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RESEARCH THEME

My research enables safe and secure software engineering for cyber- and cyber-physical systems. My work is grounded in empirical measurements of the software engineering process, product, and usage context. I examine software engineering failures to inform future feats of software engineering.

EDUCATION

Ph.D, Computer Science and Applications <i>Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA</i>	2015–2020
B.Sc. Computer Science, B.Sc. Mathematics <i>Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY</i>	2008–2012

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor <i>Purdue University — Electrical and Computer Engineering</i>	Fall 2020-present
Intern, Microsoft Research (RiSE group: Cloud Security) <i>Microsoft Research, Redmond, WA — Mentored by Patrice Godefroid</i>	Summer 2019
Intern, IBM Research (Storage) <i>IBM Research, Almaden, CA — Mentored by Deepavali Bhagwat</i>	Summer 2018
Graduate Research Assistant <i>Virginia Tech — Advised by Dongyoon Lee</i>	2016–2020
Software Engineer, IBM (GPFS) <i>IBM, Poughkeepsie, NY</i>	2012–2017

EXTERNAL RESEARCH GRANTS

TOTAL: \$1,900,773. TOTAL AS PI: \$633,237. MY TOTAL SHARE: \$1,081,252.

- [G-1] **Unrestricted Gift: Improving OSS Supply Chain Security by Promoting Software Signing**
Co-PI (PI: Santiago Torres-Arias)
Google, LLC
2023. \$200,000.
- [G-2] **Rolls Royce: Dynamic Security Analysis of Embedded Software Systems**
Co-PI (PI: Aravind Machiry)
Contract with Rolls Royce
2023-2024. \$150,000.
- [G-3] **Unrestricted Gift: Machine Learning Reproducibility**
PI

Google, LLC

2022. \$80,000.

[G-4] **NSF #2229703: POSE: Phase I: Scoping An Open-Source Ecosystem Around Proactive Software Supply Chain Monitoring**

Co-PI (PI: Santiago Torres-Arias)

US National Science Foundation

2022–2023. \$300,000.

[G-5] **Cisco: Trustworthy Re-use of Pre-Trained Neural Networks**

PI (Co-PI: Yung-Hsiang Lu)

Contract with Cisco

2022–2023. \$179,237.

[G-6] **Cisco: Monitor and manage security risks in software supply chains with Sigstore**

Co-PI (PI: Santiago Torres-Arias)

Contract with Cisco

2022–2023. \$184,536.

[G-7] **NSF #2135156: Collaborative Research: SaTC: CORE: Small: Improving Sanitization and Avoiding Denial of Service Through Correct and Safe Regexes**

PI (Co-PI: Dongyoon Lee)

US National Science Foundation

2022–2025. Purdue’s share: \$274,000.

[G-8] **Rolls Royce: Dynamic Analysis of Embedded Firmware**

Co-PI (PI: Aravind Machiry)

Contract with Rolls Royce

2021–2022. \$175,000.

[G-9] **NSF #2107230: Collaborative Research: OAC Core: Advancing Low-Power Computer Vision at the Edge**

Co-PI (PI: Yung-Hsiang Lu)

US National Science Foundation

2021–2024. Purdue’s share: \$258,000.

[G-10] **Unrestricted gift to support research on machine learning reproducibility**

PI (Co-PI: Yung-Hsiang Lu)

Google, LLC

2020. \$80,000 + \$20,000.

INTERNAL RESEARCH GRANTS

TOTAL: \$234,431.

- [IG-1] **Exploring the Impact and the Use of Generative Models in Computer Engineering Education**
Co-PI (PI: Machiry, Other Co-PIs: Zoltowski, Hess, Lu)
Office of the Provost, through the program “AI in teaching and learning grants”
2023-2024. \$79,431.
- [IG-2] **Revamping the CompE Curriculum for Secure Software Engineering**
PI (Co-PIs: Machiry, Torres-Arias, Bagchi)
ECE Agile Reform of Curriculum program, enabled by Elmore Family gift
2021-2022. \$150,000.
- [IG-3] **Intercultural Engineering Education for Software Engineers**
PI (Co-PI: Kirsten Davis)
Purdue University VEIL Program
2020. \$5,000.

