Roy Rinberg

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EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

2023 - Present

PhD. Computer Science; Advised by Prof. Seth Neel and Prof. Salil Vadhan

Columbia University, New York, NY

2021 - 2023

MS/PhD in Computer Science. <u>Thesis Track.</u> [Completing Masters in May 2023] Advised by Prof. Rachel Cummings and Prof. Steven Bellovin

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New York University, New York, NY

2014 - 2018

B.A. Computer Science, Physics, Minor: Math.

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, Alexandria, VA 2010 - 2014

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Columbia University, New York, NY

August 2021 - Present

Privacy in ML [Advisors: Prof. Rachel Cummings and Prof. Steven Bellovin]

- Research on relaxations to the distributional assumptions in decentralized private learning.
- Research on how ML algorithms memorize training data, and the trade-offs of memorization, Differential Privacy (DP), and accuracy.
- Extensions of Gaussian & Laplace DP primitives, and their application to ML.
- Research on Individualization of PATE. Paper accepted to PoPETs 2023. Arxiv link.
- Research on Individualization of DP-SGD. In Submission.
- Research on Catered PATE PATE in the presence of heterogenous data (link). On-qoing.

New York University, New York, NY

February 2017 - May 2018

Evolution of Language Models within Social Networks [Advisor: Prof. Bud Mishra]

This research investigated the development of echo chambers within social networks.

- Developed theory and implemented pipeline to study the evolution of clusters of users in social networks over time, using TDA to study distances between Word2Vec models trained on text.
- Publication on arXiv.

Work Experience

Shelton AI, New York, NY Lead Software Engineer

January 2022 - June 2022

- Shelton AI is a startup that helps pension funds manage investments in private equity firms.
 - Worked with CEO to develop fintech product to manage 10s of millions of dollars.
 Developed core AWS infrastructure for NLP document processing pipeline.
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Ouster, San Francisco, CA Software Engineer

June 2018 - July 2021

Ouster is a startup developing lidar sensors. I worked on lidar-based collision-avoidance systems

- Led development of on-edge computing for live predictions about dangerous driving.
- Developed platforms for evaluating algorithms on historical lidar data and monitoring live data.
- Internship Project: Produced open-source C++ lidar point-cloud data visualizer (Github link).

Career Copilots, San Francisco CA

May 2020 - August 2020

Software Engineer

Career Copilots is a startup seeking to help individuals find jobs using data.

- Developed python web-scraper to scrape jobs-data to help users find roles catered to them.
- \bullet Developed pand as data-exploration pipeline for investigating Linked In user data.

Internships

Knight First Amendment Institute, NYC

September 2022 - Present

Algorithmic Amplification in Society [Advisor: Professor Arvind Narayaran]

KFAI works to protect digital freedoms through strategic litigation, research, and education.

 Work with Professor Arvind Narayaran to develop essays, videos, and interactives for explaining how algorithmic amplification can affect speech online. Hong Kong University for Science and Technology, Hong Kong

Research in Industrial Projects for Students (RIPS-HK) [Advisor: Dr. Avery Ching]

RIPS-HK is an REU with HKUST and an industrial sponsor.

- Developed protocol for robust, acoustic communication by underwater drones in noisy channels.
- Team lead for team of 3 other students.

Janelia Research Campus, HHMI, Ashburn, VA

Summer 2015

Scientific Computing Group [Advisors: Dr. Khaled Khairy and Dr. Sean Murphy]

Janelia Research Campus is a neuroscience and imaging research center.

• Decreased stitching time from 13.7 sec/image-pair to 1.8 sec/image-pair, using OpenCV and OpenMP on GPU cluster, on the Stitching Multi-Terrabyte ssTEM Image Data project.

Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel

Summer 2014

International Summer Science Institute (ISSI) [Advisor: Prof. Roee Ozeri]

ISSI is an international internship for natural sciences and math. I worked in the Trapped Ions Lab.

- Developed data visualization to study ultra-cold atoms in a laser-cooled Magneto-Optical Trap.
- 1. F. Boenisch, C Mühl, **R. Rinberg**, J. Ihrig, A. Dziedzic. Individualized PATE: Differentially Private Machine Learning with Individual Privacy Guarantees. Accepted to PoPETs 2023.
- 2. A. Tamaskar, R. Rinberg, S. Chakraborty, B. Mishra. Creolizing the Web. arXiv:2102.12382.

Pre-Prints

Papers

- 1. R. Rinberg and A. Nichani. Improvements and Analysis of Private Ensemble-Based Federated Learning. Pre-Print. 2021.
- 2. R. Rinberg, N. Agarwal. Privacy when Everyone is Watching: An SOK on Anonymity on the Blockchain. ePrint.

ARTICLES

- 1. **R. Rinberg**. Resources for Public-Interest Technology. Medium (self-published). 2020. Comprehensive list of resources for working in Public-Interest Technology. Link.
- 2. R. Rinberg. Jell-O Brains and DNA: High School Students Launch Innovative STEM Program. Scientific American. 2014.

Invited article in 'Budding Scientist' series describing work leading Project BEST. Link.

Teaching

NYU - General Physics I and II Tutor

September 2017 - May 2018

• Tutored physics courses on classical mechanics and electricity & magnetism.

Awards, Memberships, Conferences

Columbia Advanced Master's Research Specialization	2022-2023
Workshop on DP and Statistical Data Analysis (Toronto, ON)	Summer 2022
Differential Privacy Summer School (Boston, MA)	Summer 2022
Presidential Honors Scholar (NYU)	2015 - 2018
Dean's List (NYU)	2014 - 2018
Sigma Pi Sigma (Physics Honor Society) (NYU)	Inducted 2018
HPC for Undergraduates - Conference Scholarship for SC'17	Fall 2017
DURF & Research+ for Housing and Stipend (NYU)	Summer 2017

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Project BEST (Building Excitement for Science and Technology) CFO and Co-founder

2011 - 2014

Cro and co-lounder

Project BEST is a non-profit which develops after-school STEM programs for middle school students.

- Fundraised and grew organization to 25 chapters across 3 states, reaching 3000+ students.
- Led two full-day STEM programs for 100+ students, and co-led team of 20 volunteers.

Ouster Community Work

2018-2020

• Advocated management to institute paid volunteer-day and donate \$6k to 6 public-interest orgs.

Courses and Software Skils

Selected CS Coursework: Neural Networks, ML, Computational Learning Theory, Foundations of Blockchain, Security, Theory of Computation, Operating Systems, Computer Systems Organization Selected Math Coursework: Honors Algebra, Analysis, Probability, Linear Algebra, Statistics

Software and Programming Languages: Python, C, C++, Go, Linux, Pytorch, Tensorflow, Docker, AWS, Google Cloud Services, ROS, ELK Stack, Pandas, Jenkins, Artifactory, SQL, Webscraping, Opacus