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HEATHER MILLER

Research Interests Programming language and library design; language support for concurrency and distribution; type systems; reactive programming

Education

EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland Ph.D. in Computer Science Advisor: Martin Odersky

2011 -

2009 -

University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL

2006 - 2009

BSEE in Electrical Engineering, Audio Engineering, with honors, May 2009

Publications

Functional Programming For All! Scaling a MOOC for Students and Professionals Alike

ICSE 2014

Heather Miller, Philipp Haller, Lukas Rytz, Martin Odersky ACM SIGSOFT International Conference on Software Engineering

RAY: Integrating Rx and Async for Direct-Style Reactive Streams

REM 2013

Philipp Haller, Heather Miller

Workshop on Reactivity, Events and Modularity

Instant Pickles: Generating Object-Oriented Pickler Combinators for Fast

OOPSLA 2013

and Extensible Serialization

Heather Miller, Philipp Haller, Eugene Burmako, Martin Odersky ACM SIGPLAN Conference on Object Oriented Programming, Systems,

Languages and Applications

FlowPools: A Lock-Free Deterministic Concurrent Dataflow Abstraction

LCPC 2012

Aleksandar Prokopec, Heather Miller, Tobias Schlatter, Philipp Haller, Martin Odersky International Workshop on Languages and Compilers for Parallel Computing

Tools and Frameworks for Big Learning in Scala: Leveraging the Language for High Productivity and Performance

BigLearn 2011

Heather Miller, Philipp Haller, Martin Odersky

NIPS Workshop on Parallel and Large-Scale Machine Learning

Parallelizing Machine Learning - Functionally: A Framework and Abstractions

Scala 2011

for Parallel Graph Processing Philipp Haller, Heather Miller

Scala Workshop

Academic Service

Committees: Scala 2014 (co-chair), Scala 2013 (co-chair)

Reviewer for: ECOOP 2013, Scala 2013

Selected Broader Service

EPFL Computer Science Faculty Council, PhD Student Representative

Members include the dean of the college as well as representatives from every branch of the college, administrative, PhD, faculty, etc Quarterly meetings to steer the college and introduce new

initiatives.

2012 -

2009 - 2011

	EPFL CS Graduate Student Association, President	2009 – 2011
	Volunteer student organization with a mission to foster a sense of community and collaboration between different research groups in the college. Initiatives led/introduced:	
	• Research Day: college-wide showcase of labs' research activities	
	• PhD Student Open House: main recruiting event for CS doctoral program	
	Social Events: aperós, ski trips, outings	
	EPFL CS Graduate Student Mentor One-on-one mentoring of incoming doctoral students, aided students in integrating into EPFL's research environment and Switzerland as a whole.	2010 - 2012
Teaching Experience	Lead Teaching Assistant , Functional Programming Principles in Scala Popular Coursera MOOC on functional programming in Scala, with >100,000 participants to date	2012 - 2014
	 Lead TA organizing a team of graduate students, editing lecture videos, managing content production, designed course exercises with cloud-hosted grading, etc 	
	 Created extensive course evaluations with interactive visualizations; led to a publication at ICSE'14 	
	Instructor, Scala as a Research Tool ECOOP Tutorial	2013
	Lead Teaching Assistant , <i>Programming Principles</i> EPFL Undergraduate course on functional and logic programming	2012
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Open Source	Scala Programming Language, member of the Scala team	2011 -
	 Scala Spores (Scala Improvement Proposal SIP-21), project lead novel type-based abstraction for using closures safely in concurrent and distributed settings 	
	 Scala Pickling, project lead novel framework for fast, boilerplate-free, extensible serialization 	
	 Scala Futures and Promises (Scala Improvement Proposal SIP-14), team member unified non-blocking concurrency substrate for Scala, Akka, Play, and others 	
	 Scala Documentation, creator, writer, lead maintainer a central website for community-driven documentation for the Scala programming language and core libraries 	
	• Scaladoc, co-maintainer documentation tool for Scala's official API documentation	
Awards	US National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship EPFL Outstanding Teaching Award	2011 - 2014 2012
	EPFL Computer Science Fellowship	2009 - 2010
	Most Outstanding Audio Engineering Student, University of Miami Most Outstanding Eta Kappa Nu Student, University of Miami	2009 2009
	Information Technology Scholarship, University of Miami	2009 – 2009
	John Farina Family Scholarship, University of Miami	2006 - 2009
	Eta Kappa Nu	2008
	Tau Beta Pi	2008
	SMART US Department of Defense Scholarship Alternate Cooper Union Full Tuition Scholarship	2007
		2004 – 2006

EPFL CS Graduate Student Association, President

PhillyETE 2013 (invited)

Selected Talks	Academese to English: Scala's Type System, Dependent Types and What It Means To You New York, NY, USA. March 1, 2014	NEScala 2014
	Instant Pickles: Generating Object-Oriented Pickler Combinators for Fast and Extensible Serialization Indianapolis, IN, USA. October 30, 2013	OOPSLA 2013
	PL Abstractions for Distributed Programming: Pickle Your Spores! Bloomington, IN, USA. October 25, 2013	Indiana University (invited)
	Spores: Distributable Functions in Scala St. Louis, MO, USA. September 19, 2013	Strange Loop 2013
	Open Issues in Dataflow Programming Montpellier, France. July 1, 2013	LaME 2013 (invited)
	Scala as a Research Tool Montpellier, France. July 1, 2013	ECOOP 2013 Tutorial
	On Pickles & Spores: Improving Scala's Support for Distributed Programming New York, NY, USA. June 12, 2013	ScalaDays 2013

Futures & Promises in Scala 2.10 Philadelphia, PA, USA. April 2, 2013