REFEREED CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS¹

- [C-1] W. Jiang, J. Yasmin, J. Jones, N. Synovic, J. Kuo, N. Bielanski, Y. Tian, G.K. Thiruvathukal, and **J.C. Davis**. *PeaTMOSS: A Dataset and Initial Analysis of Pre-Trained Models in Open-Source Software*. Proceedings of the 21st Annual Conference on Mining Software Repositories (MSR’24). 29% acceptance rate (42/146). 13 pages.
- [C-2] P.C. Amusuo, R.A.C. Méndez, Z. Xu, A. Machiry, and **J.C. Davis**. *Systematically Detecting Packet Validation Vulnerabilities in Embedded Network Stacks*. Proceedings of the 38th IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering (ASE’23). 21% acceptance rate (134/629). 13 pages.
- [C-3] **J.C. Davis**, P. Jajal, W. Jiang, T.R. Schorlemmer, N. Synovic, and G.K. Thiruvathukal. *Reusing Deep Learning Models: Challenges and Directions in Software Engineering*. Proceedings of the IEEE John Vincent Atanasoff Symposium on Modern Computing (JVA’23). 12 pages.
- [C-4] W. Jiang, N. Synovic, M. Hyatt, T.R. Schorlemmer, R. Sethi, Y.H. Lu, G.K. Thiruvathukal, and **J.C. Davis**. *An Empirical Study of Pre-Trained Model Reuse in the Hugging Face Deep Learning Model Registry*. Proceedings of the ACM/IEEE 45th International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE’23). 26% acceptance rate (208/796). 13 pages.
- [C-5] S.A. Hassan, Z. Aamir, D. Lee, **J.C. Davis**, and F. Servant. *Improving Developers’ Understanding of Regex Denial of Service Tools through Anti-Patterns and Fix Strategies*. Proceedings of the 44th IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (S&P’23). 18 pages.
- [C-6] A. Goel, C. Tung, N. Eliopoulos, X. Hu, G.K. Thiruvathukal, **J.C. Davis**, and Y.H. Lu. *Directed Acyclic Graph-based Neural Networks for Tunable Low-Power Computer Vision*. Proceedings of the ACM/IEEE International Symposium on Low Power Electronics and Design (ISLPED’22). 6 pages.
- [C-7] E. Barlas, X. Du, and **J.C. Davis**. *Exploiting Input Sanitization for Regex Denial of Service*. Proceedings of the ACM/IEEE 44th International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE’22). 26% acceptance rate (197/751). 13 pages.

¹Here and elsewhere, my research mentees are underlined. My name is in **bold**.

