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EXPERIENCE

Ankur & Mari Sahu Assistant Professor *August 2019 – Present*
Tufts University, Computer Science Department

Research Scientist *November 2016 – July 2019*
Boston University, Mass Open Cloud & Red Hat Collaboratory

Postdoctoral Researcher *June 2013 – September 2016*
Carnegie Mellon University, eXpressive Internet Architecture (XIA) Group

Consultant *November 2014 – December 2014*
Huawei, storage group

PhD Student *June 2006 – May 2013*
Carnegie Mellon University, Parallel Data Lab

Software Engineering Intern *May 2010 – December 2010*
Google

Research Intern *July 2007 – March 2008*
HP Labs

Systems Programmer *June 2004 – May 2006*
Carnegie Mellon University, Parallel Data Lab

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Electrical & Computer Engineering, May 2013
Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA
Advisor: Greg Ganger
Dissertation: Diagnosing performance changes in distributed systems by comparing request flows

M.S., Electrical & Computer Engineering, May 2004
Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA

B.S., Electrical & Computer Engineering w/minor in Computer Science, May 2003
Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA

HONOURS & AWARDS

NSF CAREER Award (2024-2029)

Faculty using technology in innovativ ways nominee, May 2022

Tufts senior survey significant impact nominee, September 2021

Ankur & Mari Sahu Endowed Assistant Professorship, August 2019

Best poster, EMC University Day 2012 (*Diagnosing performance changes by comparing request flows*)

Best paper, SIGMETRICS 2007 (*Modeling the relative fitness of storage*).

Featured in Piled Higher & Deeper ([PhDComics](#)), February 14th, 2007 [strip](#)

Best paper, FAST 2005 (*Ursa Minor: versatile cluster-based storage*)

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Course developer & instructor
COMP/CS 118, Cloud Computing

Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2020

This class covers foundational cloud-computing concepts and technologies. The curriculum includes lectures on research papers, homework assignments, and projects within a major cloud platform.

Enrollment: F'22: 48; F'21: 42; F'20: 27; S'20: 37,

Overall rating (out of 5): F'22: 3.49; F'21: 4.04; F'20: 3.96; S'20: 3.52

Instructor rating (out of 5): F'22: 3.68; F'21: 4.15; F'20: 4.12; S'20: 3.98

Course developer & instructor

Spring 2023, Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Fall 2019

COMP 150-DCC, *Special Topics: Debugging Cloud Computing*

This class introduces students to state-of-the-art techniques for diagnosing correctness and performance problems in distributed systems and networks. The curriculum emphasizes reading and discussing research papers on logging, distributed tracing, provenance, and network telemetry. Students perform an in-depth, semester-long, research project. Some projects have external mentors from industry or academia.

Enrollment: S'23: 14; S'22: 19; S'21: 17; F'19: 5

Overall rating (out of 5): S'23: 4.00; S'22: 4.07; S'21: 4.52; F'19: 4.35

Instructor rating (out of 5): S'23: 4.00; S'22: 4.40; S'21: 4.46; F'19: 4.71

Guest lecturer & project mentor

Spring 2017, Spring 2018 (guest lecturer only)

CS528, *Cloud Computing*

This class provides an overview of cloud-computing concepts via a curriculum that emphasizes reading research papers and semester-long projects. The class usually consists of 30-50 undergraduates and Master's students. I guest lectured on topics related to networking and problem diagnosis. In the Spring of 2017, I additionally mentored students on projects related to distributed tracing.

Course Co-developer & co-instructor

Fall 2013

CS 15-719, *Advanced Cloud Computing*

This class provides an overview of cloud-computing concepts via a curriculum that emphasizes reading research papers, lectures, projects, and exams. It consisted of about 30 Master's students and a few PhD students when I taught it.

Teaching Assistant

Fall 2005 & Spring 2010

ECE 18-746, *Storage Systems*

This class covers a broad range of material, including hard-disk architecture, file-system design and debugging, RAID, and object-based storage. It usually consists of 40-60 Master's students and PhD students.

