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- Phoenix project advisory board
- Deputy director of engagement
- Cardiff Python User Group Meetup Organiser
- Member of the PyCon UK organising committee
- Sustainable Software Institute Fellow
- Mathematical modelling area editor for Health Systems
- Editor for the Cardiff Centre for Education Innovation Learning Hub
- Chair of OR in Schools

# **AWARDS**

- 2014: Cardiff University Recognising Excellence Rising Star Award
- 2015: Times higher education award for modelling unit
- 2016: School of Mathematics student award for best lecturer
- 2005: Cardiff School of Mathematics graduated top of my year

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Markov modelling: Queueing processes and evolutionary dynamics
- Pedagogy: Active learning approaches
- Game Theory: Strategic behaviour in queues and the Iterated Prisoner's dilemma
- Healthcare: Applied modelling of patient flow

### APPOINTMENTS

Senior Lecturer
Cardiff University

Lecturer
Cardiff University

2016 - present
2011 - 2016
2011 - 2016

Post Doctoral Researcher Cardiff University 2009 - 2011

# ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Postgraduate Certificate in University Teaching and Learning,

Obtained with distinction

Cardiff University 2013

Ph.D. in Enumerative Combinatorics,

Alternating Sign Matrix Polytopes

Cardiff University 2009

B.Sc. (Hons) Mathematics,

Graduated top of my class

Cardiff University 2005

Baccalaureat Scientifique,

Fluent in French

Lycee du Pre Saint Sauver, St Claude, Jura, France

2002

### **PUBLICATIONS**

- 33. 2017: Predicting Adolescent Social Networks to Stop Smoking in Secondary Schools Angelico Fetta, Vincent Knight, Paul Harper, Janet Williams European Journal of Operational Research
- 32. 2017: Reinforcement Learning Produces Dominant Strategies for the Iterated Prisoner's Dilemma

Marc Harper, Vincent Knight, Martin Jones, Georgios Koutsovoulos, Nikoleta Glynatsi, Owen Campbell

Arxiv pre print

https://arxiv.org/abs/1707.06307

31. 2017: Evolution Reinforces Cooperation with the Emergence of Self-Recognition Mechanisms: an empirical study of the Moran process for the iterated Prisoner's dilemma Vincent Knight, Marc Harper, Nikoleta Glynatsi, Owen Campbell

Arxiv pre print

https://arxiv.org/abs/1707.06920

30. 2016: Time-dependent stochastic methods for managing and scheduling Emergency Medical Services

Julie Vile, Jon Gillard, Paul Harper, Vincent Knight

Operations Research for Health Care.

http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2211692314200518

29. 2016: Editorial: Health Systems ESI XXXI OR applied to Health in a Modern World.

Roberto Aringhieri, Vincent Knight, Honora Smith

Operations Research for Health Care, 5, 3.

https://link.springer.com/article/10.1057/s41306-016-0012-5

28. 2016: Measuring the Price of Anarchy in Critical Care Unit Interactions.

Vincent Knight, Izabela Komenda, Jeff Griffiths

The journal of the operational research society

http://www.readcube.com/articles/10.1057/s41274-016-0100-8?author\_access\_token=JAsSHKTcTl3NH3k5sWULIi-5FaAMov8cp-zDTP1PJoVIArpmmPDcS9szSXf4MFhLgmkgDfNf-Es-tfeeFIWjcAd9ghBNqM6Ekw%3D%

27. 2016: An Open Framework for the Reproducible Study of the Iterated Prisoners Dilemma.

Vincent Knight, Owen Campbell, Marc Harper, Karol Langner, James Campbell, Thomas Campbell, Alex Carney, Martin Chorley, Cameron Davidson-Pilon, Kristian Glass, Nikoleta Glynatsi, Tom Ehrlich, Martin Jones, Georgios Koutsovoulos, Holly Tibble, Jochen Mller, Geraint Palmer, Piotr Petunov, Paul Slavin, Timothy Standen, Luis Visintini, Karl Molden.

Journal of open research software.

http://openresearchsoftware.metajnl.com/article/10.5334/jors.125/

26. 2016: Measuring the Price of Anarchy in Critical Care Unit Interactions

Vincent Knight, Jeff Griffiths, Izabela Komenda

The journal of the operational research society

http://www.readcube.com/articles/10.1057/s41274-016-0100-8?author\_access\_token=JAsSHKTcTl3NH3k5sWULIi-5FaAMov8cp-zDTP1PJoVIArpmmPDcS9szSXf4MFhLgmkgDfNf-Es-tfeeFIWjcAd9ghBNqM6Ekw%3D%3D

25. 2016: Editorial: Operations Research for Health Care ESI XXXI OR applied to Health in a Modern World.

