

Curriculum Vitae: Andreas Zeller

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ACM Fellow · Four 10-year Most Influential Paper awards · 16,500+ citations · h-index ≥ 60

Education

1997 Ph.D. in Computer Science, TU Braunschweig (summa cum laude)

1991 Diploma in Computer Science, TU Darmstadt (passed with distinction)

Positions

2019–present Faculty, CISPA Helmholtz Center for Information Security, Germany

2003–present Full Professor, Computer Science, Saarland University, Germany

2001–2003 Associate Professor (C3), Computer Science, Saarland University, Germany

1999–2001 Post-Doc Researcher (C1), Computer Science, Passau University, Germany

1997–1999 Post-Doc Researcher (C1), Computer Science, TU Braunschweig, Germany

1991–1997 Scientific Assistant, Computer Science, TU Braunschweig, Germany

Guest researcher/lecturer at Microsoft Research, Redmond, USA (2011, 2009, 2005); ETH Zürich, Switzerland (2007); and University of Washington, USA (2005).

Career-Long Contribution Awards

2018 **ACM SIGSOFT Outstanding Research Award** (The highest research award by ACM SIGSOFT, the ACM special interest group on software engineering)

2010 **ACM Fellow** (ACM’s most prestigious member grade recognizing the top 1% of ACM members for their outstanding accomplishments) as the youngest European researcher ever, for “contributions to automated debugging and mining software archives”, two fields I helped to shape.

Impact Awards

2017 **MSR 10-Year Most Influential Paper Award** (the single MSR 2007 paper with the biggest impact) for “How Long Will It Take to Fix This Bug?” (with Cathrin Weiß, Rahul Premraj, and Thomas Zimmermann)

2015 **MSR 10-Year Most Influential Paper Award** (the single MSR 2005 paper with the biggest impact) for “When do Changes induce Fixes?” (with Jacek Śliwerski and Thomas Zimmermann)

2015 **ICSE 10-Year Most Influential Paper Award, Official Runner-Up** (one of two ICSE 2005 papers with the second biggest 10-year impact) for “Locating Causes of Program Failures” isolating cause-effect chains in failing programs (with Holger Cleve).

2014 **ICSE 10-Year Most Influential Paper Award** (the single ICSE 2004 paper with the biggest 10-year impact) for “Mining Software Histories to Guide Software Changes” introducing mining software repositories (with Thomas Zimmermann, Peter Weißgerber, and Stephan Diehl).

2009 **ACM SIGSOFT 10-Year Impact Award** (the single 1999 software engineering paper with the biggest 10-year impact) for “Yesterday, my program worked. Today, it does not. Why?” introducing delta debugging (single author).

Significant Grants

2011 **ERC Advanced Grant** (Europe's highest funding for individual researchers) of 2.2 Million EUR for "Specification Mining and Testing (SPECMATE)"

2011 **Google Focused Research Award** (750.000 US\$) for "Test Amplification"

Supervision of Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Fellows

2001–present 12 Ph.D.s completed, 2 Ph.D.s to complete in 2020, 9 Ph.D.s currently supervised
9 Post-Docs completed, 2 Post-Docs currently associated, all at CISPA and Saarland University

Teaching Activities

1997–present Courses on Software Engineering, Introduction to Programming, Program Analysis, Software Testing, Security Testing
2019 Textbook "Generating Software Tests" (with Gopinath, Böhme, Fraser, Holler)
2012 Udacity Online Course CM259 "Software Debugging" (commissioned by Udacity)
2005 Textbook "Why Programs Fail", Morgan Kaufmann Editors

Organization of Scientific Meetings

2022 **Program Chair** Intl. Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE 2022; co-chaired with Daniela Damian)
2020 **Program Chair** IEEE International Conference on Software Testing and Verification (ICST 2020; co-chaired with Corina Pasareanu)
2016 **General Chair** IEEE European Symposium on Security and Privacy (EuroS&P 2016)
2016 **General Chair** Intl. Symposium on Software Testing and Analysis (ISSTA 2016)
2013 **Program Chair** Intl. Conference on Automated Software Engineering (ASE 2013) (co-chaired with Tefvik Bultan)
2011 **Program Chair** European Conference on Software Engineering / ACM SIGSOFT Foundations of Software Engineering (ESEC/FSE 2011)
2008 **Program Chair** Intl. Symposium on Software Testing and Analysis (ISSTA 2008)
Co-Organizer of four Dagstuhl Seminars in the past ten years (2010, 2011, 2015, 2017).

