# Jonathan D. Cohen

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#### **EDUCATION**

 Ph.D. in Computer Science, 1998. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
 "Appearance-Preserving Simplification of Polygonal Models." Advisor: Dinesh Manocha.
 MS in Computer Science, 1994. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**BA in Computer Science**, BA in Music, 1991. Duke University (Magna Cum Laude).

#### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 1998 Present Assistant Professor, The Johns Hopkins University, Department of Computer Science Research interests include high-performance rendering of polygonal and volumetric models, virtual environments, parallel graphics architectures, 3D scanning, and collision detection. Courses taught include Projects in Multimedia and Computer Graphics, Rendering Techniques, Virtual Worlds, Computer Graphics Seminar, and Data Structures.
- 1995 1998 Research Assistant Walkthrough Research Group, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Computer Science
  Conducted research on the automatic simplification of complex, polygonal models. Designed and implemented a walkthrough system for massive models, integrating several rendering acceleration techniques into a single framework. Managed programming efforts for` translation among many 3D file formats.
  1992 1995 Research Assistant Pixel-Planes Research Group, University of North Carolina at
- 1992 1995 Research Assistant Pixel-Planes Research Group, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Computer Science
  Developed OpenGL-like application programmer's interface for Pixel-Flow. Implemented a single field-time latency rendering system on Pixel-Planes 5. Ported the Graphics Performance Committee's Picture-Level Benchmark software to Pixel-Planes 5, which received the highest PLB score ever recorded for the head benchmark. Implemented an event recorder for measuring performance on Pixel-Planes 5. Developed software interface to a Dynair video switch. Assisted in the development of software for Pixel-Planes 5 by other research groups.

#### **RESEARCH GRANTS**

2005-2008	Adaptive Simplification of Geometric Models and Shaders PI. NSF CSR-AES. \$800K (PENDING) with Marc Olano (UMBC)
2003-2006	A Level of Detail Approach to Cluster-based Visualization PI. DOE Early Career. \$300K
2003-2006	MHD Turbulence in Black Hole Accretion: A Testbed for Interactive Visualization of Large 3D Datasets Co-PI. NSF ITR Small. \$500K
	with Julian Krolik (Physics and Astronomy) and Subodh Kumar (Computer Science)
2002-2005	Digital Hammurabi: High-Resolution 3D Imaging of Cuneiform Tablets PL NSE ITR Medium \$1.6M
	with Subodh Kumar (Computer Science) and Jerry Cooper (Near Eastern Studies) (also received a supplemental for Research Experience for Undergraduates)

### AWARDS

2004	IEEE Visualization Best Poster Award (out of 35) - "On the Visualization of Time-Varying Structured Grids Using a 3D Warp Texture."
2003	IEEE Visualization Best Poster Award (out of 33) - "GLOD: A Geometric Level of Detail System at the OpenGL API Level."
2003	Department of Energy Early Career Award
1998	UNC Graduate School On-Campus Dissertation Award
1995 - 1996	Link Foundation Fellowship in Advanced Simulation and Training

### **EXTERNAL COMMITTEE SERVICE**

2006	Conference Chair, ACM Symposium on Interactive 3D Graphics
2005	Program Committee, IEEE Visualization
2005	Program Committee, Pacific Conference on Computer Graphics and Applications
2005	Program Committee, ACM Symposium on Interactive 3D Graphics
2005	Papers Committee, ACM Symposium on Computer Animation
2004	Steering Committee, ACM Symposium on Interactive 3D Graphics
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2003	Papers Committee, ACM Symposium on Computer Animation
2001	Video Review Committee, ACM Symposium on Computational Geometry

### **UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE SERVICE**

2005	Member, JHU Computer Science Graduate Admissions Committee
2004	Member, JHU Whiting School of Engineering Graduate Committee
2004	Member, JHU Computer Science Graduate Admissions Committee
2003	Member, JHU Whiting School of Engineering Graduate Committee
2003	Chair, JHU Computer Science Graduate Admissions Committee
2002	Member, JHU Whiting School of Engineering Graduate Committee
2002	Member, JHU Computer Science Graduate Admissions Committee
1999	Member, JHU Computer Science Infrastructure Committee
1998	Member, JHU Computer Science Infrastructure Committee

