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## RESEARCH OVERVIEW

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*My research spans across computer architecture, systems, and machine learning to co-design solutions across the computing stack. Generally, I am interested in discovering and demonstrating new ways to design systems and hardware to improve the performance, efficiency, and environmental sustainability of emerging applications.*

**Computer Architecture:** I investigate novel ways to design application-specific hardware. At the data center-scale, my work designs hardware for recommendation engines. Given the dearth of prior research in the hardware implications of neural recommendation, I conducted the first **system and hardware-level workload characterization** of production-scale recommendation engines. Based on this analysis, I design **specialized accelerators** and **memory systems** for neural recommendation.

**Systems for Machine Learning:** In addition to hardware-level optimizations, I co-design systems and machine learning models for efficient AI at-scale. This includes designing **run-time schedulers**, **provisioning hardware resources** to maximize efficiency, and implementing hardware-aware neural networks.

**Sustainable Computing:** Going beyond performance and efficiency, I design systems to enable sustainable computing. This includes quantifying the carbon footprint of computing across **hardware life cycles**, building **tools for architectural carbon accounting**, and investigating **hardware/software methods for sustainable AI and 24/7 carbon-free data centers**.

My research has been published in top-tier systems and architecture conferences including ISCA, MICRO, HPCA, and ASPLOS. My work has also been recognized with an IEEE MICRO Top Picks and IEEE MICRO Top Picks honorable mention, as well as best paper award nominations at the PACT and DAC conferences.

## EDUCATION

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**Harvard University, Ph.D.**

Computer Science

Advisors: Professor David Brooks and Professor Gu-Yeon Wei

*Dissertation: Designing specialized systems for efficient and sustainable personalized recommendation*

Cambridge, MA

2016-May 2022

**Cornell University, B.S.**

Electrical & Computer Engineering, Computer Science

GPA: 4.0, *summa cum laude*

Advisor: Professor Zhiru Zhang

*Undergraduate research: Using C-to-gates EDA tools like high-level synthesis to build hardware accelerators*

Ithaca, NY

2012-2016

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- IEEE MICRO Top Picks 2022  
*Top 12 across all papers published at computer architecture venues in 2021 recognized.*
- IEEE MICRO Top Picks Honorable Mention 2021  
*Top 24 across all papers published at computer architecture venues in 2020 recognized.*
- Best Paper Nominee at Parallel Architectures and Compilation Techniques (PACT) 2019  
*Top 4 of 38 papers at PACT conference.*

- Best Paper Nominee at Design Automation Conference (DAC) 2018  
*Top 16 of 178 papers presented at DAC nominated.*
- Harvard Smith Family Fellowship 2017-2018  
*Awarded fellowship for 1 year of tuition and stipend (\$80K), plus additional \$5K of research funds.*
- National Science Foundation (NSF) GRFP Honorable Mention 2016
- Richard A. Newton Young Fellows Scholarship at DAC 2015 2015  
*Fellowship for early career researchers to attend DAC. Award included complementary registration and travel funds.*
- Cornell Eta Kappa Nu (HKN) - Electrical Engineering Honor Society 2013 - 2016
- Cornell ECE Early Research Career Scholarship 2013  
*Scholarship to conduct undergraduate summer research with computer systems lab. Award included \$4000 stipend.*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Cornell Tech** New York City NY  
Assistant Professor, Electrical and Computer Engineering Summer 2023-

**Facebook AI Research (FAIR)** Menlo Park, CA  
Visiting Research Scientist October 2018-Present

*Advisors: Dr. Carole-Jean Wu and Dr. Hsien-Hsin S. Lee*

- Leading the investigation of AI's carbon footprint based on emissions across hardware life cycles. Efforts are a collaboration between researchers and product teams in AI, data center infrastructure, and sustainability.
- Designed run-time schedulers to optimize recommendation inference across diverse models and heterogeneous hardware. Optimizations reduced tail-latency by 40% in production use cases (published at ISCA 2020).
- Led the first characterization of Facebook's production recommendation models, outlining paths for future AI hardware design and academic research into systems for recommendation (published at HPCA 2020).

**Algo-Logic Systems** Santa Clara, CA  
Hardware Design and Verification Engineering Intern Summer 2015

- Designed and implemented OpenCL software kernels for financial data parsers on FPGAs.

