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- *Local organiser of the SSI Collaborations 2018 Conference*
- *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

- *2018: Nominated for Cardiff University Enriching Student Life Awards: Most innovative member of staff*
- *2017: John Pinner award for contribution to the Python community*
- *2017: Times higher education award for international collaboration: Phoenix Project.*
- *2016: Shortlisted for Cardiff University Enriching Student Life Awards: Most innovative member of staff*
- *2016: School of Mathematics student award for best lecturer*
- *2015: Shortlisted for Cardiff University Enriching Student Life Awards: Most innovative member of staff*
- *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
Journal of Simulation
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/17477778.2018.1473909>
<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 Glynnatsi, Owen Campbell

PLOS One

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

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1707.06307>

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=JAsSHKTcT13NH3k5WULii-5FaAMov8cp-zDTP1PJovIArpmmPdcS9szSXf4MFhLgmkgDfNf-Es-tfeeFIWjcAd9ghBNqM6EkW%3D%3D

http://www.readcube.com/articles/10.1057/s41274-016-0100-8?author_access_token=JAsSHKTcT13NH3k5WULii-5FaAMov8cp-zDTP1PJovIArpmmPdcS9szSXf4MFhLgmkgDfNf-Es-tfeeFIWjcAd9ghBNqM6EkW%3D%3D

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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/>

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1604.00896>

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

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|---|----------------|
| 33. Henry Wilde (PhD) | 2017 - present |
| Costs in healthcare | |
| 32. Mansour Hakem (Nuffield Research Placement) | 2017 - 2017 |
| Investigating Axelrod's second tournament | |
| 31. Toby Devlin (BSc) | 2017 - 2017 |
| Machine learning for optimisation of move sequence | |
| 30. Will Guo (Nuffield Research Placement) | 2017 - 2017 |
| Investigating Axelrod's second tournament | |
| 29. Thomas Rodwell (PhD) | 2017 - present |
| Diary planner for healthcare ward | |
| 28. Lewis Parsons (Summer) | 2017 - 2017 |
| Building a framework for research excellence framework submission coordination | |
| 27. James Campbell (BSc) | 2016 - 2016 |
| Fingerprinting 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) | 2015 - 2015 |
| Building Game Theoretical Software in a Research Environment | |
| 23. Tobenna Peter Igwe (Google Summer of Code) | 2015 - 2015 |
| Extending Game Theory in Sage | |
| 22. Ffinian Sullivan (Nuffield Research Placement) | 2015 - 2015 |
| Understanding mixed behaviour in queue balking threshold policies | |

21. James Campbell (Summer) 2015 - 2015
Building Game Theoretical Software in a Research Environment
20. Hannah Lorrimore (Summer) 2015 - 2015
Building Game Theoretical Software in a Research Environment
19. James Campbell (Summer) 2014 - 2014
Building Game Theoretical Software in a Research Environment
18. Geraint Palmer (PhD) 2014 - present
Jackson networks and healthcare
17. Imogen Dunne (BSc.) 2014 - 2015
The Effect of Personality Traits on Academic Achievement in Flipped versus Traditional Learning Environments
16. Rhys Jones (BSc.) 2013 - 2014
Modelling Rugby Lineout Strategies Using Game Theory
15. Jason Young (MMath) 2013 - 2014
Markov Decision Processes for the study a system of two queues in series.
14. Ceri Morse (BSc.) 2012 - 2013
Modelling Lineout Strategies using Game Theory
13. Jason Young (Summer) 2012 - 2012
Understanding the effect of selfish behaviour in a series of 2 queues
12. Chappman Sin (BSc.) 2011 - 2012
Mathematical modelling of Risk (the board game)
11. Iain Reynolds (Summer) 2011 - 2011
Modelling patient choice in healthcare systems development and application of a discrete event simulation with agent-based functionality
10. Rob Shone (PhD) 2011 - 2014
Individually and Socially Optimal Policies in Queueing Systems with Multiple Heterogeneous Facilities
9. Angelico Fetta (PhD) 2011 - 2014
Agent Based Simulation for Complex Health Systems Interventions
8. Izabela Komenda (PhD) 2010 - 2013
Bed management in a critical care unit
7. Stuart MacGregor (BSc.) 2010 - 2011
A study into two player hide and seek games verifying results from game theory using monte carlo simulation, with a particular application to anti-submarine warfare

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| 6. Catherine Fortune (BSc.) | 2010 - 2011 |
| Game Theory and the Lemke-Howson algorithm | |
| 5. Tatjana Timofejeva (BSc.) | 2010 - 2011 |
| Impact of unscheduled care Modelling time varying activities at a Hospital | |
| 4. Julie Vile (PhD) | 2009 - 2012 |
| Time-dependent stochastic modelling for predicting demand and scheduling of emergency medical services | |
| 3. Fern Gould (BSc.) | 2009 - 2010 |
| Game Theory and the Iterated Prisoner's Dilemma | |
| 2. Tamsin Griffiths (BSc.) | 2009 - 2010 |
| Troops to Task Tool and Refugee Estimation | |
| 1. Leanne Smith (PhD) | 2008 - 2013 |
| Modelling emergency medical vehicle services | |

GRANT FUNDING

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| 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 | |
| £101,659 | 2013 - 2016 |
| 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 |
| 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) | |
| £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
 Developing and Evaluating Mathematical Teaching Resources through Open Source Software
 £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 organising committee for PyCon UK.*
- *PyDiff: I help organise the Cardiff Python 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*