

# Xinyue Zhu

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## Education

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**Columbia University, School of Engineering & Applied Science**

New York, NY

*Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, GPA: 3.90/4.00*

*Aug. 2023 – May 2025*

**Bard Early College at Simon's Rock**

Great Barrington, MA

*Undergraduate Studies, GPA: 4.00/4.00*

*Aug. 2021 – May 2023*

## Publications

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- [1] **X. Zhu\***, B. Huang\*, and Y. Li. “Touch in the Wild: Learning Fine-Grained Manipulation with a Portable Visuo-Tactile Gripper.” Best Demo Award at RSS 2025 Workshop on Robot Hardware-Aware Intelligence, *Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2025.
- [2] R. Wang\*, **X. Zhu\***, A. Chen, J. Xu, L. Winterbottom, D. M. Nilsen, J. Stein, and M. Ciocarlie. “ReactEMG: Zero-Shot, Low-Latency Intent Detection via sEMG.” *Under Review*, 2025.
- [3] J. Xu\*, Y. Jia\*, D. Yang\*, P. Meng, **X. Zhu**, Z. Guo, S. Song, and M. Ciocarlie. “Tactile-based object retrieval from granular media.” *Autonomous Robots*, 2025.
- [4] **X. Zhu**, D. Kimmel. “Disentangling Interpretable Cognitive Variables That Support Human Generalization via DisRNN.” Workshop on Interpreting Cognition in Deep Learning Models, *Under Review*, 2025.
- [5] J. Xu\*, R. Wang\*, S. Shang\*, A. Chen, L. Winterbottom, T. L. Hsu, W. Chen, K. Ahmed, P. L. La Rotta, **X. Zhu**, D. M. Nilsen, J. Stein, and M. Ciocarlie. “ChatEMG: Synthetic Data Generation to Control a Robotic Hand Orthosis for Stroke.” *IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters (RAL)*, 2025.
- [6] Y. Hu, Z. Zhang, **X. Zhu**, R. Liu, P. Wyder, and H. Lipson. “Knolling Bot: Learning Robotic Object Arrangement from Tidy Demonstrations.” *Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2025.
- [7] Z. Ni\*, X. Deng\*, C. Tai\*, **X. Zhu**, Q. Xie, W. Huang, X. Wu, and L. Zeng. “Grid: Scene-Graph-Based Instruction-Driven Robotic Task Planning.” *IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS)*, 2024.
- [8] A. Callahan\*, E. R. Hasson\*, K. Minden\*, M. A. Ollis\*, and **X. Zhu\***. “Uniquely completable and critical subsets of the integer addition table.” *Australasian Journal of Combinatorics*, 2024.

## Research Experience

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**Robotic Perception, Interaction, and Learning Lab (RoboPIL), Columbia University** New York, NY

*Undergraduate Research Assistant, Advisor: Prof. Yunzhu Li*

*Sep. 2024 – Current*

- Visuo-Tactile Learning for Fine-Grained Manipulation
- Scalable Dexterous Hand Manipulation

**Robotic Manipulation and Mobility (ROAM) Lab, Columbia University**

New York, NY

*Undergraduate Research Assistant, Advisor: Prof. Matei Ciocarlie*

*Sep. 2023 – May 2025*

- Controlling Robot Orthosis via sEMG for Stroke Rehabilitation
- Tactile-based Object Retrieval from Underground

**Creative Machines Lab, Columbia University**

New York, NY

*Undergraduate Research Assistant, Advisor: Prof. Hod Lipson*

*Nov. 2023 – Jan. 2023*

- Learning “Tidiness” with Robots through Demonstrations

**Intelligent Manufacturing and Machine Vision Research Lab**

Shenzhen, China

*Undergraduate Intern, Advisor: Prof. Long Zeng*

*May 2023 – Aug. 2023*

- Robotic Task Planning Using Scene Graphs and Large Language Models

**Bard Early College at Simon's Rock, Department of Mathematics**

Great Barrington, MA

*Undergraduate Research Assistant, Advisor: Prof. Kaethe Minden*

*Aug. 2021 – May 2023*

- Mathematical Properties and Applications of Infinite Latin Squares

## Leadership Experience

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**Engineering Student Council (ESC), Columbia University** New York, NY  
*Professional Development and Alumni Relations Representative* *Sep. 2023 – May 2024*

- Built partnerships with the Columbia Engineering Young Alumni Association to launch networking events connecting students with industry professionals.

**ACComPLISHED Health Education Program, Columbia University** New York, NY  
*Peer Teaching Leader* *May 2024 – Aug. 2024*

- Designed and delivered workshops on health, AI, and robotics for 100+ high school and undergraduate students.
- Organized and supported a summer program that engaged 400+ students in STEM learning.

**Student Government, Bard Early College at Simon's Rock** Great Barrington, MA  
*Class Representative (Freshman & Sophomore)* *Aug. 2021 – May 2023*

- Led 10+ Women in STEM initiatives, including hackathons, mentorship circles, and career panels, increasing student participation in STEM outreach.
- Streamlined the student internship transportation program and collaborated with local officials to resolve community-wide transit delays.

## Service

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**Guided Training and Rehabilitation after Stroke, Columbia University** New York, NY  
*Clinical Assistant and Volunteer to Dr. Syeda Naqvi* *Jan. 2024 – Dec. 2024*

- Assisted 10 post-stroke patients with in-home rehabilitation exercises to improve recovery and quality of life.

**Manhattan Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation** New York, NY  
*Clinical Assistant to Dr. Loren Fishman* *May 2024 – Sep. 2024*

- Shadowed 30+ hours in rehabilitation care, assisting with patient treatment and EMG needle practice.
- Developed a patient-education website on osteoporosis and documented clinical case notes for physician use.

## Teaching Experience

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**Bard Early College at Simon's Rock** Great Barrington, MA  
*Teaching Assistant*

• Think Tank: General Engineering Tutor		<b>Spring 2023</b>
• CMPT 100: Foundations of Computer Science	<i>Prof. Zachary While</i>	<b>Spring 2023</b>
• MATH 101: Geometric Thinking and Problem Solving	<i>Prof. Kaethe Minden</i>	<b>Fall 2022</b>
• MATH 110: Algebraic Structures and Techniques	<i>Prof. Kaethe Minden</i>	<b>Spring 2022</b>