UNIVERSITY
SERVICE

Tufts CS Department:

- Tufts JEDI committee S'24
- Programming Languages search committee: F'23 - S'24
- Ada Lovelace faculty search committee: F'22 - S'23
- Opportunity faculty search committee: S'22
- Graduate committee F'21 - S'22, F'20 - S'21
- Graduate student open-house co-organizer: F'21 - S'22, F'20 - S'21, F'19 - S'20
- Graduate admissions committee: F'20 - S'21, F'19 - S'20
- Colloquium co-organizer: F'22 - S'23, F'21 - S'22, F'20 - S'21
- Software systems master's program development committee : F'19 - S'20

Tufts University:

- Faculty research support advisory committee (FRSAC) F'21 - S'26 (five-year term)

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE

Program committees:

- USENIX NSDI: 2023 (Spring & Fall), 2025 (Spring & Fall)
- ACM SIGMETRICS: 2022 (three cycles)
- ACM SoCC: 2021
- IEEE ACSOS: 2020
- IEEE Transactions on Services Computing: 2019, 2015
- IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering: 2017
- ACM HotStorage: 2014, 2013

External reviewing: SIGMETRICS 2021, SIGCOMM CCR 2018, EuroSys 2017

Panel member: NSF 2020, NSF Cloud Review 2017, NSF 2016

Mentoring & outreach:

- MIT Primes high-school research: (2017 - present)
- USENIX NSDI 2023 student meet-up facilitator

Session chair: NSDI 2023, SoCC 2021, NENS 2019, NENS 2017, SoCC 2016

Reading groups: Tufts diagnosis (2020-present) BU diagnosis (2017-2019), CMU network diagnosis (2013-2014), CMU diagnosis (2011-2013)

Working groups: Red Hat telemetry co-lead (F'20 - S'22)

PROSPECTUS,
PROPOSAL, &
DISSERTATION
COMMITTEES

Maziar Amiraski, Tufts University, Dissertation Committee, Defense TBA

Mania Abdi, Northeastern University, Dissertation Committee, Defended September 2022

Title: Characterizing, debugging, and performance optimization of cloud applications using graph processing

Emre Ates, Boston University, Dissertation Committee, Defended June 2020

Title: Automating telemetry- and trace-based analytics on large-scale distributed systems

DIVERSITY,
EQUITY,
& INCLUSION

Faculty volunteer, NSDI'23 student meet-up (2023)

Mentor, MIT Primes high-school research program (Spring 2017-present)

- Mentees presented at the AMS-PME student poster session at the 2022 Joint Mathematics Meeting (2022).
- Mentee awarded 2nd prize in MA state Science Fair (2020)
- Mentees presented at the Red Hat Developers' Conference Devconf.us (2018)
- Mentees named Siemens Competition Semi-Finalists (2017)

Letter Writer, Letters to a Pre-Scientist middle-school outreach program (Fall 2018 - Spring 2019)

CS Grand Awards Judge, Intel Science & Engineering Fair Finals (2015, 2012)

Presenter, Carnegie Science Center Buhl Planetarium (2010)

MENTORING

Current advisees (in order of matriculation):

- Max Liu, PhD student, Tufts University (Fall 2020 -)
- Zhaoqi Zhang, PhD student, Tufts University (Fall 2020 -)
- Darby Huye, MS & PhD student, Tufts University (MS: Fall 2020, PhD: Spring 2021 -)
- Tomislav Zabcic-Matic, PhD student, Tufts University (Summer 2021 -)
- Sarah Abowitz, PhD student, Tufts University (Fall 2021 -)

Advisee internships (most recent to least recent):

- *DynaTrace*: Sarah Abowitz, Summer 2023, PhD Intern, Mentor: Stefan Achleithner.
- *Meta*: Darby Huye, Summer 2022 - Spring 2023, STE, Mentor: Yuri Skhuro.

Current High-school students (in order of matriculation):

- Adrita Samata (Spring 2023 -)

- Henry Han (Spring 2023 -)

Graduated students (most recent to least recent):

- Anshul Rastogi, High-School Student'23 (Spring 2021 - Spring 2023)
Next step: University of Connecticut
- Joey Dong, High-school Student'23 (Spring 2022 - Spring 2023)
Next step: MIT
- Alexander Ellis, MS thesis student, Tufts University (Summer 2021 - Fall 2021)
Thesis: Emplacing New Tracing: Adding OpenTelemetry to Envoy
Next step: Continuing at Google
- Tanmay Gupta, Lexington High School'23 (Spring 2021 - Fall 2021)
Next step: Continuing as high-school student
- Neel Bhalla, Lexington High School'20 (Spring 2018 - Summer 2020)
Next step: Northeastern University
- Lily Sturmman, MS, Harvard Extension School (Spring 2017 - Spring 2019)
Thesis: Using Performance Variation for Instrumentation Placement in Distributed Systems
Next step: Red Hat
- Harshal Sheth, High School, Westford Academy (Spring 2017 - Summer 2018)
Next step: Yale University
- Andrew Sun, High School, Westford Academy (Spring 2017 - Summer 2018)
Next step: Northeastern University