- [C-8] Q. Xu, **J.C. Davis**, Y.C. Hu, and A. Jindal. *An Empirical Study on the Impact of Parameters on Mobile App Energy Usage*. Proceedings of the 29th IEEE International Conference on Software Analysis, Evolution and Reengineering (SANER'22). 36% acceptance rate (72/199). 12 pages.
- [C-9] A. Goel, C. Tung, X. Hu, G.K. Thiruvathukal, **J.C. Davis**, and Y.H. Lu. *Efficient Computer Vision on Edge Devices with Pipeline-Parallel Hierarchical Neural Networks*. Proceedings of the 27th Asia and South Pacific Design Automation Conference (ASP-DAC'22). 37% acceptance rate (95/260). 6 pages.
- [C-10] A. Goel, C. Tung, X. Hu, H. Wang, **J.C. Davis**, Thiruvathukal, and Lu. *Low-Power Multi-Camera Object Re-Identification using Hierarchical Neural Networks*. Proceedings of the ACM/IEEE International Symposium on Low Power Electronics and Design (ISLPED'21). 6 pages.
- [C-11] **J.C. Davis**, F. Servant, and D. Lee. *Using Selective Memoization to Defeat Regular Expression Denial of Service (ReDoS)*. Proceedings of the 42nd IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (IEEE S&P'21). 12% acceptance rate (115/952). 17 pages.
- [C-12] A. Cha, E. Wittern, G. Baudart, **J.C. Davis**, L. Mandel, and J. Laredo. *A Principled Approach to GraphQL Query Cost Analysis*. Proceedings of the 28th ACM Joint European Software Engineering Conference and Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering (ESEC/FSE'20). 28% acceptance rate (101/360). 12 pages. *ACM Distinguished Paper Award*.
- [C-13] L. Rupperecht, **J.C. Davis**, C. Arnold, Y. Gur, and D. Bhagwat. *Improving Reproducibility of Data Science Pipelines through Transparent Provenance Capture*. Proceedings of the 46th International Conference on Very Large Data Bases (VLDB'20 Industry track). 15 pages.
- [C-14] **J.C. Davis**, D. Moyer, A. Kazerouni, and D. Lee. *Testing Regex Generalizability And Its Implications: A Large-Scale Many-Language Measurement Study*. Proceedings of the 34th IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering (ASE'19). 21% acceptance rate (91/435). 13 pages.
- [C-15] L. Michael, J. Donohue, **J.C. Davis**, D. Lee, and F. Servant. *Regexes are Hard: Decision-making, Difficulties, and Risks in Programming Regular Expressions*. Proceedings of the 34th IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering (ASE'19). 21% acceptance rate (91/435). 12 pages. *ACM Distinguished Paper Award*.
- [C-16] **J.C. Davis**, L. Michael, C. Coghlan, F. Servant, and D. Lee. *Are Regular Expressions a Lingua Franca? An Empirical Study on the Re-use and Portability of Regular Expressions*. Proceedings of the 27th ACM Joint European Software Engineering Conference and Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering (ESEC/FSE'19). 24% acceptance rate (97/371). 12 pages.
- [C-17] E. Wittern, A. Cha, **J.C. Davis**, G. Baudart, L. Mandel. *An Empirical Study of GraphQL Schemas*. Proceedings of the 17th International Conference on Service-Oriented Computing (ICSOC'19). 15% acceptance rate (28/183). 16 pages.
- [C-18] X. Fu, T. Ghaffar, **J.C. Davis**, and D. Lee. *EdgeWise: A Better Stream Processing Engine for the Edge*. 2019 USENIX Annual Technical Conference (USENIX ATC'19). 20% acceptance rate (71/356). 17 pages.
- [C-19] **J.C. Davis**, C. Coghlan, F. Servant, and D. Lee. *The Impact of Regular Expression Denial of Service (REDOS) in Practice: an Empirical Study at the Ecosystem Scale*. Proceedings of the 26th ACM Joint European Software Engineering Conference and Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering (ESEC/FSE'18). 21% acceptance rate (61/289). 11 pages. *ACM Distinguished Paper Award*.
- [C-20] **J.C. Davis**, E.R. Williamson, and D. Lee. *A Sense of Time for JavaScript and Node.js: First-Class Timeouts as a Cure for Event Handler Poisoning*. Proceedings of the 27th USENIX Security Symposium (USENIX Security'18). 19% acceptance rate (100/520). 17 pages.
- [C-21] **J.C. Davis**, A. Thekumparampil, and D. Lee. *Node.fz: Fuzzing the Server-Side Event-Driven Architecture*. Proceedings of the Twelfth European Conference on Computer Systems (EuroSys'17). 21% acceptance rate (41/200). 16 pages.

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- [J-1] X. Hu, Z. Jiao, A. Kocher, Z. Wu, J. Liu, **J.C. Davis**, G.K. Thiruvathukal, Y.H. Lu. *Evolution of Winning Solutions in the 2021 Low-Power Computer Vision Challenge*. IEEE Computer, 2023 (Computer'23). 6 pages.
- [J-2] A. Goel, C. Tung, N. Eliopoulos, A. Wang, **J.C. Davis**, G.K. Thiruvathukal, Lu. *Tree-based Unidirectional Neural Networks for Low-Power Computer Vision*. IEEE Design & Test, 2022 (IEEE D&T'22). 6 pages.
- [J-3] K. Davis, J. Deters, D. Ozkan, **J. Davis**, and H. Murzi. *Applying Experiential Learning Theory to Understand Study Abroad Leaders' Experiences Using Real-Time Perspectives*. Frontiers: The Interdisciplinary Journal of Study Abroad, Vol. 34, No. 2, 2022 (Frontiers'22). 31 pages.
- [J-4] S. Herbold, A. Trautsch, B. Ledel, A. Aghamohammadi, T.A. Ghaleb, K.K. Chahal, T. Bossenmaier, B. Nagaria, P. Makedonski, M.N. Ahmadabadi, K. Szabados, H. Spieker, M. Madeja, N. Hoy, V. Lenarduzzi, S. Wang, G. Rodriguez-Perez, R. Colomo-Palacios, R. Verdecchia, P. Singh, Y. Qin, D. Chakroborti, W. Davis, V. Walunj, H. Wu, D. Marcilio, O. Alam, A. Aldaej, I. Amit, B. Turhan, S. Eismann, A.K. Wickert, I. Malavolta, M. Sulir, F. Fard, A.Z. Henley, S. Kourtzanidis, E. Tüzün, C. Treude, S.M. Shamasbi, I. Pashchenko, M. Wyrich, **J.C. Davis**, A. Serebrenik, E. Albrecht, E.U. Aktas, D. Strüber, and J. Erbel. *A Fine-grained Data Set and Analysis of Tangling in Bug Fixing Commits*. Empirical Software Engineering, 2022 (EMSE'22). 55 pages.
- [J-5] A. Kazerouni, **J. Davis**, A. Basak, C. Shaffer, F. Servant, and S. Edwards. *Fast and Accurate Incremental Feedback for Students' Software Tests Using Selective Mutation Analysis*. Journal of Systems and Software, 2021 (JSS'21). 22 pages.
- [J-6] D. Ozkan, K. Davis, **J. Davis**, M. James, H. Murzi, and D. Knight. *Expectations and Experiences of Short-Term Study Abroad Leadership Teams*. Journal of International Engineering Education, 2020 (JIEE'20). 34 pages.