## **PUBLICLY AVAILABLE SOFTWARE SYSTEMS**

- **GLOD** (initial release 2003): Library supporting geometric level of detail for use with the popular OpenGL API for interactive rendering, providing a variety of hierarchy building and management algorithms.
- **Gusto** (initial release 2002): System for interactive, hierarchical rendering of large (out-of-core) 3D scalar fields, including unstructured grids, structured grids, and voxels.
- **V-Collide** (initial release 1997): Library for performing collision queries for real-time applications of thousands of moving polygonal objects (more general than I-Collide).
- **Simplification Envelopes** (initial release 1996): Program and tools for automatic generation of "levels of detail" of 3D polygonal models.
- **I-Collide** (initial release 1995): Library for performing collision queries for real-time applications of thousands of moving convex polyhedra

## Воок

1. Luebke, David, Martin Reddy, Jonathan D. Cohen, Amitabh Varshney, Benjamin Watson, and Robert Huebner. *Level of Detail for 3D Graphics*. Morgan Kaufmann Publishing. 2002. 390 pages. (soon to appear in Japanese translation)

### **BOOK CHAPTERS**

- 2. Cohen, Jonathan D. and Dinesh Manocha. "Model Simplification for Interactive Visualization." *Visualization Handbook*. 13 pages. Eds. Chris Johnson and Chuck Hansen. Elsevier Butterworth-Heinemann. Chapter 20, pp. 393-410. 2005. (invited submission)
- 3. Lin, Min, Dinesh Manocha, Jonathan Cohen and Stefan Gottschalk. "Collision Detection: Algorithms and Applications" *Proceedings of Algorithms for Robotics Motion and Manipulation*. pp. 129-142. eds. Jean-Paul Laumond and M. Overmars, A.K. Peters (invited submission)

### **CONFERENCE AND JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS (PEER-REVIEWED, FULL-LENGTH PAPERS)**

(available from <a href="http://www.cs.jhu.edu/~cohen/publications.html">http://www.cs.jhu.edu/~cohen/publications.html</a>)