Institutional Responsibilities

2016–2018 Elected member, Saarland University Senate.
2008–2018 Scientific Vice-Coordinator, Saarbrücken Graduate School for Computer Science.
2001–2018 Head of the Software Engineering Chair at Saarland University.
Position offers from Mannheim, Hannover, Zürich, and Karlsruhe.
2001–present Faculty member, Department of Computer Science, Saarland University.
2005–2007 Vice Dean and Speaker of Computer Science Department.

Commissions of Trust

2016–2018 Research Highlights Editorial Board, Communications of the ACM
2016–present Editorial Board, Journal of Software Testing, Verification and Reliability
2013–2017 Editorial Board, IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering (TSE)
2011–present National DFG Proposal Review Panel for Computer Science, Elected Member
2008–present Steering Committee, Int. Symposium on Software Testing and Analysis (ISSTA)
2009–2017 Editorial Board, Springer Journal on Empirical Software Engineering (ESEM)
2011–2016 Steering Committee, European Software Engineering Conference (ESEC)

Ten-Year Track Record: Andreas Zeller

Ten Representative Publications

- [1] Zimmermann, T, Weißgerber, P., Diehl, S., Zeller, A. 2005. “[Mining Version Histories to Guide Software Changes.](#)” [IEEE TSE 31\(8\)](#), pp. 429–445. Invited paper; conference version at ICSE 2004. **1392 citations.**¹ **ICSE 2014 10-year Most Influential Paper Award.**
- [2] Zeller, A. and Hildebrandt, R. 2002. “[Simplifying and Isolating Failure-Inducing Input](#)” [IEEE TSE 28\(2\)](#), pp. 183–200. Conference version at ISSTA 2001. **973 citations.**
- [3] Nagappan, N., Ball, T., and Zeller, A. 2006. “[Mining Metrics to Predict Component Failures](#)” [Proc. ICSE 2006](#), pp. 452–461. **835 citations.**
- [4] Cleve, H. and Zeller, A. 2005. “[Locating Causes of Program Failures.](#)” [Proc. ICSE 2005](#), pp. 342–351. **700 citations.** **Official Runner-Up, ICSE 2015 10-year Most Influential Paper Award.**
- [5] Neuhaus, S., Zimmermann, T., Holler, C., and Zeller, A. 2007. “[Predicting Vulnerable Software Components](#)” [Proc. CCS 2007](#), pp. 529–540. **326 citations.**
- [6] Dallmeier, V., Knopp, N., Mallon, C., Fraser, G., Hack, S., and Zeller, A. 2012. “[Automatically Generating Test Cases for Specification Mining](#)” [IEEE TSE 38\(2\)](#), pp. 243–257. Invited paper; conference version at ISSTA 2010. **219 citations.**
- [7] Gross, F., Fraser, G., and Zeller, A. 2012. “[Search-Based System Testing: High Coverage, no False Alarms](#)” [Proc. ISSTA 2012](#), pp. 67–77. **115 citations.**
- [8] Holler, C., Herzig, K., and Zeller, A. 2012. “[Fuzzing with Code Fragments](#)” [Proc. USENIX Security 2012](#), pp. 38–48. **192 citations.**
- [9] Gorla, A., Tavecchia, I., Gross, F., and Zeller, A. 2014. “[Checking App Behavior against App Descriptions](#)” [Proc. ICSE 2014](#), pp. 1025–1035. **342 citations.**
- [10] Fraser, G. and Zeller, A. 2011. “[Mutation-driven generation of unit tests and oracles](#)” [IEEE TSE 38\(2\)](#), pp. 278–292. Conference version at ISSTA 2011. **433 citations.**

