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Before joining IQT, he was a National Research Council (NRC) fellow at the US Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) working on machine learning and computer vision combined with cognitive computing for security applications. Bekele's research was focused on soft-biometric attributes such as recognition, person re-identification and explanation generation, anomaly detection with generative networks, and face and full body analysis.

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