- 4. Chhugani, Jatin, Budi Purnomo, Shankar Krishnan, Jonathan D. Cohen, Suresh Venkatasubramanian, David Johnson, Subodh Kumar. "vLOD: A System for High Fidelity Walkthroughs of Very Large Virtual Environments. *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics*. 11 (1). January 2005. pp. 35-47.
- 5. Cohen, Jonathan, Dean Snyder, Donald Duncan, Jerrold Cooper, Subodh Kumar, Daniel Hahn, Yuan Chen, Budirijanto Purnomo, and John Graettinger. "iClay: Digitizing Cuneiform". *Proceedings of 5<sup>th</sup> International Eurographics Symposium on Virtual Reality, Archaeology, and Cultural Heritage*. pp. 135-143. 2004.
- 6. Purnomo, Budirijanto, Jonathan Cohen, and Subodh Kumar. "Seamless Texture Atlases" *Proceedings of 2<sup>nd</sup> Eurographics/ACM Symposium on Geometry Processing*, pp. 67-76. 2004. (acceptance rate: 29%)
- 7. Cohen, Jonathan, Dinesh Manocha, and Marc Olano. "Successive Mappings: An Approach to Polygonal Mesh Simplification with Guaranteed Error Bounds." *International Journal of Computational Geometry and Applications*. 13 (1). February 2003. pp. 61-94.
- 8. Kumar, Subodh, Dean Snyder, Donald Duncan, Jonathan Cohen, and Jerry Cooper. "Digital Preservation of Ancient Cuneiform Tablets Using 3D-Scanning." *Proceedings of Fourth International Conference on 3D Digital Imaging and Modeling*. pp. 326-333. 2003. (selected for cover image) (acceptance rate: 40%)
- 9. Chhugani, Jatin, Sudhir Vishwanath, Jonathan Cohen, and Subodh Kumar. ISOSLIDER: A System for Interactive Exploration of Isosurfaces. *Proceedings of the Joint Eurographics IEEE TCVG Symposium on Visualization (VisSym 2003)*. pp. 259-266. *2003*. (acceptance rate: 48%)
- 10. Williams, Nathaniel, Michael Kelly, Brendon Schubert, David Luebke, and Jonathan Cohen. "Perceptually Guided Simplification of Lit, Textured Meshes." *Proceedings of 2003 ACM Symposium on Interactive 3D Graphics*. pp. 113-121. (*selected for cover image*) (acceptance rate: 26%)
- 11. Levin, Joshua, Jason Corso, Jonathan D. Cohen and Subodh Kumar. "Interactive Visualization of Unstructured Grids Using Hierarchical 3D Textures." *Proceedings of IEEE/SIGGRAPH Symposium on Volume Visualization and Graphics 2002.* pp. 37-44. (*selected for cover image*) (acceptance rate: 44%)
- 12. Cohen, Jonathan D., Daniel Aliaga, and Weiqiang Zhang. "Hybrid Simplification: Combining Multiresolution Polygon and Point Rendering." *Proceedings of IEEE Visualization 2001*. pp. 37-44 and 539. (acceptance rate: 34%)
- 13. Hunter, Adam, and Jonathan D. Cohen. "Uniform Frequency Images: Adding Geometry to Images to Produce Space-Efficient Textures." *Proceedings of IEEE Visualization 2000.* pp . 243-250 and 563. (acceptance rate: 34%)
- 14. Aliaga, Daniel, Jonathan Cohen, Andrew Wilson, Eric Baker, Hansong Zhang, Carl Erikson, Kenneth Hoff, Thomas Hudson, Wolfgang Stuerzlinger, Rui Bastos, Mary Whitton, Frederick Brooks, and Dinesh Manocha. "MMR: An Interactive Massive Model Rendering System using Geometric and Image-based Acceleration." *Proceedings of the 1999 ACM Symposium on Interactive 3D Graphics*, pp. 199-206 and 237. (acceptance rate: 25%)
- 15. Cohen, Jonathan, Marc Olano, and Dinesh Manocha. "Appearance-Preserving Simplification." *Proceedings* of SIGGRAPH 98. (Orlando, FL, July 19-24, 1998). pp. 115-122. (acceptance rate: 15%)
- 16. Cohen, Jonathan, Dinesh Manocha, and Marc Olano. "Simplifying Polygonal Models Using Successive Mappings." *Proceedings of IEEE Visualization '97*. pp. 395-402, and 564. (acceptance rate: 26%)

- 17. Hudson, Thomas C., Ming Lin, Jonathan Cohen, Stefan Gottschalk, and Dinesh Manocha. "V-Collide: Accelerated Collision Detection for VRML. *Proceedings of VRML '97*. pp. 117-123.
- 18. Hudson, Thomas, Dinesh Manocha, Jonathan Cohen, Ming Lin, Kenneth Hoff, and Hansong Zhang. "Accelerated Occlusion Culling Using Shadow Frusta." *Proceedings of the Thirteenth Annual Symposium on Computational Geometry*. pp. 1-10. 1997. (acceptance rate: 38%)
- 19. Cohen, Jonathan, Amitabh Varshney, Dinesh Manocha, Greg Turk, Hans Weber, Pankaj Agarwal, Frederick Brooks, and William Wright. "Simplification Envelopes." *Proceedings of SIGGRAPH 96* (New Orleans, LA, August 4-9, 1996). pp. 119-128. (acceptance rate: 15%)
- 20. Olano, Marc, Jon Cohen, Mark Mine, Gary Bishop. "Combatting Rendering Latency." *Proceedings of the* 1995 Symposium on Interactive 3D Graphics (Monterey, CA, April 9-12, 1995). pp. 19-24 and 204. (acceptance rate 34%)
- 21. Cohen, Jonathan D., Ming C. Lin, Dinesh Manocha, and Madhav K. Ponamgi. "I–COLLIDE: an Interactive and Exact Collision Detection System for Large Scale Environments." *Proceedings of the ACM Symposium on Interactive 3D Graphics*, pp. 189-196, 1995. (acceptance rate 34%)