Roberto Aringhieri, Vincent Knight, Honora Smith

Operations Research for Health Care, 8, 2223.

http://doi.org/10.1016/j.orhc.2016.01.002

24. 2016: Ambulance Allocations for Maximising Survival within a Heterogeneous Population using a Heterogeneous Fleet.

Leanne Smith, Paul Harper, Vincent Knight

Submitted to the journal of the operational research society

23. 2015: Compliance with National Guidelines for Stroke in Radiology.

Izabela Komenda, Hannah Williams, Vincent Knight

Operations Research for Health Care.

http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2211692314200191

22. 2015: Rostering staff at a mathematics support service using a finite-source queueing model

Jon Gillard, Vincent Knight, Julie Vile, Rob Wilson

IMA Journal of Management Mathematics. 27 (2)

21. 2015: Modelling of psoriasis patient flows for the reconfiguration of secondary care services and treatments

Kayne Putman, Alex Anstey, Paul Harper, Vincent Knight

Health Systems.

20. 2015: Playing games: a case study in active learning applied to Game Theory.

Vincent Knight

Connections

https://journals.gre.ac.uk/index.php/msor/article/view/254

19. 2015: Containment of socially optimal policies in multiple-facility Markovian queueing systems.

Rob Shone, Vincent Knight, Paul Harper, Janet Williams, John Minty

Journal of the Operational Research Society.

http://link.springer.com/article/10.1057/jors.2015.98

18. 2014: Tweeting the Terror: Modelling the Social Media Reaction to the Woolwich Terrorist Attack

Peter Burnap, Matthew Williams, Luke Sloan, Omer Rana, Will Housley, Adam Edwards, Vincent Knight, Rob Procter, Alex Voss

Social Network Analysis and Mining

17. 2014: Operational research ambassadors in schools

Noel-Ann Bradshaw, Paul Harper, Vincent Knight, Louise Orpin

Proceedings of the HEA STEM, Edinburgh 2014

16. 2014: Mathematical modelling of patient flows to predict critical care capacity required following the merger of two district general hospitals into one.

James Williams, Steve Dumont, Jack Parry-Jones, Izabela Komenda, Jeff Griffiths, Vincent Knight Anaesthesia. 70 (1)

15. 2013: Selfish routing in public services.

Vincent Knight, Paul Harper

European Journal of Operational Research. 230 (1) 122-132

14. 2013: Comparisons between observable and unobservable M/M/1 queues with respect to optimal customer behavior

Rob Shone, Vincent Knight, Janet Williams

European Journal of Operational Research

13. 2013: Using Singular Spectrum Analysis to Obtain Staffing Level Requirements in Healthcare.

Vincent Knight, Jon Gillard

Journal of the Operational Research Society

12. 2012: Ambulance Allocation for Maximal Survival with Heterogeneous Outcome Measures.

Vincent Knight, Paul Harper, Leanne Smith

OMEGA - The International Journal of Management Science. 40 (6) 918-926

11. 2012: Discrete Conditional Phase-Type Models Utilising Classification Trees: Application to Modelling Health Service Capacities.

Paul Harper, Vincent Knight, Adele Marshall

European Journal of Operational Research. 219 (3) 522-530

10. 2012: Modelling Emergency Medical Services with Phase Type Distributions.

Vincent Knight, Paul Harper

Health Systems. 1 53-68

9. 2012: How Efficient can an Emergency Unit be? A Perfect World Model.

Kesh Baboolal, Jeff Griffiths, Vincent Knight, Andrew Nelson, Cheryl Voake, Janet Williams Emergency Medicine Journal.

8. 2011: Cost-Effective Workforce Planning: Optimising the Dental Team Skill-Mix for England.

Paul Harper, E Kleinman, Jenny Gallagher, Vincent Knight Journal of Enterprise Information Management

7. 2011: Bed Management in a Critical Care Unit.
Jeff Griffiths, Vincent Knight, Izabela Komenda

IMA Journal of Management Mathematics.

6. 2011: On the Peter Principle: An Agent Based Investigation into the Consequential Effects of Social Networks and Behavioural Factors.