Other students I've worked with (most recent to least recent)

- Mania Abdi, PhD'23, NorthEastern University
- Mert Toslali, PhD'23, Boston University
Advisor: Ayse Coskun
- Shihao Zhong, MS'21, Tufts University
- Runze Si, MS'21, Boston University
- Emre Ates, PhD, Boston University (Fall 2018 - Spring 2020)
Advisor: Ayse Coskun
- Golsana Ghaemi, PhD, Boston University
Advisor: Orran Krieger
- Emine Ugur Kaynar, PhD, Boston University
Advisor: Orran Krieger
- Jethro Sun, MS'18, Boston University
Advisor: Orran Krieger
- Da Yu, PhD, Brown University
Advisor: Rodrigo Fonseca
- David Tran-Lam, PhD, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Advisor: Aditya Akella
- William Wang, MS, Carnegie Mellon University
Advisor: Greg Ganger

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FUNDING

CAREER: Principled yet practical observability for a microservices-based cloud. *PI:* Raja R. Sambasivan \$609,452. NSF Award # [2340128](#). July 2024 - June 2029.

Automated instrumentation frameworks for diagnosing inadvertent causes of resource contention. *PI:* Raja R. Sambasivan. \$15,000. Indonesian Ministry of Research and Education. Awarded May 2023.

A powerful, widely-useful abstraction for diagnosing performance problems in distributed applications. *PI:* Raja R. Sambasivan. \$60,000. Red Hat. Awarded January 2022.

CSR: Small: A just-in-time, instrumentation framework for diagnosing performance problems in distributed applications. *PI:* Raja R. Sambasivan, *Co-PIs:* Ayse K. Coskun, Orran Krieger. \$460,249. NSF Award # [1815323](#). Re-issued as NSF Award # [2016178](#). October 2018 - September 2022.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

Systemizing and mitigating topological inconsistencies in Alibaba's microservice call-graph datasets. Darby Huye, Lan Liu, Raja R. Sambasivan. In Proceedings of the 15th International conference on Performance Engineering (ICPE'24). May 7th to May 11th, 2024. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1145/3629526.3645043>

Lifting the veil on Meta's microservice architecture: Analyses of topology and request workflows. Darby Huye, Yuri Shkuro, Raja R. Sambasivan. In Proceedings of the 2023 USENIX Annual Technical Conference (ATC'23). July 10th to July 12th, 2023. ISBN: 978-1-939133-35-9.

Automating instrumentation choices for performance problems in distributed applications with VAIF. Mert Toslali, Emre Atex, Alexander Ellis, Zhaoqi Zhang, Darby Huye, Liu Lan, Samantha Puterman Ghitelman, Ayse K. Coskun, Raja R. Sambasivan. In Proceedings of the 12th ACM Symposium on Cloud Computing (SoCC'21). November 1st to November 3rd, 2021. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1145/3472883.3487000>.

D3N: A multi-layer cache for the rest of us. Emine Ugur Kaynar, Mania Abdi, Mohammad Hossein Hajkazemi, Ata Turk, Raja R. Sambasivan, Larry Rudolph, Peter Desnoyers, Orran Krieger. In proceedings of the 2019 IEEE International Conference on Big Data (BigData'19). December 9th to December 12th, 2019. Los Angeles, CA.

An automated, cross-layer instrumentation framework for diagnosing performance problems in distributed applications. Emre Ates, Mert Toslali, Richard Megginson, Orran Krieger, Ayse K. Coskun, Raja R. Sambasivan. In Proceedings of the 10th ACM Symposium on Cloud Computing (SoCC'19). November 20th to November 23rd, 2019. Santa Cruz, CA.

Bootstrapping evolvability for inter-domain routing with D-BGP. Raja R. Sambasivan, David Tran-Lam, Aditya Akella, Peter Steenkiste. In proceedings of the ACM 2017 SIGCOMM Conference (SIGCOMM'17). August 21th to August 25th, 2017. Los Angeles, CA, USA.

