

Biography of Arun Ross

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Arun Ross is a Professor in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at Michigan State University, East Lansing. He serves as MSU's Site Director of the NSF Center for Identification Technology Research (CITeR). Ross was in the faculty of West Virginia University between 2003 and 2012 where he received the Benedum Distinguished Scholar Award and the WVU Foundation Outstanding Teaching Award.

His expertise is in biometrics, computer vision and machine learning. He has advocated for the responsible use of biometrics in multiple forums including the NATO Advanced Research Workshop on Identity and Security in Switzerland in 2018. He testified as an expert panelist in an event organized by the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee at the UN Headquarters in 2013.

Ross is a recipient of the IAPR JK Aggarwal Prize, IAPR Young Biometric Investigator Award and NSF CAREER Award, and was designated a Kavli Fellow by the US National Academy of Sciences by virtue of his presentation at the 2006 Kavli Frontiers of Science Symposia. He is the co-author of the textbook "Introduction to Biometrics" and the monograph "Handbook of Multibiometrics", and co-edited the book "Handbook of Biometrics".

Ross received the B.E. (Hons.) degree in Computer Science from the Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani, India, in 1996, and the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Computer Science and Engineering from Michigan State University, East Lansing, in 1999 and 2003, respectively. Between 1996 and 1997, he was with the Design and Development Group of Tata Elxsi (India) Ltd., Bangalore, India. He also spent three summers (2000–2002) with the Imaging and Visualization Group at Siemens Corporate Research, Inc., Princeton, NJ, working on fingerprint recognition algorithms.