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RESEARCH INTERESTS

General interests: Language design issues regarding proofs, performance, and people. What guarantees do languages offer, how efficiently can they run, and to what extent do they help users meet their goals?

Keywords: Migratory typing, Language interoperability, Formal methods, Human factors

EDUCATION

- Northeastern University 2014 – 2020
 - Degree* Ph.D
 - Area* Programming Languages
 - Advisor* Matthias Felleisen
 - Thesis* Deep and Shallow Types
- Cornell University 2013 – 2014
 - Degree* Master of Engineering
 - Major* Computer Science
 - Advisor* Ross Tate
- Cornell University 2010 – 2013
 - Degree* Bachelor of Science
 - Major* Industrial and Labor Relations
 - Minor* Computer Science
- Hudson Valley Community College 2009 – 2010
 - General studies, toward a guaranteed transfer to Cornell ILR*

EMPLOYMENT

- University of Utah August 2023 – ongoing
 - Assistant Professor
- Brown University 2021 – 2023
 - Postdoctoral Researcher, CIFellows 2020
 - Mentor Shriram Krishnamurthi

- Knightsbridge Park
Consultant, Web Scraping 2017
- Cornell University
Research Assistant 2012 – 2014
- Rentenna Inc.
Software Engineering Intern 2012 – 2014

TEACHING

- CS 5110/6110: Software Verification 2024
Instructor
22 students
Course evals (16 responses): overall effective course: 5.06, effective instructor: 5.38
- CS 3520/6520: Programming Languages 2023
Co-Instructor with Matthew Flatt
159 students
Course evals (55 responses): overall effective course: 5.32, effective instructor: 5.45
- Topics in PL and Systems: Tables and Humans 2021
Organizer
- Software Development 2018, 2020
Teaching Assistant
- Fundamentals I 2016
Teaching Assistant
- Object-Oriented Design 2016
Teaching Assistant
- Functional Programming and Data Structures 2012 – 2014
Teaching Assistant

STUDENTS SUPERVISED

- Mrigank Pawagi 2024 – ongoing
Undergraduate researcher, via OSRE 2024
- Hanwen Guo 2024 – ongoing
Ph.D., University of Utah
- Dominic Kennedy 2024 – ongoing
Ph.D., University of Utah
- Dibri Nsofor 2023 – ongoing
Ph.D., University of Utah

- [Ashton Wiersdorf](#) 2022 – ongoing
Ph.D., University of Utah
- Suyasha Bobhate 2023 – 2024
M.S, University of Utah
- [Sara Nurollahian](#) 2024 – ongoing
Ph.D., University of Utah
[Committee Member. Advisor: [Eliane Wiese](#)]
- Vivaan Rajesh 2023 – 2024
Hillcrest High School,
- Siddhartha Prasad 2022 – ongoing
Ph.D., Brown University
- Rob Durst 2023 – 2023
Independent Researcher,
- Caspar Popova 2023 – 2023
Independent Researcher,
- Aniket Karna 2023 – 2023
M.S., University of Utah
- Taylor Allred 2022 – 2023
M.S., University of Utah
- Qianfan Chen 2021 – 2022
Sc.B. with Honors [[thesis](#)], Brown University
- Kuang-Chen Lu 2021 – 2022
Ph.D., Brown University
- Milo Davis 2017
B.S., Northeastern University
- Zeina Migeed 2016 – 2017
B.S., Northeastern University

AWARDS

- [Open Source Research Experience: Static Python Perf](#) 2024
role: Mentor; funding via [NSF 2024 Summer of Reproducibility](#)
PI Cormac Flanagan, Co-PI Stephanie Lieggi, Former PI Carlos Maltzahn
- [NSF SHF: Small: Little Tricky Logics](#) 2023
role: Postdoc; PI Shriram Krishnamurthi, Co-PIs: Tim Nelson, Rob Lewis, and Milda Zizyte
- [CRA/CCC/NSF CI Fellowship](#) 2021 – 2023
- [SIGPLAN Student Scholarship: 50 Years of the ACM A.M. Turing Award](#) 2017

- Northeastern CCIS Graduate Community Service Award 2016
- Cornell CS Teaching Award 2014
- Cornell CS Teaching Award 2013