Principled workflow-centric tracing of distributed systems. Raja R. Sambasivan, Ilari Shafer, Jonathan Mace, Rodrigo Fonseca, Gregory R. Ganger. In proceedings of the 7th ACM Symposium on Cloud Computing (SoCC'16). October 5th to October 7th, 2016. Santa Clara, CA, USA.

Bootstrapping evolvability for inter-domain routing. Raja R. Sambasivan, David Tran-Lam, Aditya Akella, Peter Steenkiste. In proceedings of the 14th ACM Workshop on Hot Topics in Networks (HotNets'15). November 16th to November 17th, 2015. Philadelphia, PA, USA.

Visualizing request-flow comparison to aid performance diagnosis in distributed systems. Raja R. Sambasivan, Ilari Shafer, Michelle L. Mazurek, Gregory R. Ganger. IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics 19(12), December 2013. In proceedings of Information Visualization 2013.

Specialized storage for big numeric time series. Ilari Shafer, Raja R. Sambasivan, Anthony Rowe, Gregory R. Ganger. In proceedings of the 5th USENIX Workshop on Hot Topics in Storage and File Systems (HotStorage'13). June 27th to June 28th, 2013. San Jose, CA, USA.

Automated diagnosis without predictability is a recipe for failure. Raja R. Sambasivan, Gregory R. Ganger. In proceedings of the 4th USENIX Workshop on Hot Topics in Cloud Computing (HotCloud'12). June 12th to June 13th, 2012. Boston, MA, USA.

Diagnosing performance changes by comparing request flows. Raja R. Sambasivan, Alice X. Zheng, Michael De Rosa, Elie Krevat, Spencer Whitman, Michael Stroucken, William Wang, Lianghong Xu, Gregory R. Ganger. In proceedings of the 8th USENIX Symposium on Network Systems Design and Implementation (NSDI'11). March 30th to April 1st, 2011. Boston, MA, USA.

A transparently-scalable metadata service for the Ursa Minor storage system. Shafeeq Sinnamohideen, Raja R. Sambasivan, Likun Liu, James Hendricks, Gregory R. Ganger. In proceedings of the 2010 USENIX Annual Technical Conference (USENIX ATC'10). June 23rd to 25th, 2010. Boston, MA, USA.

Categorizing and differencing system behaviours. Raja R. Sambasivan, Alice X. Zheng, Eno Thereska, Gregory R. Ganger. Appears in the proceedings of the 2nd International Workshop on Hot Topics in Autonomic Computing (HotAC II). June 15th, 2007. Jacksonville, Florida, USA.

Modeling the relative fitness of storage. Michael Mesnier, Matthew Wachs, Raja R. Sambasivan, Alice X. Zheng, Gregory R. Ganger. In proceedings of the International Conference on Measurement and Modeling of Computer Systems (SIGMETRICS'07). June 12th to 16th, 2007. San Diego, CA, USA.

//TRACE: parallel trace replay with approximate causal events. Michael Mesnier, Matthew Wachs, Raja R. Sambasivan, Julio Lopez, James Hendricks, Gregory R. Ganger. In proceedings of the 5th conference on File and Storage Technologies (FAST'07). February 13th to 16th, 2007. San Jose, CA, USA.

Ursa Minor: versatile cluster-based storage. Michael Abd-El-Malek, William V. Courtright II, Chuck Cranor, Gregory R. Ganger, James Hendricks, Andrew J. Klosterman, Michael Mesnier, Manish Prasad, Brandon Salmon, Raja R. Sambasivan, Shafeeq Sinnamohideen, John D. Strunk, Eno Thereska, Matthew Wachs, Jay J. Wylie. In the proceedings of the 4th USENIX conference on File and Storage Technologies (FAST'05). December 13th to 16th, 2005. San Francisco, CA, USA.

Replication policies for layered clustering of NFS servers. Raja R. Sambasivan, Andrew J. Klosterman, Gregory R. Ganger. Appears in the proceedings of the 13th Annual Meeting of the IEEE International Symposium on Modeling, Analysis, and Simulation of Computer and Telecommunication Systems (MASCOTS'05). September 27th to 29th, 2005. Atlanta, Georgia, USA.

JOURNAL PAPERS

[SoK] Identifying mismatches between microservice testbeds and industrial perceptions of microservices. Vishwanath Seshagiri, Darby Huye, Lan Liu, Avani Wildani, Raja R. Sambasivan. Journal of Systems Research, 2(1), 2022. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5070/SR32157839>.