### **OTHER PUBLICATIONS AND REPORTS**

- 22. Chen, Yuan, Jonathan D. Cohen, and Subodh Kumar. "On the Visualization of Time-Varying Structured Grids Using a 3D Warp Texture." IEEE Visualization 2004 Poster and Interactive Demo. pp. 107-108. (received *Best Poster Award* out of 35 accepted posters).
- 23. Cohen, Jonathan D., David Luebke, Nathaniel Duca, Brenden Schubert, and Chris Niski. "GLOD: A Minimal Interface for Geometric Level of Detail". 10 pages. Johns Hopkins University Graphics Lab Technical Report. 2004.
- 24. Cohen, Jonathan D., David Luebke, Nathaniel Duca, and Brenden Schubert. "GLOD: A Geometric Level of Detail System at the OpenGL API Level." IEEE Visualization 2003 Poster (2 pages). (received *Best Poster Award* out of 32 accepted posters).
- 25. Cohen, Jonathan D., David Luebke, Nathaniel Duca, and Brenden Schubert. "GLOD: A Driver-Level Interface for Geometric Level of Detail." SIGGRAPH 2003 Technical Sketch.
- 26. Cohen, Jonathan D., David Luebke, Nathaniel Duca, and Brenden Schubert. "GLOD: Level of Detail for the Masses." Johns Hopkins University Graphics Lab Technical Report. 2003.
- 27. Cohen, Jonathan D., Isosurface Extraction on Graphics Hardware. Johns Hopkins University Graphics Lab Technical Report. 2003.
- 28. Cohen, Jonathan. "GeomLOD: Geometric Level of Detail for OpenGL. Johns Hopkins University Graphics Lab Technical Report. 2002.
- 29. Cohen, Jonathan. "Concepts and Algorithms for Polygonal Simplification." SIGGRAPH 99 Course Tutorial #20: Interactive Walkthroughs of Large Geometric Datasets. pp. C1-C34. 1999. also in SIGGRAPH 2000 Course Tutorial.
- 30. Aliaga, Daniel, Jonathan Cohen, Andrew Wilson, Hansong Zhang, Carl Erikson, Kenneth Hoff, Thomas Hudson, Wolfgang Stuerzlinger, Eric Baker, Rui Bastos, Mary Whitton, Frederick Brooks, and Dinesh Manocha. "A Framework for the Real-time Walkthrough of Massive Models." UNC Computer Science Technical Report 98-013. 1998.
- 31. Cohen, Jonathan. "Appearance-Preserving Simplification of Polygonal Models." Ph.D. Dissertation. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. 1998.
- 32. Cohen, Jonathan D., Dinesh Manocha, and Marc Olano. "Simplification of Polygonal Models Using Successive Mappings." 2nd CGC Workshop on Computational Geometry. 1997.
- 33. Cohen, Jonathan, Amitabh Varshney, and Dinesh Manocha. "Efficient Model Simplification with Global Error Bounds." Fifth MSI-Stony Brook Workshop on Computational Geometry. pp. 43-44. 1995.
- 34. Cohen, Jonathan D., Ming C. Lin, Dinesh Manocha, Madhav K. Ponamgi. "Collision Detection for Interactive Environments." *The 3rd Annual Video Review of Computational Geometry*. 1994.