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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### **ACT: Designing Sustainable Computer Systems With An Architectural Carbon Modeling Tool**

**Udit Gupta**, Mariam Elgamal, Gage Hills, Gu-Yeon Wei, Hsien-Hsin S. Lee, David Brooks, Carole-Jean Wu  
The 49th IEEE/ACM International Symposium on Computer Architecture (ISCA 2022).  
*An architectural carbon modeling tool to quantify the carbon footprint from hardware manufacturing.*

### **A Holistic Approach for Designing Carbon Aware Datacenters**

Bilge Acun, Benjamin Lee, Kiwan Maeng, Manoj Chakkaravarthy, **Udit Gupta**, David Brooks, Carole-Jean Wu  
Under submission (available on [arXiv](https://arxiv.org/abs/2308.10000)).  
*A tool to balance 24/7 renewable energy, energy storage, and workload shifting to optimize operational and embodied carbon.*

### **Sustainable AI: Environmental Implications, Challenges and Opportunities**

Carole-Jean Wu, Ramya Raghavendra, **Udit Gupta**, Bilge Acun, Newsha Ardalani, Kiwan Maeng, Gloria Chang, Fiona Aga Behram, James Huang, Charles Bai, Michael Gschwind, Anurag Gupta, Myle Ott, Anastasia Melnikov, Salvatore Candido, David Brooks, Geeta Chauhan, Benjamin Lee, Hsien-Hsin S Lee, Bugra Akyildiz, Maximilian Balandat, Joe Spisak, Ravi Jain, Mike Rabbat, Kim Hazelwood

To appear in Machine Learning and Systems (MLSys 2022, available on [arXiv](#)).

*An industry perspective on quantifying and understanding the environmental implications of AI at-scale.*

### **Hercules: Heterogeneity-Aware Inference Serving for At-scale Personalized Recommendation**

Liu Ke, Udit Gupta, Mark Hempstead, Carole-Jean Wu, Hsien-Hsin Sean Lee, Xuan Zhang

IEEE International Symposium on High-Performance Computer Architecture (HPCA 2022).

*Optimizing recommendation model scheduling and placement across heterogeneous commodity and specialized hardware.*

### **RecPipe: Co-designing Models & Hardware to Jointly Optimize Recommendation Quality & Performance**

Udit Gupta, Samuel Hsia, Jeff Zhang, Mark Wilkening, Javin Pombra, Hsien-Hsin S. Lee, Gu-Yeon Wei, Carole-Jean Wu, David Brooks

IEEE/ACM International Symposium on Microarchitecture (MICRO 2021).

*A system to optimize multi-stage recommendation pipelines using specialized accelerators.*

**Artifact Badges: Available, Functional, and Reproducible**

Code available on [GitHub](#)

### **RecSSD: Near Data Processing for Solid State Drive Based Recommendation Inference**

Mark Wilkening, Udit Gupta, Samuel Hsia, Caroline Trippel, Carole-Jean Wu, David Brooks, Gu-Yeon Wei

Int. Conference on Architectural Support for Programming Languages and Operating Systems (ASPLOS 2021)

*Optimizing inference latency with near data processing on SSD's for large-scale recommendation models.*

**Artifact Badges: Available**

### **Chasing Carbon: The Elusive Environmental Footprint of Computing**

Udit Gupta, Young Geun Kim, Sylvia Lee, Jordan Tse, Hsien-Hsin S. Lee, Gu-Yeon Wei, David Brooks, Carole-Jean Wu

IEEE International Symposium on High-Performance Computer Architecture (HPCA 2021)

*Characterizes the carbon footprint of mobile and data center-scale systems across hardware life cycles including manufacturing and operational use.*

**IEEE MICRO Top Picks 2021**

Featured by: [Harvard Gazette](#), [Tech at Facebook](#), [Bloomberg Green](#), [The Guardian](#) [CNBC](#)

### **Cross-Stack Workload Characterization of Deep Recommendation Systems**

Samuel Hsia, Udit Gupta, Mark Wilkening, Carole-Jean Wu, Gu-Yeon Wei, David Brooks

IEEE International Symposium on Workload Characterization (IISWC 2020)

*Characterizes recommendation workloads using Intel TopDown performance analysis method.*

### **DeepRecSys: A System for Optimizing End-To-End At-scale Neural Recommendation Inference**

Udit Gupta, Samuel Hsia, Vikram Saraph, Xiaodong Wang, Brandon Reagen, Gu-Yeon Wei, Hsien-Hsin S. Lee, David Brooks, Carole-Jean Wu

The 47th IEEE/ACM International Symposium on Computer Architecture (ISCA 2020).

