# Roy Rinberg

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EDUCATION

Columbia University, New York, NY

2021 - Present

M.S. Computer Science; Thesis Track: Advised by 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

#### 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 and trust assumptions in centralized and 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.

#### University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario Privacy in Machine Learning

May 2022 - September 2022

[Advisor: Prof. Nicolas Papernot]

- Research on Individualization of PATE. Paper accepted to PoPETs 2023. Arxiv link.
- Research on Individualization of DP-SGD. On-going.
- Research on Catered PATE PATE in the presence of heterogenous data (<u>link</u>). On-going.

#### 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 pipeline to study the evolution of clusters of users in social networks over time, using topological data analysis to study distances between Word2Vec models trained on text.
- Scraped Reddit to supplement a dataset of Reddit text from multiple years ( $\sim$ 1TB).
- Helped with mathematical proofs and ran simulations. 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.

## Ouster, San Francisco, CA

June 2018 - July 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

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.
- Developed pandas data-exploration pipeline for investigating LinkedIn 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 **Summer 2016** 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

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, Jax