## TALKS AND DEMONSTRATIONS PRESENTED

"iClay: Digitizing Cuneiform." 5<sup>th</sup> International Eurographics Symposium on Virtual Reality, Archaeology, and Cultural Heritage, Brussels, Belgium. 2004. "Visualization of Time-Varying Structured Grids Using a 3D Warp Texture" IEEE Visualization 2004, Austin, TX "GLOD: A Driver-Level Interface for Geometric Level of Detail." SIGGRAPH 2003. San Diego, CA. IEEE Visualization 2003. Seattle, WA. (received Best Poster Award out of 32 accepted posters) "Measuring Simplification Error." Advanced Level of Detail for Dynamic Fidelity Control. Game Developers Conference 2003. SIGGRAPH 2002, San Antonio, TX, 2002. SIGGRAPH 2001, Los Angeles, CA, 2001 SIGGRAPH 2000, New Orleans, LA. 2000 IEEE Virtual Reality 2000, New Brunswick, NJ, 2000. "Hybrid Simplification." IEEE Visualization 2001. San Diego, CA. 2001. "Approaches to Polygonal Model Simplification." Interactive Walkthroughs of Large Geometric Datasets. Solid Modeling 2001, Ann Arbor, MI. 2001. SIGGRAPH 2000, New Orleans, LA. 2000 SIGGRAPH 99 Course #20. Los Angeles, CA. 1999. "Appearance-Preserving Simplification." SIGGRAPH 98. Orlando, FL, 1998. "Simplification of Polygonal Models Using Successive Mappings." Visualization '97. Phoenix, AZ. 1997 Second CGC Workshop on Computational Geometry. Durham, NC. 1997. "Collision Detection: Algorithms and Implementations," Interactive Walk-Through of Complex Environments, SIGGRAPH 97 Course. Los Angeles, CA. 1997. "Combatting Rendering Latency." ACM Symposium on Interactive 3D Graphics. Monterey, CA. 1995. "Simplification Envelopes." SIGGRAPH 96. New Orleans, LA. 1996.

"Efficient Model Simplification with Global Error Bounds." Fifth MSI-Stony Brook Workshop on Computational Geometry. Stony Brook, NY. 1995.

## **REFEREE FOR**

#### Conferences

ACM SIGGRAPH (1996-2004), ACM Symposium on Computational Geometry (1997), ACM Symposium on Computational Geometry Video Review Committee (2001), ACM Symposium on Computer Animation (2003-2004), ACM Symposium on Interactive 3D Graphics (1997, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2005), Computer Graphics International (1996), Eurographics (2002), Eurographics Rendering Workshop (2002), Graphics Interface (1999-2000, 2003, 2005), IEEE International Conference on Multimedia (2002), IEEE Visualization (1997, 2000-2004), IEEE VRAIS (1996), IEEE Workshop on Parallel Visualization and Graphics (2003), Solid Modeling (1999)

#### Journals

Graphical Models, Computer-Aided Design, Computers and Graphics, IEEE Computer Graphics and Applications, IEEE Transactions on Medical Imaging, IEEE Transactions on Robotics and Automation, IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics, Journal of Graphics Tools, The Visual Computer

# **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

(independent study courses are included with student research supervision)

Fall 2004	CS 600.226 – <b>Data Structures</b> Topics include object-oriented design, algorithm analysis, stacks, queues, lists, containers, sequences, trees, priority queues, dictionaries, sorting, and graphs. Students incrementally implement the Turtle Commander, a turtle graphics package for drawing colored lines including features such as pushing and popping drawing state, undo/redo, flood filling, named macros, and fonts.
Fall 2004	CS 600.757 – <b>Computer Graphics Seminar</b> Topic: Parameterization and Mesh Editing
Spring 2004	CS 600.359 – <b>Projects in Multimedia and Computer Graphics: Visualization</b> Undergraduate project course involving three separate visualization challenges: visualization of data from the Sloan Digital Sky survey, 3D vector field visualization of simulated active glactic nuclei, and foreground object removal from video streams gathered from a free-moving camera.
Spring 2004	CS 600.757 – <b>Computer Graphics Seminar</b> Topic: "Computer Graphics: Then and Now"
Fall 2003	CS 600.226 – Data Structures
Fall 2003	CS 600.757 – <b>Computer Graphics Seminar</b> Topic: Vector Field Visualization
Spring 2003	CS 600.356/456 – <b>Rendering Techniques</b> Topics include light, color, and color spaces, local illumination models, global illumination, ray tracing, radiosity computation, volume rendering, image-based rendering, 3D image warping, light fields, procedural and image-based texturing and shading, non-photorealistic rendering, and parallel rendering. Students implement object-oriented ray tracers. Upper level course students also design, implement, and present a personal project as well as presenting a relevant research paper.
Spring 2003	CS 600.757 – <b>Computer Graphics Seminar</b> Topic: Surface Reconstruction
Fall 2002	CS 600.226 – Data Structures
Fall 2002	CS 600.757 – <b>Computer Graphics Seminar</b> Topic: Level Sets and Related Topics
Spring 2002	CS 600.359 – <b>Projects in Multimedia and Computer Graphics: Video Triptik</b> Project course involving construction of video database of the Johns Hopkins Campus and querying the database to produce customized video paths. Undergraduate students collaborate to build a single large-scale system combining GPS, video processing, and web services.
Spring 2002	CS 600.757 – <b>Computer Graphics Seminar</b> Topic: Texturing and Applications
Fall 2001	CS 600.226 – Data Structures
Fall 2001	CS 600.757 – <b>Computer Graphics Seminar</b> Topic: New Representations for Computer Graphics
Spring 2001	CS 600.226 – Data Structures
Spring 2001	CS 600.757 – <b>Computer Graphics Seminar</b> Topic: Out-of-core and Large-scale Scientific Visualization
Fall 2000	CS 600.456 – Rendering Techniques
Fall 2000	CS 600.757 – <b>Computer Graphics Seminar</b> Topic: Subdivision Surfaces