OTHER REFEREED WORKS: VISIONS, TOOLS, PRELIMINARY WORKS, COMPETITIONS

- [W-1] J. Srinivasan, S.R. Tanksalkar, P. Amusuo, **J.C. Davis**, and A. Machiry. *Towards Rehosting Embedded Applications as Linux Applications*. Proceedings of the 53rd Annual IEEE/IFIP International Conference on Dependable Systems and Networks — Disrupt track (DSN-Disrupt'23). 47% acceptance rate (17/36). 5 pages.
- [W-2] M. Shen, **J.C. Davis**, and A. Machiry. *Towards Automated Identification of Layering Violations in Embedded Applications (WIP)*. Proceedings of the 24th ACM SIGPLAN/SIGBED International Conference on Languages, Compilers, and Tools for Embedded Systems — Work-In-Progress Track (LCTES-WIP'23). 40% acceptance rate (14/35). 5 pages.
- [W-3] D. Montes, P. Peerapatanapokin, J. Schultz, C. Guo, W. Jiang, and **J.C. Davis**. *Discrepancies among Pre-trained Deep Neural Networks: A New Threat to Model Zoo Reliability*. Proceedings of the 30th ACM Joint European Software Engineering Conference and Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering — Ideas, Visions, and Reflections track (ESEC/FSE-IVR'22). 25% acceptance rate (7/28). 5 pages.
- [W-4] K.G. Kalu, T.R. Schorlemmer, S. Chen, K.A. Robinson, and **J.C. Davis**. *Reflecting on the use of the Policy-Process-Product Theory in Empirical Software Engineering*. Proceedings of the 31st ACM Joint European Software Engineering Conference and Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering — Ideas, Visions, and Reflections track (ESEC/FSE-IVR'23). 48% acceptance rate (13/27). 5 pages.

