# Dr. Giacomo Pope

Cryptography consultant and CryptoHack founder, interested in applying my strong skills in mathematics, programming, and analytic problem-solving to defining, implementing and researching cryptographic protocols.

### **EXPERIENCE**

CryptoHack Co-Founder 2020-present

- Co-founder of <u>CryptoHack.org</u>, a gamified learning environment with an emphasis on breaking insecure implementations of modern cryptography
- Designed lessons and challenges exploring weaknesses in common protocols
- Currently host 150+ challenges to 33,000+ users with a total of 340,000+ solutions submitted
- Recently partnered with ETH, to collaboratively design a set of PQcrypto challenges

NCC Group Managing Security Consultant 2021-present

- Performed static code analysis of a wide range of cryptographic code and protocols
- Wrote detailed audit reports, paired with customer presentations communicating security findings
- Published research posts on cryptographic security topics, e.g. Bit security of pairing-friendly curves
- Regularly gave internal presentations, focused on the intersection of maths and cryptography

Northrop Grumman Software Engineer 2020-2021

- Researched and developed security tools, delivered with accompanying technical white papers
- Wrote lectures and lab environments on web exploitation designed for accelerated learning of a customer's growing workforce

## **University of Liverpool**

Ph.D. Student

2016-2020

- Communicated my research at international conferences, giving seminars and designing posters
- Published three research papers in JHEP, the top journal in my field (<u>2111.09017</u>) (<u>1905.09167</u>)
   (<u>2008.06929</u>)
- Taught popular classes on Mathematics and Physics to undergraduate students
- Founded and partook in a PhD seminar series, broadening my understanding of advanced topics

#### **EDUCATION**

| Ph.D.   | Department of Mathematics, University of Liverpool             | 2016-2020 |
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| M.A.St. | Master's in Mathematics, University of Cambridge (First Class) | 2014-2015 |
| M.Phys. | Master's in Physics, University of Exeter (First Class)        | 2010-2014 |

## **SKILLS**

- Exposure to cryptanalysis and protocol implementation from self-study, currently focused on postquantum asymmetric cryptography
- Proficient with Python, SageMath, familiar with C, C++, Rust and Go
- o Particularly interested in elliptic curve cryptography and the recent developments in isogeny graphs
- o Active CTF player highly competitive Organizers team (Global rank #2 2021)

#### **PRIZES**

| <ul> <li>GTA Studentship funding Ph.D. research</li> </ul>                             | 2016–2020 |
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| Gertrude Mather Jackson prize for highest maths performance in Girton College          | 2015      |
| <ul> <li>Jubilee and Millhaves Science Scholarships for academic excellence</li> </ul> | 2010-2014 |