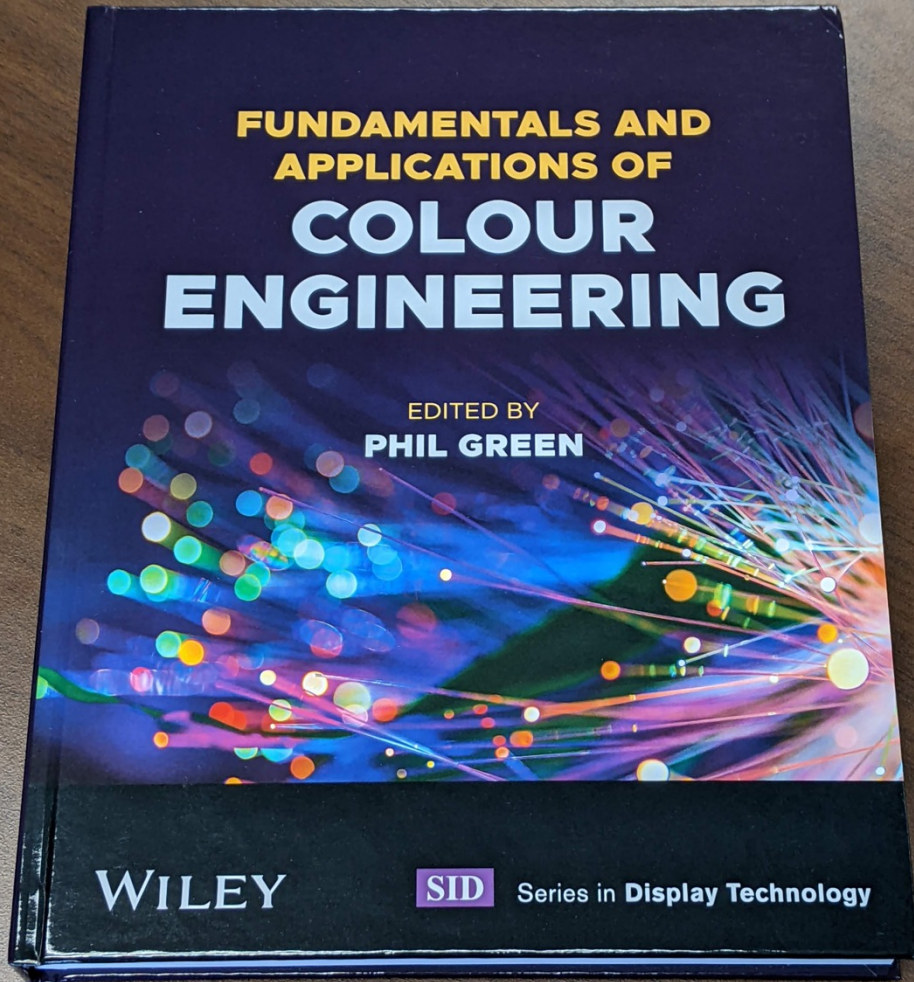
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Publication Highlight: **Textbook Contributions**



MCSL faculty **Mekides Assefa Abebe** and **Michael J. Murdoch** each contributed chapters to the new book **Fundamentals and Applications of Colour Engineering**.

This all-new textbook covers many aspects of color reproduction and color measurement, including colorimetry, color appearance, color encoding, gamut mapping, color management, device characterization, and more. In total, sixteen experts from around the globe participated in the writing.

Assefa Abebe's chapter focuses on High Dynamic Range Imaging, and Murdoch's dives into Color in AR & VR. As a reference or textbook, check out this book for the latest and greatest!