VAIF: Variance-based Automated Instrumentation Framework. Mert Toslali, Emre Ates, Darby Huye, Zhaoqi Zhang, Lan Liu, Samantha Puterman, Ayse K. Coskun, Raja R. Sambasivan. Operating Systems Review. 56(1), 42-50, 2022. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1145/3544497.3544504>.

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Early experiences on the journey towards self-* storage. Michael Abd-El-Malek, William V. Courtright II, Chuck Cranor, Gregory R. Ganger, James Hendricks, Andrew J. Klosterman, Michael Mesnier, Manish Prasad, Brandon Salmon, Raja R. Sambasivan, Shafeeq Sinnamohideen, John D. Strunk, Eno Thereska, Matthew Wachs,

Jay J. Wylie. In the Bulletin of the IEEE Computer Society Technical Committee on Data Engineering 29(3). Special issue on self-managing database systems. September 2006.

Bootstrapping evolvability for inter-domain routing with D-BGP. Raja R. Sambasivan, David Tran-Lam, Aditya Akella, Peter Steenkiste. Carnegie Mellon Computer Science Technical Report CMU-CS-16-117. June 2016.

So, you want to trace your distributed system? Key design insights from years of practical experience. Raja R. Sambasivan, Rodrigo Fonseca, Ilari Shafer, Gregory R. Ganger. Carnegie Mellon University Parallel Data Laboratory Technical Report CMU-PDL-14-102. April 2014.

Visualizing request-flow comparison to aid performance diagnosis in distributed systems. Raja R. Sambasivan, Ilari Shafer, Michelle L. Mazurek. Carnegie Mellon University Parallel Data Laboratory Technical Report CMU-PDL-13-104. May 2013. Supersedes CMU-PDL-12-102.

Visualizing request-flow comparison to aid performance diagnosis in distributed systems. Raja R. Sambasivan, Ilari Shafer, Michelle L. Mazurek. Carnegie Mellon University Parallel Data Laboratory Technical Report CMU-PDL-12-102. May 2012.

Automation without predictability is a recipe for failure. Raja R. Sambasivan, Gregory R. Ganger. Carnegie Mellon University Parallel Data Laboratory Technical Report CMU-PDL-11-101. January 2011.

Diagnosing performance changes by comparing system behaviours. Raja R. Sambasivan, Alice X. Zheng, Elie Krevat, Spencer Whitman, Michael Stroucken, William Wang, Lianghong Xu, Gregory R. Ganger. Carnegie Mellon University Parallel Data Laboratory Technical Report CMU-PDL-10-107. July 2010. Supersedes CMU-PDL-10-103.

A transparently-scalable metadata service for the Ursa Minor storage system. Shafeeq Sinnamohideen, Raja R. Sambasivan, James Hendricks, Likun Liu, Gregory R. Ganger. Carnegie Mellon University Parallel Data Laboratory Technical Report CMU-PDL-10-102. March 2010.

Diagnosing performance problems by visualizing and comparing system behaviours. Raja R. Sambasivan, Alice X. Zheng, Elie Krevat, Spencer Whitman, Gregory R. Ganger. Carnegie Mellon University Parallel Data Lab Technical Report CMU-PDL-10-103. February 2010.

Eliminating cross-server operations in scalable file systems. James Hendricks, Shafeeq Sinnamohideen, Raja R. Sambasivan, Gregory R. Ganger. Carnegie Mellon University Parallel Data Lab Technical Report CMU-PDL-06-105. May 2006.

Improving small file performance in object-based storage. James Hendricks, Raja R. Sambasivan, Shafeeq Sinnamohideen, Gregory R. Ganger. Carnegie Mellon University Parallel Data Lab Technical Report CMU-PDL-06-104. May 2006.

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Ursa Minor: Versatile cluster-based storage. Michael Abd-El-Malek, William V. Courtright II, Chuck Cranor, Gregory R. Ganger, James Hendricks, Andrew J. Klosterman, Michael Mesnier, Manish Prasad, Brandon Salmon, Raja R. Sambasivan, Shafeeq Sinnamohideen, John D. Strunk, Eno Thereska, Matthew Wachs, Jay J. Wylie. Carnegie Mellon University Parallel Data Laboratory Technical Report CMU-PDL-05-104. April 2005.