Research Monographs, Chapters in Collective Volumes

- [11] Zeller, A. 2007. “Beautiful Debugging.” In: Oram, Wilson (Eds.), *Beautiful Code: Leading Programmers Explain How They Think*, Chapter 28.
- [12] Zeller, A. 2009. *Why programs fail: A guide to systematic debugging.* [Morgan Kaufmann Publishers](#) (Second edition, 2009). **518 citations.** Translations: Russian, Chinese, Japanese.
- [13] Zeller, A. and Schuler, D. 2009. “Seeding Bugs to Find Bugs: Beautiful Mutation Testing” In: Riley, Goucher (Eds.), *Beautiful Testing: Leading Professionals Reveal How They Improve Software*, Chapter 18.
- [14] Herzig, K. and Zeller, A. 2010. “Mining Your Own Evidence” In: Oram, Wilson (Eds.), *Making Software: What Really Works, and Why We Believe It*, Chapter 27.
- [15] Kuznetsov, K., Gorla, A., Tavecchia, I., Gross, F., and Zeller, A. 2015. “[Mining Android Apps for Anomalies](#)” [In: Menzies, Bird, Zimmermann \(eds.\), The Art and Science of Analyzing Software Data.](#)

Patents

- Zeller, A., and Jamrozik, K., 2016. “Mining Sandboxes.” European Patent [WO 2016/131830 A1](#) [🔗](#).
- Nagappan, N., Zimmermann, T., Murphy, B., and Zeller, A., 2016. “Predicting Defects in Code”, US Patent 9378015.

¹Citation numbers according to Google Scholar, retrieved 2020-03-01. Citations of journal papers include citations of earlier conference version.

Invited Presentations


Invited presentations at peer-reviewed, international conferences — Facebook TAV (2019) · ICSE (2018) · RV (2017) · MSR (2017) · ICST (2017) · ICPC (2015) · ICSE (2014) · ICMT (2013) · SPIN (2012) · SSBSE (2011) · NASA Formal Methods Symposium (2011) · SCAM (2010)

International advanced schools — Halmstad Summer School on Software Testing, Halmstad, Sweden (2017) · Summer School on Applied Software Engineering, Bolzano, Italy (2010)


Organization of International Conferences

- **ACM/IEEE International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE)** — *Program Co-Chair* (2022)
- **IEEE International Conference on Software Testing and Verification (ICST)** — *Program Co-Chair* (2020)
- **European Symposium on Security and Privacy (EuroS&P)** — *General Chair* (2016)
- **ACM International Conference on Software Testing and Analysis (ISSTA)** — *General Chair* (2016) · *Steering Committee Chair* (2016–2017) · PC Member (2020, 2018, 2013, 2011, 2010)
- **ACM/IEEE International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE)** — *Program Board Member* (2018, 2016) · *Doctoral Symposium Chair* (2012) · *Tutorial Chair* (2011) · *Emerging Faculty Symposium Chair* (2010) · PC Member (2017, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2011, 2010)
- **IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering (ASE)** — *Program Co-Chair* (2013) · *Doctoral Symposium Chair* (2012) · PC Member (2017, 2014, 2012)
- **European Software Engineering Conference / ACM SIGSOFT Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering (ESEC/FSE)** — *Program Chair* (2011) · *Doctoral Symposium Chair* (2017) · PC Member (2017, 2015, 2013) · ESEC Steering Committee Member (2009–2016)
- **Dagstuhl Seminars** — *Co-Organizer* (“Testing and Verification of Compilers”, 2017; “Artifact Evaluation for Publications”, 2015; “Self-Healing Programs”, 2011; “New Frontiers for Empirical Software Engineering”, 2010; “Mining Programs and Processes”, 2007)

Major Contributions to the Early Careers of Excellent Researchers

Thomas Zimmermann  (Microsoft Research; associate professor at University of Calgary) did his Master thesis (2001) and Ph.D. thesis (2006) with me, shaping and pioneering the new research field of Mining Software Repositories. With an h-index of 62 fourteen years after his Ph.D. and elected president of SIGSOFT, Thomas is now one of today’s most influential Software Engineering researchers.

Examples of Leadership in Industrial Innovation or Design

Testfabrik AG , founded in 2011, applies test generation techniques to automatically determine cross-browser issues and regression errors in Web applications. After attracting more than 1 million € in startup funding and awards as co-founder, I currently serve as chair of the supervisory board.