

# Alaia Solko-Breslin

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## EDUCATION

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### University of Pennsylvania

Fall 2022 - Present

Ph.D. in Computer and Information Science

Advisors: [Rajeev Alur](#) and [Mayur Naik](#)

Selected Coursework: Software Foundations, ML, Computer-Aided Verification

### Cornell University

Fall 2021 - Spring 2022

M.Eng. in Computer Science

Selected Coursework: Program Synthesis, Advanced Compilers, Lattices, Runtime Verification

### Cornell University

Fall 2018 - Spring 2021

B.S. in Computer Science

Minor in Applied Mathematics

Selected Coursework: Compilers, Advanced Programming Languages, Formal Verification, ML

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### L\* + Blanks (L<sub>□</sub><sup>\*</sup>)

Fall 2020 - Spring 2022

*Cornell University*

- Contributed to the development of an algorithm, inspired by the Maler-Pnueli version of L<sup>\*</sup>, that learns finite automata from a set of example strings.
- Implemented a library for common operations over automata in OCaml.
- Contributed to the main implementation of the L<sub>□</sub><sup>\*</sup> blanks algorithm.

### Petr4

Spring 2020 - Summer 2020

*Cornell University*

- Developed a framework in OCaml for testing the semantics of our interpreter for the P4 language.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Conference Publications

- *Automata Learning with an Incomplete Teacher* [[paper](#)] ECOOP 2023  
Mark Moeller, Thomas Wiener, **Alaia Solko-Breslin**, Caleb Koch, Nate Foster, Alexandra Silva.
- *Petr4: Formal Foundations for P4 Data Planes* [[paper](#)] POPL 2021  
Ryan Doenges, Mina Tahmasbi Arashloo, Santiago Bautista, Alexander Chang, Newton Ni, Samwise Parkinson, Rudy Peterson, **Alaia Solko-Breslin**, Amanda Xu, Nate Foster.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### Amazon Web Services

Summer 2021

*Software Development Engineer Intern*

- Implemented an API that performs a deep health check of our authentication service.
- Implemented canaries that would continuously make requests to this health check and our service and report metrics.

## Amazon Web Services

Summer 2020

*Software Development Engineer Intern*

- Designed and implemented an API that allows test fleets to obtain the posture that is necessary for them to reach services in Native AWS.

## TEACHING

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### University of Pennsylvania

*Teaching Assistant*

- CIS 5000: Software Foundations Fall 2023  
Instructor: [Benjamin Pierce](#)  
Lectures taught: “Induction and data structures” September 2023

### Cornell University

*Teaching Assistant*

- CS 4160/5160: Formal Verification Spring 2022  
Instructor: [Michael Clarkson](#)
- CS 3110: Data Structures and Functional Programming Fall 2021  
Instructor: [Michael Clarkson](#)
- CS 4820: Introduction to Analysis of Algorithms Spring 2021  
Instructor: [Robert Kleinberg](#)
- CS 4820: Introduction to Analysis of Algorithms Fall 2020  
Instructor: [Dexter Kozen](#)
- CS 3110: Data Structures and Functional Programming Spring 2020  
Instructor: [Nate Foster](#)
- CS 3110: Data Structures and Functional Programming Fall 2019  
Instructor: [Michael Clarkson](#)

## SERVICE

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### CIS TGIF Event Coordinator

June 2023-Present

Organize weekly social dinners for CIS Ph.D. students, postdocs, and faculty.

### CIS Office Committee Member

May 2023-Present

Coordinate office assignments for CIS Ph.D. students and postdocs.

### PLDI Student Volunteer

June 2023

Assisted with conference sessions to address technical difficulties and keep talks running on schedule.

## AWARDS

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### Summer School on Formal Techniques Funding

2023

Received funding to travel to and attend the SSFT summer school.

### Programming Languages Mentoring Workshop at PLDI Funding

2022

Received funding to travel to and attend PLMW at PLDI.

### John Grist Brainerd Doctoral Fellowship (UPenn)

2022

Donor-named fellowships like these provide a one-time \$3,000 award. This honor and award is in recognition of outstanding academic accomplishments and research potential.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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### Programming Languages Tools

Python, Java, OCaml, Rust, Coq, Ruby, Racket, C  
Pytorch, Git, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X