Angelico Fetta, Paul Harper, Vincent Knight, Janet Williams, Israel Vieira

Physica A: Statistical Mechanics and its Applications.

5. 2011: Modelling Patient Choice in Healthcare Systems: Development and Application of a Discrete Event Simulation with Agent-Based Functionality.

Vincent Knight, Janet Williams, Iain Reynolds

Journal of Simulation.

4. 2011: Operational Research Informing National Health Policy

Paul Harper, Vincent Knight, Israel Vieira, Janet Williams

Cardiff University. ISBN: 978-0-9569158-0-1

3. 2011: Forecasting Welsh Ambulance Demand using Singular Spectrum Analysis.

Janet Williams, Jon Gillard, Paul Harper, Vincent Knight

In Journal of the Operational Research Society

2. 2010: Forecasting Welsh Ambulance Demand using Singular Spectrum Analysis.

Janet Williams, Jon Gillard, Paul Harper, Vincent Knight

In Proceedings of the XXXVI International ORAHS Conference

1. 2008: Higher Spin Alternating Sign Matrices

Roger Behrend, Vincent Knight

Electronic Journal of Combinatorics. 14(1): R83, 38pp.

# RESEARCH STUDENTS

28. Lewis Parsons (Summer)

2017 - 2017

Building a framework for research excellence framework submission coordination

27. James Campbell (BSc)

2016 - 2016

Fingerprinter prisoner's Dilemma strategies

26. Cindy Huang (Nuffield Research Placement)

2016 - 2016

Investigating deadlock in queues with vacation and baulking

25. Nikoleta Glynatsi (PhD)

2016 - present

Machine learning and the Prisoner's Dilemma

24.	Rhys Ward (Summer)  Building Game Theoretical Software in a Research Environment	2015 - 2015
23.	Tobenna Peter Igwe (Google Summer of Code) Extending Game Theory in Sage	2015 - 2015
22.	Ffinian Sullivan (Nuffield Research Placement) Understanding mixed behaviour in queue balking threshold policies	2015 - 2015
21.	James Campbell (Summer) Building Game Theoretical Software in a Research Environment	2015 - 2015
20.	Hannah Lorrimore (Summer) Building Game Theoretical Software in a Research Environment	2015 - 2015
19.	James Campbell (Summer) Building Game Theoretical Software in a Research Environment	2014 - 2014
18.	Geraint Palmer (PhD)  Jackson networks and healthcare	2014 - present
17.	Imogen Dunne (BSc.) The Effect of Personality Traits on Academic Achievement in Flipped versu Learning Environments	2014 - 2015 s Traditional
16.	Rhys Jones (BSc.)  Modelling Rugby Lineout Strategies Using Game Theory	2013 - 2014
15.	Jason Young (MMath) Markov Decision Processes for the study a system of two queues in series.	2013 - 2014
14.	Ceri Morse (BSc.)  Modelling Lineout Strategies using Game Theory	2012 - 2013
13.	Jason Young (Summer) Understanding the effect of selfish behaviour in a series of 2 queues	2012 - 2012
12.	Chappman Sin (BSc.) Mathematical modelling of Risk (the board game)	2011 - 2012
11.	Iain Reynolds (Summer) Modelling patient choice in healthcare systems development and application event simulation with agent-based functionality	2011 - 2011 of a discrete
10.	Rob Shone (PhD) Individually and Socially Optimal Policies in Queueing Systems with Multipneous Facilities	2011 - 2014 ole Heteroge-

9. Angelico Fetta (PhD)  Agent Based Simulation for Complex Health Systems Interventions	2011 - 2014
8. Izabela Komenda (PhD)  Bed management in a critical care unit	2010 - 2013
7. Stuart MacGregor (BSc.)  A study into two player hide and seek games verifying results from game the monte carlo simulation, with a particular application to anti-submarine warfacture.	
6. Catherine Fortune (BSc.)  Game Theory and the Lemke-Howson algorithm	2010 - 2011
5. Tatjana Timofejeva (BSc.) Impact of unscheduled care Modelling time varying activities at a Hospital	2010 - 2011
<ol> <li>Julie Vile (PhD)</li> <li>Time-dependent stochastic modelling for predicting demand and scheduling of medical services</li> </ol>	2009 - 2012 emergency
3. Fern Gould (BSc.)  Game Theory and the Iterated Prisoner's Dilemma	2009 - 2010
2. Tamsin Griffiths (BSc.)  Troops to Task Tool and Refugee Estimation	2009 - 2010
1. Leanne Smith (PhD)  Modelling emergency medical vehicle services	2008 - 2013
GRANT FUNDING	
EPSRC Identifying and modelling victim, business regulatory and malware behaviours in a changing landscape $\pounds 101,659$	cyberthreat 2013 - 2016
Cardiff University CUROP Award Developing and Evaluating Mathematical Teaching Resources through Open Source Software $\pounds 2,200$	2012 - 2012
LANCS (EPSRC) Post-Doctoral Training Scheme Grant: Choice and Healthcare Investigation Project $\pounds 2{,}500$	2010 - 2011
Aneurin Bevan Health Board Creation of a Mathematical/OR Modelling Unit to Support the Aneurin Bevan Health Board £319,944	2013 - 2015