*A system to optimize latency-bounded throughput of recommendation engines across varying loads, network architecture, and heterogeneous hardware.*

Code available on [GitHub](#).

**Load generation characteristics merged with standardized MLPerf inference benchmark.**

**Scheduling optimizations reduced tail-latency by 40% in Facebook's production recommendation use cases.**

### **RecNMP: Accelerating Personalized Recommendation with Near-Memory Processing**

Liu Ke, Udit Gupta, Carole-Jean Wu, Benjamin Youngjae Cho, Mark Hempstead, Brandon Reagen, Xuan Zhang, David Brooks, Vikas Chandra, Utku Diril, Amin Firoozshahian, Kim Hazelwood, Bill Jia, Hsien-Hsin S. Lee, Meng Li, Bert Maher, Dheevatsa Mudigere, Maxim Naumov, Martin Schatz, Mikhail Smelyanskiy, Xiaodong Wang

The 47th IEEE/ACM International Symposium on Computer Architecture (ISCA 2020).

*Accelerating recommendation inference with near memory processing augmented DRAM.*

### **Architectural Implications of Facebook's DNN-based Personalized Recommendation**

**Udit Gupta**, Xiaodong Wang, Maxim Naumov, Carole-Jean Wu, Brandon Reagen, David Brooks, Bradford Cottel, Kim Hazelwood, Bill Jia, Hsien-Hsin S. Lee, Andrey Malevich, Dheevatsa Mudigere, Mikhail Smelyanskiy, Liang Xiong, Xuan Zhang

IEEE International Symposium on High-Performance Computer Architecture (HPCA 2020)

*Quantifies the architectural implications of neural personalized recommendation models and charts paths for future hardware optimization to accelerate recommendation inference.*

**IEEE MICRO Top Picks 2020 - Honorable Mention**

Featured by: [Facebook Research](#)

### **MASR: A Modular Accelerator for Sparse RNNs**

**Udit Gupta**, Brandon Reagen, Lillian Pentecost, Marco Donato, Thierry Tamba, Alexander Rush, Gu-Yeon Wei, David Brooks

Parallel Architectures and Compilation Techniques (PACT 2019).

*Designs a sparse recurrent neural network accelerator based on a low-cost, compute intensive sparse encoding technique.*

**Best Paper Nominee**

### **MaxNVM: Maximizing DNN Storage Density and Inference Efficiency with Sparse Encoding and Error Mitigation**

Lillian Pentecost, Marco Donato, Brandon Reagen, **Udit Gupta**, Siming Ma, Gu-Yeon Wei, David Brooks.

IEEE/ACM International Symposium on Microarchitecture (MICRO 2019).

*A framework to maximize DNN inference efficiency by using on-chip embedded non-volatile memories.*

### **A 16nm 25mm<sup>2</sup> SoC with a 54.5× Flexibility-Efficiency Range from Dual-Core Arm Cortex-A53, to eFPGA, and Cache-Coherent Accelerators**

Paul Whatmough, Sae Kyu Lee, Marco Donato, Hsea-Ching Hseuh, Sam Xi, **Udit Gupta**, Lillian Pentecost, Glenn Ko, David Brooks, Gu-Yeon Wei.

Symposia on VLSI Technology and Circuits. (VLSI 2019)

*A state-of-the-art SoC with mobile CPUs, embedded FPGA, and cache-coherent neural network accelerators.*

### **SMIV: A 16nm SoC with Efficient and Flexible DNN Acceleration for Intelligent IoT Devices.**

Paul Whatmough, Sae Kyu Lee, Sam Xi, **Udit Gupta**, Lillian Pentecost, Marco Donato, Hsea-Ching Hseuh, David Brooks, Gu-Yeon Wei.

Hot Chips (Hot Chips 2018).