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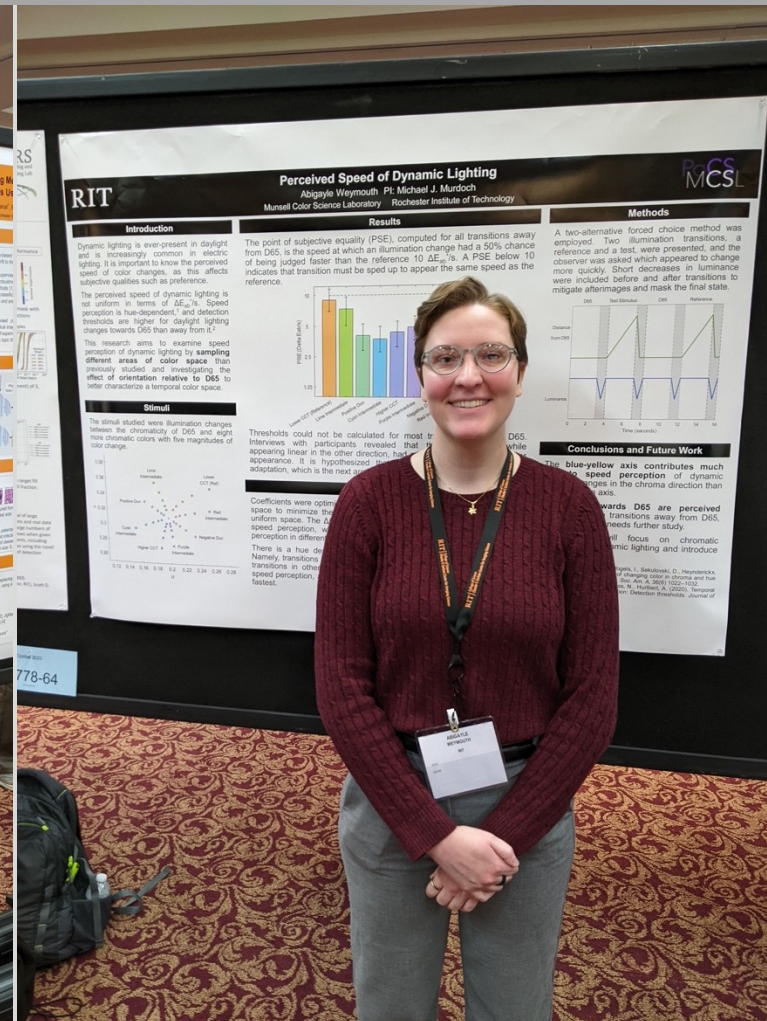
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EE: Electrical Engineering
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PhD: Doctor of Philosophy
PM: Print Media
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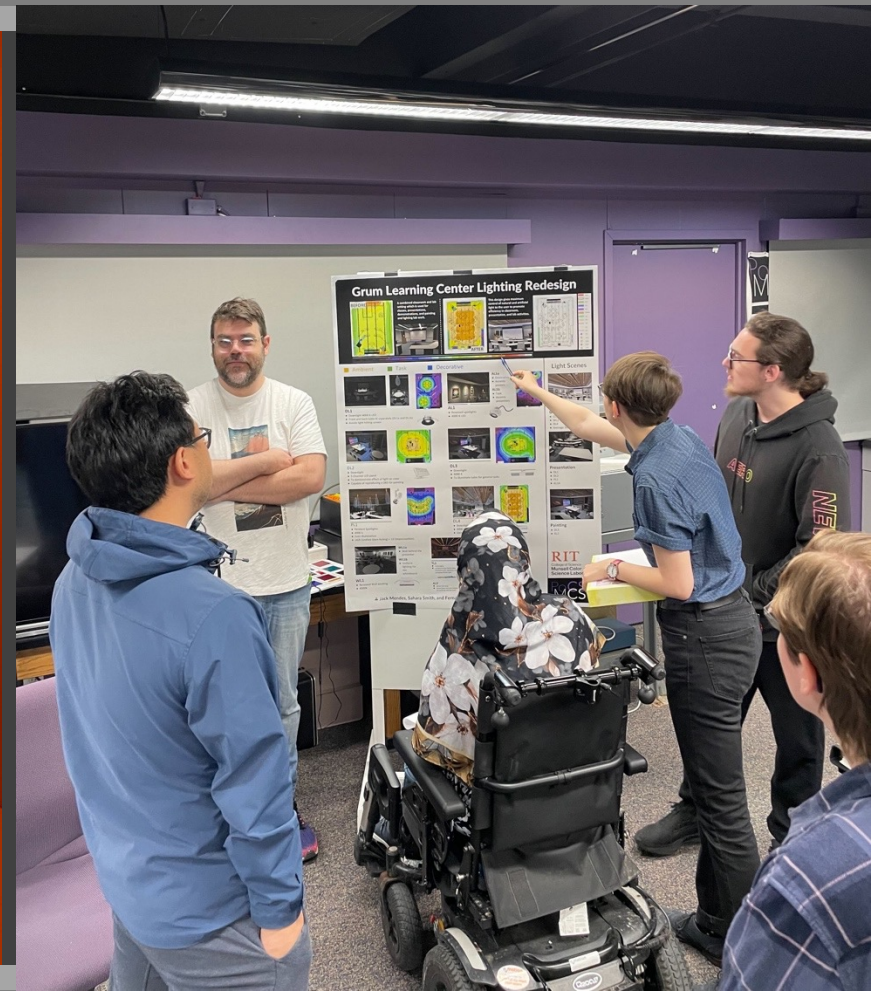
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Camera Phone Improvement Over Time

December 2004
Early flip phone with camera
640 x 480 (VGA)



January 2014
Xiaomi Mi 3
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