# **PHD ADVISEES**

Jonathan Bilodeau (in progress) Yuan Chen (in progress) Chris Niski (in progress) Budi Purnomo (in progress)

## **PHD COMMITTEES**

Joseph Hennessey (expected 2005) – Interactive Volume Visualization on a Heterogeneous Network of Computers

Jatin Chhugani, PhD 2004 (reader) – High Fidelity Walkthroughs of Large Virtgual Environments

Andrew Lundberg, PhD 2000 (reader) – Physically Derived Geometric Models for Polarized Reflection and Emission from Rough Surfaces

## **PHD QUALIFIER PROJECTS SUPERVISED**

Ofri Sadowski – Direct Visualization of Digitally Reconstructed Radiographs on Graphics Hardware (2004)

Jonathan Bilodeau – Packed Vertex Compression for Graphics Hardware (2004)

Yuan Chen – Hardware-Accelerated Visualization of Time-Varying Structured Grids (2004)

Budi Purnomo – Out-of-core Clustering of Triangle Meshes (2003)

Jason Corso – Hierarchical Voxelization of Unstructured Grids (2003) – published in Proceedings of IEEE/SIGGRAPH Symposium on Volume Visualization and Graphics 2002

Ankur Bharghava – Hierarchical Light Field Compression (2002)

Joseph Hennessey – Volume Rendering Using a Hierarchical Light Field Cache (2002)

Wenjing Huang - Computer-based Design and Rendering of Chinese Thread Art (2001)

Guoxing Wang – Interactive Adaptive Subdivision Surface Rendering (2001)

Weiqiang Zhang – Hybrid Simplification (2001) – published in Proceedings of IEEE Visualization 2001

Adam Hunter - Uniform Frequency Images (2000) - published in Proceedings of IEEE Visualization 2000

## **MS STUDENT RESEARCH PROJECTS SUPERVISED**

David Ko - Real-time Painterly Rendering (2001)

Joanna Lee – *Real-time 3D Reconstruction from MRI Image Pairs of Cardiac Catheter* (1999) (with Department of Biomedical Engineering)

#### **BS STUDENT RESEARCH PROJECTS SUPERVISED**

Gil Birman – Maniakil: A Human-Guided Physical Avatar (2003)

Chris Weiler - Interactive Visualization of Caustics (2003)

Siddharth Sonrexa – A Spline-based Transfer Function Editor for Volume Visualization (2003)

Edmund Dorsey - Simulation and Rendering of Dynamic Grassy Environments (2002)

Nathaniel Duca – *A Stream-caching Approach to Polygonal Simplification* (2002)

Joshua Leven – Interactive Visualization Using Hierarchical 3D Textures (2002) – published in Proceedings of IEEE/SIGGRAPH Symposium on Volume Visualization and Graphics 2002

Joshua Leven, Edmund Dorsey, and Daniel Stephenson – A Game Engine for Interactive 3D Graphics (2001)

Eric Musgrave - Visualization of Outdoor Environments Using Texture Impostors (1999)