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Education

Undergraduate – Cornell University **Aug 2021 – May 2025**
B.A. Mathematics, B.A. Computer Science cum laude

Relevant Courses: Analysis of Algorithms (Graduate Level), Randomized Algorithms, Lattices (Graduate Level), Probability, Cryptography, Honors Linear Algebra, Honors Analysis, Honors Algebra, Honors Object Oriented Design

Graduate – Cornell University **Aug 2025 – May 2027**
M.S. Computer Science – one of seven students in a funded, two-year research program (ongoing)

Relevant Courses: Applied Stochastic Processes

Research

Oblivious Reconfigurable Networks **Fall 2024 – Present**
Cornell University *Ithaca, New York*
- Conducted research on datacenter routing schemes with **Professor Robert Kleinberg**, using group theoretic constructions of graphs to design network topology oblivious to traffic
- Modeled how network traffic would behave under various routing schemes in **Python**
- Research resulted in a paper in submission to **SODA 2026**

Energy Markets **Fall 2025 – Present**
Cornell University *Ithaca, New York*
- Studying methods of selecting energy grid projects to research with the aim of creating a more fair system for developers to have their projects approved

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Projects

See GitHub Portfolio for source code and descriptions
- **ml_kit** — A pure-Rust machine learning library implemented from scratch for a school project, earning an A+
- **MatrixKit & matrix_kit** — Abstract linear algebra libraries (written in pure Swift and Rust, respectively)
- **rusty_crypto** — Implementations of LWE, Speck, Shamir Secret Sharing, SHA-512 in pure Rust
- **hemlock_lib** — Application for secure and redundant cloud storage, written in Rust and C
- **BigNumber** — Arbitrary precision arithmetic in Swift

Work Experience

Head TA for Honors Object Oriented Design and Data Structures **Fall 2025**
Cornell University *Ithaca, New York*
- Designs and grades large Java projects for students to complete
- Leads weekly discussions and recitations on key software development principles
- Course emphasizes developing students' proficiency in developing large-scale projects

Lead TA for Intro Analysis of Algorithms **Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Spring 2025**
Cornell University *Ithaca, New York*
- Created rubrics, helped with homework design, and assigned grading groups
- Held weekend recitations and review sessions on topics like dynamic programming, NP completeness, and more

Flight Software Engineer **Summers 2018 – 2021**
Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory *Laurel, Maryland*
- Assisted development of embedded, real time avionics control software on a flight single board computer for the Dragonfly mission mobility project **using C and C++**
- Developed and tested flight software code for autonomous glide body and quad-copter to fly on Saturn's Moon, Titan
- Conducted research on Intel's Digital Random Number generator to verify Intel's claims of randomness and cryptographic security

Cornell Outdoor Education Instructor **Fall 2022 – Present**
Cornell University *Ithaca, New York*
- Guided 8-day backpacking and rock climbing trips for incoming freshmen to help their transition to college
- Led one-week rock climbing expedition in Red Rocks, Nevada (Cornell PE 1645)
- Taught students how to climb Giant Sequoia trees and assisted with forestry research (Cornell PE 1659)
- Teaches caving and rock climbing classes to students of all levels

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Talks

Oblivious Reconfigurable Networks **— University of Michigan CS Theory Group** **13 December 2024**