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

## **AWARDS**

- 2017: John Pinner award for contribution to the Python community
- 2017: Times higher education award for international collaboration: Phoenix Project.
- 2016: School of Mathematics student award for best lecturer
- 2015: Times higher education award for modelling unit
- 2014: Cardiff University Recognising Excellence Rising Star Award
- 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/Associate Professor Cardiff University 2016 - present

Lecturer/Assistant Professor Cardiff University 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**

35. 2017: Modelling deadlock in open restricted queueing networks

Geraint Palmer, Paul Harper, Vincent Knight

European Journal of Operational Research

http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0377221717309529

34. 2017: Predicting Adolescent Social Networks to Stop Smoking in Secondary Schools Angelico Fetta, Vincent Knight, Paul Harper, Janet Williams

European Journal of Operational Research

http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0377221717306665?via%3Dihub

33. 2017: Ciw: An open source discrete event simulation library

Geraint Palmer, Vincent Knight, Paul Harper, Asyl Hawa

Arxiv pre print

https://arxiv.org/abs/1710.03561

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

PLOS One

http://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0188046

31. 2017: An Evolutionary Game Theoretic Model of Rhino Horn Devaluation

Nikoleta Glynatsi, Vincent Knight, Tamsin Lee

Arxiv pre print

https://arxiv.org/abs/1712.07640

30. 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

29. 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

28. 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

27. 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%3D

26. 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/

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 Health-care.

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

33. Henry Wilde (PhD)

Costs in healthcare

2017 - present

32.	Mansour Hakem (Nuffield Research Placement) Investigating Axelrod's second tournament	2017 - 2017
31.	Toby Devlin (BSc)  Machine learning for optimisation of move sequence	2017 - 2017
30.	Will Guo (Nuffield Research Placement) Investigating Axelrod's second tournament	2017 - 2017
29.	Thomas Rodwell (PhD)  Diary planner for healthcare ward	2017 - present
28.	Lewis Parsons (Summer) Building a framework for research excellence framework submission coordinates	2017 - 2017 nation
27.	James Campbell (BSc) Fingerprinting prisoner's Dilemma strategies	2016 - 2016
26.	Cindy Huang (Nuffield Research Placement) Investigating deadlock in queues with vacation and baulking	2016 - 2016
25.	Nikoleta Glynatsi (PhD)  Machine learning and the Prisoner's Dilemma	2016 - present
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 us 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 of event simulation with agent-based functionality	2011 - 2011 <b>f a discrete</b>
10.	Rob Shone (PhD) Individually and Socially Optimal Policies in Queueing Systems with Multiple neous Facilities	2011 - 2014 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 th monte carlo simulation, with a particular application to anti-submarine warfa	
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
4.	$\label{lem:Julie Vile (PhD)} \emph{Time-dependent stochastic modelling for predicting demand and scheduling of medical services}$	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

## Modelling emergency medical vehicle services

#### **GRANT FUNDING**

Cardiff University CUROP Award	
Further game theoretic dynamics of Rhino	poaching
£2,100	

2018 - 2018

#### EPSRC

Identifying and modelling victim, business regulatory and malware behaviours in a changing cyberthreat landscape  $\pounds 101,659$  2013 - 2016

Aneurin Bevan Health Board

Creation of a Mathematical/OR Modelling Unit to Support the Aneurin Bevan Health Board  $\pounds 319.944$ 

2013 - 2015

#### Sustainable software institute

Fellowship

£3,000 2013 - ongoing

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board

Operational Research Modelling to Support Cardiff and Vale UHB

£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)  $\pounds 7{,}015$ 

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

Developing and Evaluating Mathematical Teaching Resources through Open Source Software  $\pounds 2,200$ 

2012 - 2012

## LANCS (EPSRC)

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

£5,000 2012 - 2012

LANCS (EPSRC)

Post-Doctoral Training Scheme Grant: Choice and Healthcare Investigation Project

£2,500 2010 - 2011

Cardiff University CUROP Award

Patient Choice: A Discrete Event Simulation

£2,500 2010 - 2012

#### **TEACHING**

#### Courses I am currently teaching:

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

## 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