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Co-Chair of Workshop Organization ICFP 2026, [ICFP/SPLASH 2025](#)
- Co-Chair of Artifact Evaluation Committee & ERC [OOPSLA 2023](#), [2022](#)
- Program Committee [ICFP 2021](#)
[OOPSLA 2025](#)
[PLDI 2025](#), [2021](#)
[DLS 2022](#)
[HATRA 2023](#), [2022](#)
[SOAP 2024](#)
[TFP 2023](#)
- External Review Committee [ESOP 2023](#), [ICFP 2023](#)
- Journal Review [JFP 2024](#), [2023](#), [2020](#), [2019](#)
[JuliaCon 2024](#)
[STTT 2024](#)
[TOPLAS 2023](#)
- NSF Panel Review 2024
- Artifact Evaluation Committee [ECOOP 2017](#), [OOPSLA 2017](#), [2016](#)
- Session Chair [OOPSLA 2023](#), [NJPLS 2023](#), [ICFP 2021](#)
- Graduate Admissions Committee 2025
- Teaching Area Coordinator: Programming Languages and Web [2024](#)
- K-12 Outreach Planning Committee 2023 – 2024

PUBLICATIONS

[^{UU} indicates U. Utah student]

Journal

- Ben Greenman, Christos Dimoulas, and Matthias Felleisen. [TOPLAS 2023](#)
Typed–Untyped Interactions: A Comparative Analysis
- Ben Greenman, Asumu Takikawa, Max S. New, Daniel Feltey, Robert Bruce Findler, Jan Vitek, and Matthias Felleisen. [JFP 2019](#)
How to Evaluate the Performance of Gradual Type Systems

Conference, Symposium, and Hybrid Conference / Journal

- Ashton Wiersdorf^{UU}, Stephen Chang, Matthias Felleisen, and Ben Greenman ECOOP 2024
Type Tailoring 42 % accept
- Ben Greenman, Siddhartha Prasad, Antonio Di Stasio, Shufang Zhu, FM 2024
Giuseppe De Giacomo, Shriram Krishnamurthi, Marco Montali, Tim Nelson, and Milda Zizyte
Misconceptions in Finite-Trace and Infinite-Trace Linear Temporal Logic 25 % accept
- Tim Nelson, Ben Greenman, Siddhartha Prasad, Tristan Dyer, Ethan Bove, OOPSLA 2024
Qianfan Chen, Charles Cutting, Thomas Del Vecchio, Sidney LeVine, Julianne Rudner,
Ben Ryjikov, Alexander Varga, Andrew Wagner, Luke West, and Shriram Krishnamurthi
Forge: A Tool and Language for Teaching Formal Methods ? % accept
- Ben Greenman, Alan Jeffrey, Shriram Krishnamurthi, and Mitesh Shah Programming 8.3, 2024
Privacy-Respecting Type Error Telemetry at Scale ? % accept
- Siddhartha Prasad, Ben Greenman, Tim Nelson, and Shriram Krishnamurthi Programming 8.2, 2024
Conceptual Mutation Testing for Student Programming Misconceptions ? % accept
- Siddhartha Prasad, Ben Greenman, Tim Nelson, and Shriram Krishnamurthi CompEd 2023
Generating Programs Trivially: Student Use of Large Language Models 35 % accept
- Ben Greenman, Matthias Felleisen, and Christos Dimoulas OOPSLA 2023
How Profilers Can Help Navigate Type Migration 38 % accept
- Matthew Flatt, Taylor Allred^{UU}, Nia Angle, Stephen De Gabrielle, Robert Findler, OOPSLA 2023
Jack Firth, Kiran Gopinathan, Ben Greenman, Siddhartha Kasivajhula, Alex Knauth, Jay McCarthy,
Sam Phillips, Sorawee Porncharoenwase, Jens Axel Søgaard, and Sam Tobin-Hochstadt
Rhombus: A New Spin on Macros Without All The Parentheses 38 % accept
- Lukas Lazarek, Ben Greenman, Matthias Felleisen, and Christos Dimoulas ICFP 2023
How to Evaluate Blame for Gradual Types, Part 2 22 % accept
- Ben Greenman ACM REP 2023
GTP Benchmarks for Gradual Typing Performance 64 % accept
- Ben Greenman, Sam Saarinen, Tim Nelson, and Shriram Krishnamurthi Programming 7.2, 2023
Little Tricky Logic: Misconceptions in the Understanding of LTL
- Kuang-Chen Lu, Ben Greenman, Carl Meyer, Dino Viehland, Programming 7.1, 2023
Aniket Panse, and Shriram Krishnamurthi
Gradual Soundness: Lessons from Static Python
- Siddhartha Prasad, Ben Greenman, Tim Nelson, John Wrenn, Koli Calling 2022
and Shriram Krishnamurthi
Making Hay from Wheats: A Classsourcing Method to Identify Misconceptions
- Ben Greenman PLDI 2022
Deep and Shallow Types for Gradual Languages
- Ben Greenman, Lukas Lazarek, Christos Dimoulas, and Matthias Felleisen Programming 6.2, 2022
A Transient Semantics for Typed Racket