- [W-5] W. Jiang^{*}, N. Synovic^{*}, P. Jajal, T.R. Schorlemmer, A. Tewari, B. Pareek, G.K. Thiruvathukal, and **J.C. Davis**. *PTMTorrent: A Dataset for Mining Open-source Pre-trained Model Packages*. Proceedings of the 20th Annual Conference on Mining Software Repositories — Data and Tool Showcase Track (MSR-Data’23). 54% acceptance rate (23/42). 5 pages.
- [W-6] T. Singla, D. Anandayuvraj, K.G. Kalu, T.R. Schorlemmer, and **J.C. Davis**. *An Empirical Study on Using Large Language Models to Analyze Software Supply Chain Security Failures*. Proceedings of the 2nd ACM Workshop on Software Supply Chain Offensive Research and Ecosystem Defenses (SCORED’23). 67% acceptance rate (14/21). 11 pages.
- [W-7] D. Anandayuvraj, P. Thulluri, J. Figueroa, H. Shandilya, and **J.C. Davis**. *Incorporating Failure Knowledge into Design Decisions for IoT Systems: A Controlled Experiment on Novices*. Proceedings of the 5th International Workshop on Software Engineering Research & Practices for the Internet of Things (SERP4IoT’23). 5 pages.
- [W-8] W. Jiang, N. Synovic, R. Sethi, A. Indarapu, M. Hyatt, T.R. Schorlemmer, G.K. Thiruvathukal, and **J.C. Davis**. *An Empirical Study of Artifacts and Security Practices in the Pre-trained Model Supply Chain*. Proceedings of the 1st ACM Workshop on Software Supply Chain Offensive Research and Ecosystem Defenses (SCORED’22). 57% acceptance rate (12/21). 10 pages.
- [W-9] D. Anandayuvraj and **J.C. Davis**. *Reflecting on Recurring Failures in IoT Development*. Proceedings of the 37th IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering — New Ideas and Emerging Results track (ASE-NIER’22). 36% acceptance rate (18/50). 5 pages.
- [W-10] P. Amusuo, A. Sharma, S.R. Rao, A. Vincent, and **J.C. Davis**. *Reflections on Software Failure Analysis*. Proceedings of the 30th ACM Joint European Software Engineering Conference and Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering — Ideas, Visions, and Reflections track (ESEC/FSE-IVR’22). 25% acceptance rate (7/28). 6 pages.
- [W-11] C. Okafor^{*}, T.R. Schorlemmer^{*}, S. Torres-Arias, and **J.C. Davis**. *SoK: Analysis of Software Supply Chain Security by Establishing Secure Design Properties*. Proceedings of the 1st ACM Workshop on Software Supply Chain Offensive Research and Ecosystem Defenses (SCORED’22). 57% acceptance rate (12/21). 10 pages.
- [W-12] N. Synovic, M. Hyatt, R. Sethi, S. Thota, Shilpika, A.J. Miller, W. Jiang, E.S. Amobi, A. Pinderski, K. Läufer, N.J. Hayward, N. Klingensmith, **J.C. Davis**, and G.K. Thiruvathukal. *Snapshot Metrics Are Not Enough: Analyzing Software Repositories with Longitudinal Metrics*. Proceedings of the 37th IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering — Demonstrations track (ASE-Tool Demonstrations’22). 56% acceptance rate (23/41). 4 pages.
- [W-13] N. Gopalakrishna, D. Anandayuvraj, A. Detti, F. Bland, S. Rahaman, and **J.C. Davis**. *“If security is required”: Engineering and Security Practices for Machine Learning-based IoT Devices*. Proceedings of the 4th International Workshop on Software Engineering Research & Practices for the Internet of Things (SERP4IoT’22). 8 pages.
- [W-14] **J.C. Davis**, P. Amusuo, and J.R. Bushagour. *Experience Paper: A First Offering of Software Engineering*. Proceedings of the 1st International Workshop on Designing and Running Project-Based Courses in Software Engineering Education (ICSE-DREE’22). 5 pages.
- [W-15] N. Veselsky, J. West, I. Ahlgren, A. Goel, W. Jiang, K. Lee, Y. Kim, **J.C. Davis**, G.K. Thiruvathukal, and N. Klingensmith. *Establishing Trust in Vehicle-to-Vehicle Coordination: A Sensor Fusion Approach*. Proceedings of the 2nd Workshop on Data-Driven and Intelligent Cyber-Physical Systems for Smart Cities (DI-CPS) (DI-CPS’22). 6 pages.

- [W-16] J.M. Winkler, A. Agarwal, C. Tung, D.R. Ugalde, Y.J. Jung, and J.C. Davis. *A Replication of “Deep-Bugs: A Learning Approach to Name-based Bug Detection”*. Proceedings of the 29th ACM Joint European Software Engineering Conference and Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering (ESEC/FSE’21 Artifact). 1 pages.
- [W-17] J.C. Davis. *On the Impact and Defeat of Regex DoS*. ACM Student Research Competition, 2019-2020 Grand Finals. **Second place, graduate student division**.
- [W-18] J.C. Davis. *Rethinking Regex Engines to Address ReDoS*. ACM Student Research Competition, 2019-2020 at ESEC/FSE’19. **First place, graduate student division**.
- [W-19] L. Rupperecht, J.C. Davis, C. Arnold, A. Lubbock, D. Tyson, and D. Bhagwat. *Ursprung: Provenance for Large-Scale Analytics Environments*. Proceedings of the 2019 International Conference on Management of Data (SIGMOD’19 Demo). 4 pages.
- [W-20] J.C. Davis, G. Kildow, and D. Lee. *The Case of the Poisoned Event Handler: Weaknesses in the Node.js Event-Driven Architecture*. Proceedings of the 10th European Workshop on Systems Security (EuroSec’17). 38% acceptance rate (9/24). 6 pages.

