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EDUCATION

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

$L^* + \text{Blanks } (L^*_\square)$

Fall 2020 - Spring 2022

Cornell University

- Contributed to the development of an algorithm, inspired by the Maler-Pnueli version of L^* , 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^*_\square 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

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

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

University of Pennsylvania

Teaching Assistant

- CIS 5000: Software Foundations Fall 2023
Instructor: [Benjamin Pierce](#)

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

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

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

Programming Languages Tools

Python, Java, OCaml, Rust, Coq, Ruby, Racket, C
Pytorch, Git, L^AT_EX