- Kuang-Chen Lu, Ben Greenman, and Shriram Krishnamurthi Programming 6.1, 2022
Types for Tables: A Language Design Benchmark
- Lukas Lazarek, Ben Greenman, Matthias Felleisen, and Christos Dimoulas ICFP 2021
How to Evaluate Blame for Gradual Types
- Ben Greenman, Matthias Felleisen, and Christos Dimoulas OOPSLA 2019
Complete Monitors for Gradual Types
- Preston Tunnell Wilson, Ben Greenman, Justin Pombrio, Shriram Krishnamurthi. DLS 2018
The Behavior of Gradual Types: A User Study
- Daniel Feltey, Ben Greenman, Christophe Scholliers, Robert Bruce Findler, and Vincent St. Amour. OOPSLA 2018
Collapsible Contracts: Fixing a Pathology of Gradual Typing
- Ben Greenman, Matthias Felleisen. ICFP 2018
A Spectrum of Type Soundness and Performance
- Ben Greenman, Zeina Migeed. PEPM 2018
On the Cost of Type-Tag Soundness
- Sam Tobin-Hochstadt, Matthias Felleisen, Robert Bruce Findler, Matthew Flatt, Ben Greenman, Andrew M. Kent, Vincent St-Amour, T. Stephen Strickland, and Asumu Takikawa. SNAPL 2017
Migratory Typing: 10 Years Later
- Stephen Chang, Ben Greenman, and Alex Knauth. POPL 2017
Type Systems as Macros
- Asumu Takikawa, Daniel Feltey, Ben Greenman, Max S. New, Jan Vitek, and Matthias Felleisen. POPL 2016
Is Sound Gradual Typing Dead?
- Ben Greenman, Fabian Muehlboeck, and Ross Tate. PLDI 2014
Getting F-Bounded Polymorphism into Shape

Workshop

- Dibri Nsofor^{UU} and Ben Greenman HATRA 2024
Toward a Corpus Study of the Dynamic Gradual Type
- Taylor Allred^{UU}, Xinyi Li^{UU}, Ashton Wiersdorf^{UU}, Ben Greenman, and Ganesh Gopalakrishnan JuliaCon 2023
FlowFPX: Nimble Tools for Debugging Floating-Point Exceptions
- Asumu Takikawa, Daniel Feltey, Ben Greenman, Max S. New, Jan Vitek, and Matthias Felleisen. STOP 2015
Position Paper: Performance Evaluation for Gradual Typing

INVITED TALKS

- [Research Challenges in Computing @ University of Utah](#) 2024
Rigorous Methods for Language Design
- [PLT @ Northwestern University](#) 2024
Teaching Formal Methods with Forge
- [IETF 120: Usable Formal Methods Research Group](#) 2024
Forge: Usable Model-Finding
- [BYU Grad Seminar](#) 2023
How Profilers Can Help Navigate Type Migration
- [TLf@AAAI-SSS'23](#) 2023
Towards LTLf Misconceptions
- [VardiFest, NJPLS](#) 2022
Little Tricky Logic: Misconceptions in the Understanding of LTL
- [Racket Con](#) 2020, 2022
Shallow Typed Racket
Shallow and Optional Types for Typed Racket
- [Boston University POPV Seminar](#) 2020
Complete Monitoring for Gradual Types
- [GRACE Workshop](#) 2018
Three Approaches to Gradual Typing

VOLUNTEERING

- Price College Exploring Engineering Summer Camp Summer 2024
- [El Turco: Human-AI dialogue](#) 2023 – 2024
Programmer
- Bootstrap Professional Development Summer 2021
Teaching Assistant
- Housing Chair [SPLASH 2018](#)
- Northeastern CCIS Hiring Committee Spring 2018
Student Representative
- PRL Offsite Fall 2019
Organizer
- [Each One Teach One](#) Fall 2015
AP Java Tutor
- Student Volunteer [OOPSLA 2019; Turing Celebration 2017; POPL 2016, 2018;](#)
[PLDI 2016; ICFP 2015, 2018; ECOOP 2015, 2016](#)

- Ithaca Media Arts
Teacher, LEGO Mindstorms Camp Summer 2012
- Cornell Math Explorers
Module Designer Winter 2011

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- IEEE 2023 – ongoing
- IEEE Computer Society 2023 – ongoing
- ACM 2023 – ongoing
- ACM SIGPLAN 2016 – ongoing

BIOGRAPHY

Ben Greenman is an assistant professor in the Kahlert School of Computing at the University of Utah. He earned his Ph.D. from Northeastern University in 2020 and was a CIFellows 2020 postdoc at Brown University. His research focus is the science of language design. His team develops methods to measure performance, prove guarantees, and understand human factors for languages and systems.