*A specialized and flexible SoC for efficient DNNs in 16nm technology.*

### **Weightless: Lossy Weight Encoding for Deep Neural Network Compression.**

Brandon Reagen, **Udit Gupta**, Robert Adolf, Michael Mitzenmacher, Alexander Rush, Gu-Yeon Wei, David Brooks.

International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML 2018).

*A lossy weight compression technique using Bloomier filters to compress deep neural networks for over the wire compression.*

### **Ares: A Framework for Quantifying the Resilience of Deep Neural Networks.**

Brandon Reagen, **Udit Gupta**, Lillian Pentecost, Paul Whatmough, Sae Kyu Lee, Niamh Mulholland, Gu-Yeon Wei, David Brooks.

Design Automation Conference (DAC 2018).

*A Python-based tool to quantify the bit-level fault tolerance and resilience of deep neural networks.*

**Best Paper Nominee**

### **On-chip Deep Neural Network Storage with Multi-level eNVM.**

Marco Donato, Brandon Reagen, Lillian Pentecost, **Udit Gupta**, David Brooks, Gu-Yeon Wei.  
Design Automation Conference (DAC 2018).

*A tool to quantify the performance, storage, and energy efficiency improvements of multi-level embedded non-volatile memories for neural networks.*

### **Rosetta: A Realistic Benchmark Suite for Software Programmable FPGAs.**

Yuan Zhou, **Udit Gupta**, Steve Dai, Ritchie Zhao, Nitish Srivastava, Hanchen Jin, Joseph Featherston, Yi-Hsiang Lai, Gai Liu, Gustavo Velasquez, Wenping Wang, Zhiru Zhang.

ACM/SIGDA International Symposium on Field-Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGA 2018)

*A benchmark suite for high-level synthesis-based FPGA acceleration.*

### **Dynamic Hazard Resolution for Pipelining Irregular Loops in High-Level Synthesis.**

Steve Dai, Ritchie Zhao, Gai Liu, Shreesha Srinath, **Udit Gupta**, Christopher Batten, Zhiru Zhang.

ACM/SIGDA International Symposium on Field-Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGA 2017)

*Improving performance of high-level synthesis-based accelerator designs by resolving memory hazards for pipelines with irregular loops.*

### **Mapping-Aware Constrained Scheduling for LUT-Based FPGAs.**

Mingxing Tan, Steve Dai, **Udit Gupta**, Zhiru Zhang.

ACM/SIGDA International Symposium on Field-Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGA 2015)

*Optimizing resource scheduling for high-level synthesis based FPGA designs.*

## **WORKSHOP PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Mentoring Opportunities in Computer Architecture: Analyzing the Past to Develop the Future**

Elba Garza, Gururaj Saileshwar, **Udit Gupta**, Tianyi Liu, Abdulrahman Mahmoud, Saugata Ghose, Joel Emer  
Workshop on Computer Architecture Education (WCAE) in conjunction with ISCA 2021

*Outlined the state of mentoring programs in computer architecture and charted future paths from CASA student group.*

### **Quantifying the impact of data encoding on DNN fault tolerance**

Edward Pyne, Lillian Pentecost, **Udit Gupta**, Gu-Yeon Wei, David Brooks

Workshop on Performance Analysis of Machine Learning Systems (FastPath) workshop at ISPASS 2020

*Quantified the impact of data encoding on DNN fault tolerance and resilience.*

### **MASR: Modular Accelerator for Sparse RNNs**

**Udit Gupta**, Brandon Reagen, Lillian Pentecost, Marco Donato, Thierry Tambe, Alexander Rush, Gu-Yeon Wei, David Brooks

Cognitive Architectures (CogArch) workshop at HPCA 2020

*Designs a sparse recurrent neural network accelerator based on a low-cost, compute intensive sparse encoding technique.*

### **Human Activity Recognition Using Wearables and a Low-power Deep Neural Network Accelerator**

Sreela Kodali, **Udit Gupta**, Lillian Pentecost, David Brooks, Gu-Yeon Wei

SRC TechCon workshop 2017

*A system for human-activity recognition for embedded, wearable devices using deep neural network accelerators.*

