# Roy Rinberg

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EDUCATION

# Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

2023 - Present

PhD. Computer Science. Advisors: Prof. Seth Neel and Prof. Salil Vadhan

Columbia University, New York, NY

2021 - 2023

MS in Computer Science [Thesis Track]. Advisors: Prof. Rachel Cummings and Prof. Steven Bellovin

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

# Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Aug. 2023 - Present

Trustworthy Machine Learning [Advisors: Prof. Seth Neel and Prof. Salil Vadhan]

- Research on foundations of machine learning and fundamentals of Differential Privacy (DP).
- Research on Machine Unlearning.

# Columbia University, New York, NY

Aug. 2021 - Aug. 2023

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

- Extensions of Gaussian & Laplace DP primitives, and their application to ML. In Submission.
- Research on Catered PATE PATE in the presence of heterogenous data (<u>link</u>). On-going.
- Research on how ML algorithms memorize training data.

# Vector Institute, Toronto, ON

May 2022 - Sep. 2022

# Privacy in Machine Learning

[Advisor: Prof. Nicolas Papernot]

- Research on Individualization of PATE (accepted to <u>PoPETs 2023</u>) and individualization of DP-SGD (accepted to Neurips 2024).
- Research on reducing distributional and user-preference-level assumptions in private ML.

### New York University, New York, NY

Feb. 2017 - May 2018

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

• Studied the development of echo chambers within social networks using TDA to study distances between Word2Vec models trained on Reddit text. Preprint on arXiv.

SELECTED WORK Experience

# Shelton AI, New York, NY Lead Software Engineer

JAN. 2022 - JUN. 2022

- Shelton AI leverages machine learning to help pension funds manage investments in private equity.
  - Worked with CEO to develop fintech product to manage 10s of millions of dollars.
  - Developed core AWS infrastructure for NLP document processing pipeline.

# Ouster, San Francisco, CA

Jun. 2018 - Jul. 2021

# Software Engineer

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 Software Engineer

May 2020 - Aug. 2020

Software Engineer

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

• Developed web-scraping data-exploration pipeline of jobs-data to help users find relevant roles.

# Knight First Amendment Institute, New York, NY SEPT. 2022 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.

#### Papers

- 1. F. Boenisch, C Mühl, A. Dziedzic, R. Rinberg, N. Papernot. Have it your way: Individualized Privacy Assignment for DP-SGD. Accepted to Neurips 2023.
- 2. F. Boenisch, C Mühl, R. Rinberg, J. Ihrig, A. Dziedzic. Individualized PATE: Differentially Private Machine Learning with Individual Privacy Guarantees. Accepted to PoPETs 2023.
- 3. A. Tamaskar, R. Rinberg, S. Chakraborty, B. Mishra. Creolizing the Web. arXiv:2102.12382.

#### Pre-Prints

- 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

SEP. 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

# Technically Private Organizer and Founder

2021 - Present

Technically Private is a group of graduate students that work in privacy and security spaces

• Organize group of inter-university graduate students in the privacy and security spaces, across legal, policy, and technical domains.

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

2011 - 2014

- 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, Cryptography, ML, Computational Learning Theory, Foundations of Blockchain, Security, Theory of Computation, Operating Systems, Computer Systems Organization

Selected Interdisciplinary Coursework: Anonymity and Privacy, Policy for Privacy Technology 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