POSTERS

- [Ps-1] T.R. Schorlemmer, W. Jiang, and J.C. Davis. *Machine Learning Supply Chain Security*. 2023 Purdue CERIAS Symposium (CERIAS’23). **Award: Best Poster — 2nd-place**.
- [Ps-2] W. Jiang, T.R. Schorlemmer, and J.C. Davis. *Trustworthy Re-use of Pre-trained Neural Networks*. 2023 Purdue CERIAS Symposium (CERIAS’23).
- [Ps-3] W. Maxam and J.C. Davis. *Plan for an evaluation of government cyber threat hunting processes*. 2022 Purdue CERIAS Symposium (CERIAS’22).
- [Ps-4] N. Hornbrook and J.C. Davis. *An Intercultural Engineering Module for Software Engineers*. 2021 Annual Colloquium for International Engineering Education (ACIEE’21).
- [Ps-5] N. Vivek, A. Chinnakotla, V. Banna, A. Vegesana, Z. Yan, J.C. Davis, Y.H. Lu, and G.K. Thiruvathukal. *Exemplars for Machine Learning: Towards Software Engineering & Reproducibility*. SIAM Conference on Computational Science and Engineering (CSE’21).

TECHNICAL REPORTS

- [R-1] P.C. Amusuo, K.A. Robinson, S. Torres-Arias, L. Simon, J.C. Davis. *Preventing Supply Chain Vulnerabilities in Java with a Fine-Grained Permission Manager*. <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2310.14117.pdf>. 2023.
- [R-2] M. Shen, A. Pillai, B.A. Yuan, J.C. Davis, and A. Machiry. *An Empirical Study on the Use of Static Analysis Tools in Open Source Embedded Software*. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2310.00205>. 2023.
- [R-3] W. Jiang, C. Cheung, G.K. Thiruvathukal, and J.C. Davis. *Exploring Naming Conventions (and Defects) of Pre-trained Deep Learning Models in Hugging Face and Other Model Hubs*. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2310.01642>. 2023.
- [R-4] J. Chen, D. Anandayavaraj, J.C. Davis, and S. Rahaman. *A Unified Taxonomy and Evaluation of IoT Security Guidelines*. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2310.01653>. 2023.
- [R-5] P. Jajal, W. Jiang, A. Tewari, J. Woo, Y.H. Lu, G.K. Thiruvathukal, and J.C. Davis. *Analysis of Failures and Risks in Deep Learning Model Converters: A Case Study in the ONNX Ecosystem*. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2303.17708>. 2023.

- [R-6] W. Jiang, V. Banna, N. Vivek, A. Goel, N. Synovic, G.K. Thiruvathukal, and **J.C. Davis**. *Challenges and Practices of Deep Learning Model Reengineering: A Case Study on Computer Vision*. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2303.07476>. 2023.
- [R-7] W. Jiang, J. Jones, J. Yasmin, N. Synovic, R. Sashti, S. Chen, G.K. Thiruvathukal, Y. Tian, and **J.C. Davis**. *PeaTMOSS: Mining Pre-Trained Models in Open-Source Software*. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2310.03620>. 2023.
- [R-8] V. Banna, A. Chinnakotla, Z. Yan, A. Vegesana, N. Vivek, K. Krishnappa, W. Jiang, Y.H. Lu, G.K. Thiruvathukal, and **J.C. Davis**. *An Experience Report on Machine Learning Reproducibility: Guidance for Practitioners and TensorFlow Model Garden Contributors*. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2107.00821>. 2021.

