# **Andrew Cropper**

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## Education

PhD Computer Science, Imperial College London Supervisor: Professor Stephen Muggleton Thesis: Efficiently learning efficient programs	2017
MSc Computer Science, University of Oxford Supervisor: Dr Brian Harrington Thesis: Predicting stock volume using Twitter	2011
BSc Computer Science, Nottingham Trent University Supervisor: Dr Caroline Langensiepen Dissertation: Identifying and inferring objects from natural language	2009
Academic employment	
Junior Research Fellow, Hertford College, University of Oxford	2018 -
Research Assistant, University of Cambridge	2013
Industry employment	
Research Engineer, MFG Labs, Paris, France	2012 - 2013
Software Engineer, Esendex, Nottingham	2010
Software Engineer, Counter Solutions, Derbyshire	2007 - 2008
Research visits	
Massachusetts Institute of Technology Visited Professor Josh Tenenbaum	2016, 2018, 2019
National Institute of Informatics, Tokyo, Japan Visited Professor Katsumi Inoue	2014, 2015, 2017
Awards	
Machine Learning journal best paper award	ILP 2018
Machine Learning journal best student paper award	ILP 2014
Grants and fellowships	
Google Cloud Platform grant (\$5000)	2019
Junior research fellowship, Hertford College, University of Oxford	2018
National Institute of Informatics internship (¥370,500)	2014
Syngenta fellowship (£30,000)	2013
Full BBSRC PhD case studentship (£100,173)	2013

### **Publications**

### **Journals**

- 1. A. Cropper and S. Tourret. Logical minimisation of metarules. Machine Learning. Accepted
- 2. A. Cropper, R. Evans, and M. Law. Inductive general game playing. *Machine Learning*. Accepted
- 3. A. Cropper, R. Morel, and S. H. Muggleton. Learning higher-order logic programs. *Machine Learning*. Accepted
- 4. A. Cropper and S. H. Muggleton. Learning efficient logic programs. *Machine Learning*, 108(7):1063–1083, Jul 2019

### Conferences

- 1. A. Cropper. Playgol: learning programs through play. In S. Kraus, editor, *Proceedings of the Twenty-Eighth International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence, IJCAI 2019, Macao, China, August 10-16, 2019*, pages 6074–6080. ijcai.org, 2019
- 2. S. Tourret and A. Cropper. SLD-resolution reduction of second-order horn fragments. In F. Calimeri, N. Leone, and M. Manna, editors, *Logics in Artificial Intelligence 16th European Conference, JELIA 2019, Rende, Italy, May 7-11, 2019, Proceedings*, volume 11468 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, pages 259–276. Springer, 2019
- 3. R. Morel, A. Cropper, and C. L. Ong. Typed meta-interpretive learning of logic programs. In F. Calimeri, N. Leone, and M. Manna, editors, *Logics in Artificial Intelligence 16th European Conference, JELIA 2019, Rende, Italy, May 7-11, 2019, Proceedings*, volume 11468 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, pages 198–213. Springer, 2019
- 4. A. Cropper and S. Tourret. Derivation reduction of metarules in meta-interpretive learning. In F. Riguzzi, E. Bellodi, and R. Zese, editors, *Inductive Logic Programming 28th International Conference, ILP 2018, Ferrara, Italy, September 2-4, 2018, Proceedings*, volume 11105 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, pages 1–21. Springer, 2018
- 5. A. Cropper and S. H. Muggleton. Learning higher-order logic programs through abstraction and invention. In S. Kambhampati, editor, *Proceedings of the Twenty-Fifth International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence, IJCAI 2016, New York, NY, USA, 9-15 July 2016*, pages 1418–1424. IJCAI/AAAI Press, 2016
- A. Cropper. Logic-based inductive synthesis of efficient programs. In S. Kambhampati, editor, Proceedings of the Twenty-Fifth International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence, IJCAI 2016, New York, NY, USA, 9-15 July 2016, pages 3980–3981. IJCAI/AAAI Press, 2016
- 7. A. Cropper and S. H. Muggleton. Learning efficient logical robot strategies involving composable objects. In Q. Yang and M. Wooldridge, editors, *Proceedings of the Twenty-Fourth International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence, IJCAI 2015, Buenos Aires, Argentina, July 25-31, 2015*, pages 3423–3429. AAAI Press, 2015
- 8. A. Cropper, A. Tamaddoni-Nezhad, and S. H. Muggleton. Meta-interpretive learning of data transformation programs. In K. Inoue, H. Ohwada, and A. Yamamoto, editors, *Inductive Logic Programming 25th International Conference, ILP 2015, Kyoto, Japan, August 20-22, 2015, Revised Selected Papers*, volume 9575 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, pages 46–59. Springer, 2015
- 9. C. Farquhar, G. Grov, A. Cropper, S. Muggleton, and A. Bundy. Typed meta-interpretive learning for proof strategies. In K. Inoue, H. Ohwada, and A. Yamamoto, editors, *Late Breaking Papers of the 25th International Conference on Inductive Logic Programming, Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan, August 20th to 22nd, 2015.*, volume 1636 of *CEUR Workshop Proceedings*, pages 17–32. CEUR-WS.org, 2015
- 10. A. Cropper. Learning efficient logic programs. In Q. Yang and M. Wooldridge, editors, *Proceedings of the Twenty-Fourth International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence, IJCAI 2015, Buenos Aires, Argentina, July 25-31, 2015*, pages 4359–4360. AAAI Press, 2015

- 11. A. Cropper and S. Muggleton. Can predicate invention compensate for incomplete background knowledge? In S. Nowaczyk, editor, *Thirteenth Scandinavian Conference on Artificial Intelligence SCAI 2015, Halmstad, Sweden, November 5-6, 2015*, volume 278 of *Frontiers in Artificial Intelligence and Applications*, pages 27–36. IOS Press, 2015
- 12. A. Cropper and S. H. Muggleton. Logical minimisation of meta-rules within meta-interpretive learning. In J. Davis and J. Ramon, editors, *Inductive Logic Programming 24th International Conference, ILP 2014, Nancy, France, September 14-16, 2014, Revised Selected Papers*, volume 9046 of *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, pages 62–75. Springer, 2014

### Workshops

- 1. S. Tourret and A. Cropper. SLD-resolution reduction of second-order Horn fragments. *Termgraph 2018*.
- A. Cropper. Identifying and inferring objects from textual descriptions of scenes from books. In R. Neykova and N. Ng, editors, 2014 Imperial College Computing Student Workshop, ICCSW 2014, September 25-26, 2014, London, United Kingdom, volume 43 of OASICS, pages 19–26. Schloss Dagstuhl - Leibniz-Zentrum fuer Informatik, 2014

### **Teaching**

Tutor in Computational Logic, Stanford University

2019

### **Supervision**

#### PhD theses

Rolf Morel, University of Oxford

2019 -

### MSc theses

Rolf Morel, University of Oxford

2018

### **Services**

### **Program committee**

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