# **Andrew Cropper**

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**Education** 

PhD Computer Science, Imperial College London

Oct 2013 -

Supervisor: Professor Stephen Muggleton

Thesis: Logic-based induction of efficient programs

MSc Computer Science, University of Oxford

Oct 2010 - Oct 2011

Supervisor: Dr Brian Harrington

Thesis: Modelling stock volume using Twitter

BSc Computer Science, Nottingham Trent University

Oct 2005 - Jul 2009

Graduated with first-class honours Supervisor: Dr Caroline Langensiepen

Dissertation: Identifying and inferring objects from natural language text

**Experience** 

Visiting researcher, National Institute of Informatics, Tokyo, Japan

Aug 2015 - Sep 2015

Research intern, National Institute of Informatics, Tokyo, Japan

Oct 2014 - Dec 2014

Worked with Professor Katsumi Inoue on comparing meta-interpretive learning and meta-level abduction

Research Assistant, University of Cambridge

Jul 2013 - Oct 2013

Worked with Dr Eiko Yonkei on distributed asynchronous graph algorithms

Research Engineer, MFG Labs, Paris, France

Jan 2012 - Jul 2013

Designed and developed large-scale machine learning algorithms

Software Engineer, Esendex, Nottingham

Jan 2010 - Oct 2010

Developed analytical tools to monitor business SMS traffic

Software Engineer, Counter Solutions, Derbyshire

Jun 2007 - Oct 2008

Developed analytical tools to monitor database and web servers

### **Publications**

Conferences

- 1. A. Cropper and S.H. Muggleton. Learning higher-order logic programs through abstraction and invention. In *Proceedings of the Twenty-Fifth International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence*, IJCAI 2016. To Appear.
- 2. A. Cropper. Logic-based inductive synthesis of efficient programs. In *Proceedings of the Twenty-Fifth International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence*, IJCAI 2016. To Appear.
- 3. A. Cropper, A. Tamaddoni-Nezhad, and S.H. Muggleton. Meta-interpretive learning of data transformation programs. In *Proceedings of the 25th International Conference on Inductive Logic Programming*, ILP 2015. To appear.
- 4. A. Cropper and S.H. Muggleton. Learning efficient logical robot strategies involving composable objects. In *Proceedings* of the Twenty-Fourth International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence, IJCAI 2015, Buenos Aires, Argentina, July 25-31, 2015, pp. 3423-3429.

- 5. A. Cropper. Learning efficient logic programs. In *Proceedings of the Twenty-Fourth International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence*, IJCAI 2015, Buenos Aires, Argentina, July 25-31, 2015, pp. 4359-4360.
- 6. A. Cropper and S.H. Muggleton. Can predicate invention compensate for incomplete background knowledge? In *Thirteenth Scandinavian Conference on Artificial Intelligence -* SCAI 2015, Halmstad, Sweden, November 5-6, 2015, pp. 27-36.
- 7. A. Cropper and S.H. Muggleton. Logical minimisation of meta-rules within meta-interpretive learning. In *Inductive Logic Programming 24th International Conference*, ILP 2014, Nancy, France, September 14-16, 2014, Revised Selected Papers, pp. 62-75.

Workshops

- 1. C. Farquhar, G. Grov, A. Cropper, S.H. Muggleton, and A. Bundy. Typed meta-interpretive learning for proof strategies. *The 6th International Workshop on the use of AI in Formal Methods*, AI4FM 2015.
- 2. A. Cropper. Identifying and inferring objects from textual descriptions of scenes from books. In *2014 Imperial College Computing Student Workshop*, ICCSW 2014, September 25-26, 2014, London, United Kingdom, pp. 19-26.

## Awards and grants

· Machine Learning Journal best student paper

ILP 2014

· National Institute of Informatics international internship program

Oct 2014 - Dec 2014

· Syngenta fellowship

Oct 2013 - Oct 2017

· Full BBSRC PhD case studentship

Oct 2013 - Oct 2017

### **Professional services**

Reviewing

• 2014 Imperial College Computing Student Workshop

Other

IJCAI 2015 Student volunteer

## **Talks**

- Can predicate invention compensate for incomplete background knowledge? Scandinavian Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Halmstad, Sweden, Nov 2015.
- Meta-interpretive learning of data transformation programs, International Conference on Inductive Logic Programming, Kyoto, Japan, Aug 2015.
- Learning efficient logical robot strategies involving composable objects. International Conference on Inductive Logic Programming, Kyoto, Japan, Aug 2015.
- Learning efficient logical robot strategies involving composable objects. International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Jul 2015.
- Learning efficient logic programs, Doctoral Consortium of the International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence 2015, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Jul 2015.

- Meta-interpretive learning normal logic programs, Meeting on meta-interpretive learning, Imperial College London, UK, Jan 2015.
- Predicate invention in meta-interpretive learning, Meeting on abductive and inductive reasoning, Wakayama University, Japan, Dec 2014.
- Logical minimisation of meta-rules within meta-interpretive learning, International Conference on Inductive Logic Programming, Nancy, France, Sep 2014.
- Can predicate invention in meta-interpretive learning compensate for incomplete background knowledge?, International Conference on Inductive Logic Programming, Nancy, France, Sep 2014.
- Identifying and inferring objects from textual descriptions of scenes from books, Imperial College Computing Student Workshop, London, United Kingdom, Sep 2014.