PATENTS

- [Pa-1] **J.C. Davis**, W. Davis. *Determining a validity of an event emitter based on a rule*. IBM, US Patent Application 17/325,057. Application filed May 19, 2021.
- [Pa-2] W. Davis, **J.C. Davis**. *Verification of the Integrity of Data Files Stored in Copy-on-Write (CoW) Based File System Snapshots*. IBM, U.S. patent 11,176,090 B2. Granted Nov. 16, 2021.
- [Pa-3] **J.C. Davis**, W. Davis. *Injection of Simulated Hardware Failure(s) in a File System for Establishing File System Tolerance-to-Storage-Failure(s)*. IBM, U.S. patent 11,023,341 B2. Granted Jun. 1, 2021.
- [Pa-4] **J.C. Davis**, L. Rupprecht, D. Bhagwat, C. Arnold, W. Sawdon. *Performing Hierarchical Provenance Collection*. IBM, U.S. patent 10,891,174 B1. Granted Jan. 12, 2021.
- [Pa-5] **J.C. Davis**, W. Davis. *File Metadata Verification in a Distributed File System*. IBM, U.S. patent 10,678,755 B2. Granted Jun. 9, 2020.
- [Pa-6] W. Davis, **J.C. Davis**. *Testing of Lock Managers in Computing Environments*. IBM, U.S. patent 10,061,777 B1. Granted Aug. 28, 2018.
- [Pa-7] **J.C. Davis**, W. Davis, F. Knop. *Detection of File Corruption in a Distributed File System*. IBM, U.S. patent 10,025,788. Granted Jul. 17, 2018.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- [B-1] **J.C. Davis**. (2023). *Epilogue: The Computer Engineer as Tool-User*. In Y.H. Lu & G.K. Thiruvathukal, *Intermediate C Programming* (3rd edition, pp. 439–442). CRC Press.

COURSES DESIGNED* OR RE-DESIGNED†

†ECE 461 – Software Engineering Purdue University	Launched Fall 2021
*ECE 595 – Advanced Software Engineering Purdue University	Launched Spring 2021
†ECE 30862 – Software Engineering Tools Purdue University	Revamped Fall 2021

COURSES TAUGHT

ECE 461 – Software Engineering <i>Purdue University</i>	Fall 2021, Spring 2023, Fall 2023
ECE 595 – Advanced Software Engineering <i>Purdue University</i>	Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2024
ECE 368 – Data Structures <i>Purdue University</i>	Fall 2020
Vertically Integrated Project: Open-Source TensorFlow Software <i>Purdue University</i>	Fall 2020–present
Vertically Integrated Project: SafeRegex <i>Purdue University</i>	Fall 2020, Spring 2021
CS 3114 – Data Structures and Algorithms <i>Virginia Tech</i>	Fall 2019
CS 1064 – Introduction to Programming in Python <i>Virginia Tech</i>	Spring 2019
Rising Sophomore Abroad Program (Track Leader) <i>Virginia Tech</i>	Spring 2018, Spring 2019

PHD AND MASTER'S STUDENTS

CURRENT

Wenxin Jiang	PhD	Spring 2021–present
Paschal Amusuo	PhD	Fall 2021–present
Dharun Anandayavaraj	PhD	Fall 2021–present
Purvish Jajal (with Y.H. Lu)	PhD	Fall 2022–present
Kelechi Gabriel Kalu	PhD	Spring 2023–present
Taylor Schorlemmer	MSc	Fall 2022–present
Jason Jones	MSc	Summer 2023–present

GRADUATED

William Maxam	MSc	Spring 2023
Geoffrey Cramer	MSc	Spring 2023

INVITED TALKS

Practices and Hazards in Reusing Pre-Trained Neural Networks: A SWEng Perspective <i>Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA</i>	2023
Software reuse practices and hazards in the pre-trained neural network supply chain <i>The University of Notre Dame, IN</i>	2023
Missing Links in the Pre-Trained Neural Network Supply Chain <i>Argonne National Laboratories</i>	2023
Analysis of Failures and Risks in Deep Learning Model Converters²	2023

²Joint presentation by me (virtual) and my student Purvish Jajal (physical).

ONNX Community Meetup, NVIDIA headquarters, Santa Clara, CA

Towards a Trustworthy Pre-Trained Neural Network Supply Chain 2022

Loyola University Chicago

Challenges in Global Software Development 2021

University of Wisconsin–Stout

Regexes Awry: Characterizing and Defeating Regex-based Denial of Service 2020

Clemson University CS department colloquium

Regex-based Denial of Service 2020

Clarkson University CS department colloquium

Regexes are Hard: Qualitative and Quantitative Perspectives 2019

NC State CS department colloquium

The Dangers of Copy/Pasting Code 2019

Episode of the Podcast “The Secure Developer”: <https://tinyurl.com/DavisResearchPodcast>