PATENTS	Managing execution of database queries. Stefan Kompres, Harumi Anne Kuno, Umeshwar Dayal, Janet Wiener, Raja Sambasivan. U.S. Patent 9,910,892. March 6 th , 2018.
STUDENT POSTERS (SINCE 2023)	<p>Diagnosing behavioral causes of contention in distributed systems. Zhaoqi Zhang, Tomislav Zabcic-Matic, Mert Toslali, Ayse K. Coskun, Raja R. Sambaasivan. In the 20th USENIX Symposium on Network Systems Design and Implementation (NSDI'23). April 17th to April 19th, 2023. Boston, MA, USA.</p> <p>Diagnosing behavioral causes of contention in distributed systems. Zhaoqi Zhang, Tomislav Zabcic-Matic, Mert Toslali, Ayse K. Coskun, Raja R. Sambaasivan. In the poster session of the 20th USENIX Symposium on Network Systems Design and Implementation (NSDI'23). April 17th to April 19th, 2023. Boston, MA, USA.</p> <p>PADLocal: Privacy-aware debugging for microservices. Sarah Abowitz, Daniel Votipka, Raja R. Sambasivan. In the poster session of the 20th USENIX Symposium on Network Systems Design and Implementation (NSDI'23). April 17th to April 19th, 2023. Boston, MA, USA.</p>
CONFERENCE TALKS	<p>Bootstrapping evolvability for inter-domain routing with D-BGP. Presented at the ACM 2017 SIGCOMM Conference (SIGCOMM'17). August, 2017.</p> <p>Principled workflow-centric tracing of distributed systems. Presented at the 7th ACM Symposium on Cloud Computing (SoCC'16). October 2016.</p> <p>Bootstrapping evolvability for inter-domain routing. Presented at the 14th ACM Workshop on Hot Topics in Networks (HotNets'15). November 2015.</p> <p>Visualizing request-flow comparison to aid performance diagnosis in distributed systems. Presented at IEEE InfoVis 2013.</p> <p>Automated diagnosis without predictability is a recipe for failure. Presented at the 4th USENIX Workshop on Hot Topics in Cloud Computing (HotCloud'12). June 2012.</p> <p>Generalizing request-flow comparison to more systems. WiP talk at 23rd ACM Symposium on Operating Systems Principles (SOSP'11). October 2011.</p> <p>Diagnosing performance changes by comparing request flows. Presented at the 8th USENIX Symposium on Networked Systems Design and Implementation (NSDI'11). March 2011.</p> <p>Spectroscope: a tool for categorizing and differencing system behaviours. Presented at the 2nd International Workshop on Hot Topics in Autonomic Computing (HotACII). June 2007.</p> <p>Replication policies for layered clustering of NFS servers. Presented at the 13th Annual Meeting of the IEEE International Symposium on Modeling, Analysis, and Simulation of Computer and Telecommunication Systems (MASCOTS'05). September 2005.</p>
INTERVIEWS & PANELS	Academia, industry, and debugging research. On-stage Interview at KubeCon Observability Summit, November 2019.
INVITED TALKS & GUEST LECTURES	<p>Cross-job prefetching for object storage. Presented at the Mass Open Cloud & iScale IUCRC Workshop, Boston University. March 21st, 2023.</p> <p>Finding frequent patterns in distributed traces. Discussion at LightStep, November 2019.</p> <p>Workflow-centric tracing and advanced diagnosis tools for the cloud ecosystem. Presented at Red Hat (June 2019), UMass Amherst (February 2019), George Washington University (March 2019), Tufts University (March 2019).</p>

2019).

Toward a diagnosis plane for cloud computing. Presented at LightStep (April 2018), Columbia University (March 2018), Facebook (February 2018), Brown University (February 2018).

Diagnosis and inter-domain support for an Internet of clouds. Presented at Tufts University (October 2017), Yale University (March 2017), AT&T Labs (May 2016), Intel Labs (April 2016), NYU (April 2016).

Diagnosing performance changes by comparing request flows. Presented at UCSD (April 2014), Brown University (April 2012), NetApp RTP (September 2011), Google NYC (June 2011).

Networking at Google: B4 & Jupiter Rising. Guest lecture in BU CS 528 (March 2018, March 2017).

When the cloud fizzles: Outages and how to debug them. Guest lecture in NU CS 6620 (April 2018) and BU CS 528 (April 2017).

A case study of the AWS outage on April 21st, 2011. Guest lecture in CMU 15-719 (Fall 2015, Fall 2014).

Diagnosis via monitoring & tracing. Guest lecture in CMU 15-719 (Fall 2015, Fall 2014).