## **TECHNICAL ARTICLES**

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*I am eager to build broader research communities to build efficient, scalable, and sustainable hardware. I often write technical articles to help distill key research challenges and opportunities for broader audiences.*

### **Designing low-carbon computers with an architectural carbon modeling tool**

**Carole-Jean Wu, Udit Gupta**

Tech at Facebook, June 2022

*Technical blog outlining our efforts to build models to predict computing hardware's carbon footprint.)*

**Most of computing's carbon emissions are coming from manufacturing and infrastructure**

**Carole-Jean Wu, Udit Gupta**

Tech at Facebook, March 2021

*Technical blog summarizing Facebook's carbon footprint based on Chasing Carbon paper (HPCA 2021)*

**Optimizing Infrastructure for Neural Recommendation At-scale**

**Carole-Jean Wu, Udit Gupta**

Facebook AI, February 2020

*Technical blog outlining new hardware optimization paths for personalized recommendation based on HPCA 2020 paper.*

**Deep Learning: It's Not All About Recognizing Cats and Dogs**

**Carole-Jean Wu, David Brooks, Udit Gupta , Hsien-Hsin Lee, and Kim Hazelwood**

ACM SIGARCH, Computer Architecture Today, November 2019

*Call to action for computer architects to design hardware for DNN-based recommendation models. I surveyed the breakdown of types of DNNs optimized across computer architecture papers to show underinvestment in personalized recommendation.*

**Designing AI-Enabled Technology for Society**

**Udit Gupta, Lillian Pentecost**

Harvard Science in the News (SITN), October 2018

*Co-developed and gave lecture on the societal impact of AI for general public.*

**Software Programmable FPGAs**

**Udit Gupta**

Circuit Cellar (Tech the Future series), June 2017

*Technical article on more productive, C-to-gates programming tools for FPGAs based on undergraduate research.*

## **PRESS**

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**The global chip industry has a colossal problem with carbon emissions**

CNBC, November 2021

*Highlights the rising carbon footprint of chip manufacturing based on our Chasing Carbon (HPCA 2021) paper.*

**The Computer Chip Industry Has a Dirty Climate Secret**

The Guardian, September 2021

*Highlights the rising carbon footprint of semi-conductor manufacturers based on our Chasing Carbon (HPCA 2021) paper.*

**The Chip Industry Has a Problem With Its Giant Carbon Footprint**

Bloomberg, April 2021

*Highlights the rising carbon footprint of semi-conductor manufacturers based on our Chasing Carbon (HPCA 2021) paper.*

**Smaller, Faster, Greener**

Harvard Gazette, March 2021

*Summarizes our Chasing Carbon paper (HPCA 2021) on computing's carbon footprint across hardware life cycles.*

**Facebook Open Sourced this Architecture for Personalized Neural Recommendation Systems**

Medium (Data Series), May 2020

*Summarizes our hardware performance analysis (HPCA 2020) of Facebook's production recommendation models.*

## OPEN SOURCE TOOLS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

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*I strive to open-source tools and resources to catalyze academic systems and architecture research in new areas. My efforts have focused on building accessible tools for systems research in recommendation engines.*

### **ACT: Architectural Carbon Modeling Tool**

*A model to estimate the carbon footprint of computing hardware across life cycles including manufacturing and use.*

Code available on [GitHub](#)

### **RecPipe: Co-designing Models and Hardware to Optimize Recommendation Quality and Performance**

*A framework to study multi-stage recommendation on commodity hardware and simulated accelerators (MICRO 2021).*

Code available on [GitHub](#)

Received Artifact available, functional, and reproducible badges at MICRO 2021

### **DeepRecSys: A System for Optimizing End-To-End At-scale Neural Recommendation Inference**

*Infrastructure to optimize latency-bounded throughput for recommendation workloads (ISCA 2020).*

Code available on [GitHub](#)

Recommendation load generator characteristics and insights merged with industry-standard MLPerf benchmark

### **Deep Learning Recommendation Model (DLRM) for Personalization and Recommendation Systems**

*Facebook's open-source deep learning recommendation model in PyTorch and Caffe2 ([arXiv](#)).*

Code available on [GitHub](#)

Facebook's DLRM adopted by industry-standard MLPerf training and inference benchmarks