Regexes in the Wild 2019

Virginia Tech department seminar

Academic Perspectives on Node.js 2018

Node.js Collaborator Summit, Vancouver

International Engineering Annual, 2015–2019

Rising Sophomore Abroad Program, Virginia Tech

ACADEMIC SERVICE AS REFEREE

CONFERENCE TECHNICAL TRACKS

PC Member, ICSE 2025

PC Member, ISSTA 2024

PC Member, ESEC/FSE 2023

PC Member, LCTES 2023

PC Member, ASE 2021

Sub-reviewer: Middleware’17, ASPLOS’18, EuroSys’18, MASCOTS’18, HPCA’19, CGO’19 2016–2019

JOURNALS

Reviewer, Journal of Online Trust & Safety (JOTS) 2023

Reviewer, ACM Transactions on Software Engineering (TSE) 2020–present

Reviewer, Springer Empirical Software Engineering (EMSE) 2020–present

OTHER SERVICE AS REFEREE

Reviewer, SANER–Early Research Achievement Track	2024
Reviewer, SCAM–Engineering track	2023
Judge, CSAW’23 Best Paper Competition	2023
PC Member, ACM Workshop on Software Supply Chain Offens. Research and Ecosystem Defenses	2023
Reviewer, ASE–Doctoral Symposium Track	2022
PC Member, ACM Workshop on Software Supply Chain Offens. Research and Ecosystem Defenses	2022
Reviewer, ICSE–Demonstrations Track	2021
Reviewer, ESEC/FSE–Artifact Track	2021
Reviewer, ESEC/FSE–Artifact Track	2020
Judge, CSAW’21 Best Paper Competition	2021
Reviewer, CGO–Artifact Track	2019

NATIONAL SERVICE

US National Science Foundation, Panelist, CISE:CCF:SHF–Software	2023
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DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Member, Purdue ECE Faculty Search Committee – Prof. of Practice in Software Engineering	2023-2024
Member, Purdue ECE ABET Committee	2023-2024
Member, Purdue ECE Ad Hoc Faculty Search Committee	2023-2024
Member, Purdue ECE Faculty Search Committee — Software Engineering	2022-2023
Host, Computer Engineering Seminar Series — Dr. Joanna C. S. Santos (Notre Dame)	2022
Host, Purdue Engineering Distinguished Lecture Series (PEDLS) — Dr. Nancy Leveson (MIT)	2022
Member, Purdue ECE Undergraduate Curriculum Committee	2020-2022
Panelist, CS@Virginia Tech Academic Jobs Panel	2021
President, Virginia Tech CS Graduate Student Council	2018–2019
Organizer, Virginia Tech Systems Reading Group	2017–2020

OTHER SERVICE

Mentor, ICSE student mentor program	2023
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SHORT COURSES AND WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

Leadership Skills for Engineering and Science Faculty (Leiserson and McVinney)	2024
NSF Grand Challenges in Resilience Workshop, Purdue University	2023
Tools to Foster Students’ (Cross-)cultural Sensitivity in Engineering Ethical Decision-Making (ASEE’22,	

Clancy & Qiu)	2022
Effective College Teaching (Brent & Felder)	2020
Intercultural Pedagogy Grant Training Program, Purdue CILMAR	2020

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Senior Member, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)	<i>Elevated to Senior in 2022</i>
Member, Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)	
Member, American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE)	

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

FOR RESEARCH

ACM Distinguished Paper Award, ESEC/FSE 2020	2020
Second place, Grand Finals of the ACM Graduate Student Research Competition	2020
First place, Graduate Student Research Competition, ESEC/FSE 2019	2019
ACM Distinguished Paper Award, ASE 2019	2019
Microsoft Security Researcher Acknowledgments (Regex DoS)	2018
Pratt Fellowship, Virginia Tech College of Engineering	2017–2019
Davenport Fellowship, Virginia Tech College of Engineering	2019
Graduate Fellow, VT Academy for Global Engineering	2019–2020
IBM Significant Contributor Award (Node.js)	2018
ACM Distinguished Paper Award, ESEC/FSE 2018	2018

FOR TEACHING

2022 Ruth and Joel Spira Outstanding Teacher Award	2022
Fall 2021: Teaching–Recognized for high student evaluation scores (~100 faculty in College of Eng.)	2021
VIP Outstanding Team Mentor Award, Purdue TensorFlow Team	2021

FOR SERVICE

ASE 2021 Distinguished PC Member Award	2021
Outstanding Graduate Student Service Award, CS@VT	2020