Sustainable software institute Fellowship

£3,000 2013 - ongoing

## LANCS (EPSRC)

Post-Doctoral Training Scheme Grant: Investigating the Effects of Individual Behaviour on Hierarchical queueing Systems

£5,000 2012 - 2012

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board Operational Research Modelling to Support Cardiff and Vale UHB  $\pounds 371,427$ 

2013 - 2018

#### ESRC

Hate speech? Understanding the modelling of social media identity formation and behaviour through the Cardiff Online Social Media Observatory (COSMOS)

£7,015 2013 - 2016

Health Foundation and Cardiff and Vale University Health Board

Estimating quality improvement and cost reduction for the patient and local health economy of transferring ENT/audiology services into a community setting

£61,237 2013 - 2014

Cardiff University CUROP Award

Patient Choice: A Discrete Event Simulation

£2,500 2010 - 2012

# **TEACHING**

Courses I am currently teaching:

- 3. Introduction to Object Oriented Programming: A hackathon introduces students to fundamental aspects of object oriented programming
- 2. Game Theory: A final year mathematics course covering introductory game theory
- 1. Computing for Mathematics: A course introducing programming to mathematics students

# Courses I have taught in the past:

- 4. Advanced Statistical Packages: A course teaching the SAS and R software packages
- 3. OR Methods: A course covering: queueing theory, game theory and Markov processes
- 2. Introduction to LaTeX: A brief introduction to LaTeX
- 1. MSc. Week 0: An overview of fundamental mathematics concepts for new MSc students

### **MEDIA**

- 10. 2017-03-23: Talk Python to Me Podcast Game Theory and the Axelrod library
- 9. 2017-03-17: Cardiff University YouTube Channel PyCon Namibia and the Phoenix project
- 8. 2017-01-09: Pythagoras' trousers Mathematics in animation
- 7. 2017-01-02: Pythagoras' trousers Alpha Go
- 6. 2016-09-26: Pythagoras' trousers Election polling
- 5. 2016-01-27: Namibia broadcasting company Discussing PyCon Namibia
- 4. 2015-06-16: BBC Radio Wales Game Theory and Nash Equilibrium

- 3. 2015-04-16: Sci screen screening The Imitation Game
- 2. 2014-05-05: 2014 Pythagoras Lecture Mathematics and Healthcare Management
- 1. 2014-03-19: BBC Parliament Voice of the Future 2014

### **OUTREACH**

I participate in a variety of mathematics outreach activities.

- Monmouth Science initiative.
- Speaking at the British Science festival 2015.
- STEM live: a university wide event.
- Regular workshops at the School of Mathematics.

#### SOFTWARE PROJECTS

- Axelrod: A Python library/github project that replicates Axelrod's tournament.
- Ciw: A Python library for simulation queueing networks
- Conference Scheduler: A Python library to schedule conferences using integer linear programming
- Game Theory in Sage: A collection of code to continue the integration of Game Theoretic capabilities in to Sage.
- Nashpy: A Python library to find equilibria in 2 player normal form games
- Virtual Microscope: A web application to display and annotate scanned slides.
- ghtalks: Organise and share talks with gh-pages
- sklDj: A Django web app interface to machine learning algorithms

# SOFTWARE COMMUNITY

- DjangoCon Europe 2015: I was on the organising committee for DjangoCon Europe 2015.
- PyCon UK: I am on the orgnising committee for PyCon UK.
- PyDiff: I help organise the Cardiff Pyton user group meetup.
- Python Namibia: I help run the Pycon Namibia conference.
- School of mathematics code club: I help run a code club open to mathematics students.
- sklDj: A Django web app interface to machine learning algorithms