### **Ares: A framework for quantifying the resilience of deep neural networks**

*Tool to quantify the fault tolerance and resilience of deep neural networks (DAC 2018).*

Code available on [GitHub](#)

### **MLPerf: A Benchmark for Machine Learning from an Academic/Industry Cooperative**

*Industry-academic standardized benchmark for machine learning system performance*

Code available on [MLPerf](#)

Helped build the initial MLPerf benchmark and guide recommendation inference benchmark design

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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### **Computer Architecture Student Association ([CASA](#))**

Steering Committee Member

2020-2021

Co-Chair

2022-Present

- Student group fostering an inclusive computer architecture community.
- Organized [reading group](#) to advance and promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in computer architecture.
- Gathered qualitative and quantitative feedback on mentoring and networking initiatives in computer architecture, published at [Workshop on Computer Architecture Education \(WCAE\)](#) at ISCA 2021.

### **Conference Organizing Committees**

- MLSys Conference Organizing Committee member as "Panels and Young Activities Chair"      MLSys 2022  
*Organizing activities to grow the presence of junior researchers in the machine learning and systems community.*

### **Personalized Recommendation Systems and Algorithms (PeRSONAl) workshop**

Co-founder and Organizer

- Co-founded workshop and tutorial to design personalized recommendation engines across application, algorithms, and systems and hardware.

- Hosted PerSonAl workshop at top-tier systems and machine learning venues ([ASPLOS 2020](#), [ISCA 2020](#), and [MLSys 2021](#)) with over 200 attendees across over 50 institutions worldwide, 12 invited talks, and 15 contributed papers.

### **Computing Landscape for Environmental Accountability and Responsibility (CLEAR) workshop**

Co-founder and Organizer

- Co-founded workshop and tutorial to design environmentally sustainable hardware systems across systems, hardware, and circuits.
- Hosted workshop at [ISCA 2021](#) with over 50 attendees, 9 invited talks, and an industry-academic panel.

### **Journal of Opportunities, Unexpected Limits, Retrospectives, and Experiences (JOURNE) workshop**

Co-Founder and Organizer

- Co-founded and organized workshop to share the evolution of research ideas through specific examples of negative results, retrospectives, and project post-mortems at [MLSys 2021](#).

### **Negative results, Opportunities, Perspectives, and Experiences (NOPE) workshop**

Co-Organizer

- Hosted workshop on sharing negative outcomes, post-mortems, and experiences in research at [ASPLOS 2021](#) and [ASPLOS 2019](#).

### **Conference Review Committees**

- Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (*NeuRIPs*) 2022 reviewer NeuRIPs 2022
- International Conference on Learning Representations (*ICLR*) 2019 reviewer ICLR 2019

### **Professional Memberships**

- [3C \(Cultural Competence in Computing\)](#) Fellow 2021-2022
- Harvard SITN Lecture Series , Lecture Facilitator and Director 2018-2019
- Cornell IEEE Student Chapter, President and Corporate Director 2013-2016

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **Graduate Teaching Fellow**

Cambridge, MA

Harvard University

- CS 290: PhD Grad Cohort Research Seminar Fall 2020  
*Head teaching fellow for research seminar course for incoming CS PhD students. Organized readings and invited faculty talks across a variety of CS research areas. Lead recitation sections.*
- CS 141: Computing Hardware Spring 2019  
*Designed homework assignments and exams for introductory computer engineering course. Lead office hours and recitation sections.*

### **Undergraduate Teaching Assistant**

Ithaca, NY

Cornell University

- CS 3420/ECE 3140: Embedding Systems Spring 2016  
*Mentored final embedded systems projects, held office hours, and graded assignments.*
- ECE 2300: Introduction to Digital Logic and Computer Organization Fall 2015, Spring 2015, Spring 2014  
*Hosted multiple weekly lab sessions and office hours for introductory course in computer engineering.*

### **edX Course Development**

Ithaca, NY

Cornell University

Summer 2014



- Designed lab and quizzes for EdX MOOC course “*The Computing Inside Your Smartphone*”.
- Translated assignments from introduction to computer engineering course for online format and audience.

## Education Outreach for Middle School and High School Students

- Designed a short course for middle school and high school students on sustainable computing to highlight the societal impact of computing. Taught the course in *Summer 2021 and Spring 2021* to 50 students at MIT Splash!.
- Designed a lab-driven short course for high school students on computer engineering. Taught the course in *Fall 2014 and Spring 2015* to 30 students at Cornell Splash!. After the course many students asked where to buy circuit components to use at home.

## RESEARCH MENTORING

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**Mariam Elgamal** (1<sup>st</sup> year PhD Student) August 2021 - Present  
*Understanding and optimizing the carbon footprint of hardware manufacturing.*

**Samuel Hsia** (3<sup>rd</sup> year PhD Student) August 2019 - Present  
*Characterizing hardware performance of neural recommendation models using Intel TopDown (IISWC 2020)*

**Liu Ke** (3<sup>rd</sup> year PhD student) May 2019 - Present  
*Designing near memory processing accelerators for data center scale personalized recommendation (RecNMP, ISCA 2020)*

**Jaylen Wang** (4<sup>th</sup> year undergraduate at Harvard University) August 2021 - Present  
*Evaluating carbon footprint of cryptocurrency mining systems across hardware life cycles.*

**Javin Pombra** (3<sup>rd</sup> year undergraduate at Harvard University) May 2020 - Present  
*Evaluating trade offs between fairness and accuracy for recommendation models.*  
*Designing neural recommendation models for multi-stage recommendation (co-author on RecPipe, MICRO 2021).*

**Lucy He** (2<sup>nd</sup> year undergraduate at Harvard University) May 2020 - September 2020  
*Designing and building a training model zoo for neural recommendation.*

**Tarun Prasad** (2<sup>nd</sup> year undergraduate at Harvard University) May 2020 - September 2020  
*Designing and building a training model zoo for neural recommendation.*

**Festus Ojo** (3<sup>rd</sup> year undergraduate at Harvard University) May 2020 - September 2020  
*Quantifying the performance and accuracy tradeoffs of probabilistic recommendation models.*

**Ted Pyne** (3<sup>rd</sup> year undergraduate at Harvard University) January 2020 - August 2020  
*Designing methods to improve fault tolerance and resilience of neural networks (FastPath workshop at ISPASS 2020).*

**Michael Connors** (4<sup>th</sup> year undergraduate at Harvard University) August 2018 - April 2019  
*Improving resiliency of deep neural networks for denser eNVM storage (Senior thesis)*

**Sreela Kodali** (3<sup>rd</sup> year undergraduate and summer research intern) May 2017 - August 2017  
*Human Activity Recognition Using Wearables and a Low-power Deep Learning Accelerator (TechCon 2017)*

## SEMINAR AND INVITED TALKS

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*Understanding and Optimizing the Environmental Footprint of Computing*  
 Carole-Jean Wu and Udit Gupta  
 Open Compute Project Global Summit (November 2021)

*Designing Specialized Systems for Deep Learning-based Personalized Recommendation*  
Yale University, October 2021 (hosted by Professor Abhishek Bhattacharjee)

*Designing Specialized Systems for Deep Learning-based Personalized Recommendation*  
Boston University, October 2021 (hosted by Professor Ajay Joshi)

*Chasing Carbon: Going Beyond Efficiency to Understand the Elusive Environmental Footprint of Computing*  
Google Brain, August 2021 (hosted by Dr. Emma Wang)

*Chasing Carbon: The Elusive Environmental Footprint of Computing*  
CLEAR workshop at ISCA 2021

*Designing Specialized Systems for Deep Learning-based Personalized Recommendation*  
Cornell Computer Systems Lab, April 2021 (hosted by Professor Zhiru Zhang)

*Designing Systems for Data Center Scale Recommendation*  
ARM, April 2021 (hosted by Dr. Paul Whatmough)

*DeepRecSys: A System for Optimizing End-To-End At-scale Neural Recommendation Inference*  
PeRSONAI workshop at MLSys 2021

*A Hands On Tutorial Using DeepRecSys to Optimize At-Scale Neural Recommendation Inference*  
Udit Gupta and Samuel Hsia  
PeRSONAI workshop at ISCA 2020

*At-scale Inference for Recommendation Systems*  
PeRSONAI workshop at ASPLOS 2020

*MASR: Modular Accelerator for Sparse RNNs*  
Cognitive Architectures workshop at HPCA 2020