RESEARCH STATEMENT

• How do we use software to build more intelligent systems, and how can use intelligent systems to help us write better software? My research studies the relationship between software and machine learning, to reason about the behavior of real programs and use these insights to build more intelligent programming tools for developers.

EDUCATION

- McGill University Ph.D. Student in Computer Science (Accepted, est. 2019-2023) Supervisor: Jin Guo
- Université de Montréal M.S. in Computer Science (2017–est. 2019) Co-supervisors: Liam Paull, Michalis Famelis
- Rochester Institute of Technology B.S. in Computer Science, Minor in Chinese Language (2008–2012)
- Shanghai Jiaotong University Certificate of Completion in Chinese Language Studies (2010–2011)

EXPERIENCE

- JetBrains (2014–2016) Developer Advocate. Wrote technical documentation, recorded screencasts and webinars on developer tools, taught courses and collected feedback at conferences, companies and universities around the world. Created and curated the Java Annotated Monthly newsletter. Built several widely-used IDE plugins for the IntelliJ Platform.
- OneSpot (2012–2013) Software Engineer. Responsible for designing and launching a business-critical real-time bidder to match ads, websites and visitors using Bayesian inference. Patented techniques in data mining, high-frequency transaction processing and machine learning for online auctions, helping to raise over \$7 million in venture capital investment.
- Garnet Hill (Summer 2009, Summer 2010) Data Analysis Intern. Authored a company-wide business knowledge database. Built and tuned an inventory control tool to handle liquidation surplus and wrote SQL Server procedures to model price elasticity of demand and dynamically adjust SKU pricing across product categories during sales events.
- FIRST Robotics Team #2523 (2007–2008) Co-founder, Lead Prorammer. Wrote our team's winning \$15k NASA grant application. Collaborated with industry advisors from IBM and Oracle. Designed and wrote our robot's AI and control software for the FIRST Robotics Competition, leading our team to the New England regionals in our first year.

Selected Publications

- Université de Montréal, Master's Thesis (In Preparation, 2019) Programming Tools for Intelligent Systems
- POPL, LAFI (né PPS) (2019) Kotlin∇: Differentiable Functional Programming with Algebraic Data Types
- Montreal AI Symposium (2018) Duckietown: a Platform for Teaching, Robotics and Machine Learning Research
- IROS, Automating Robot Experiments (2018) Duckietown: Software Infrastructure for Autonomous Robotics
- Under Review (2019) Multi-objective training of Generative Adversarial Networks with multiple discriminators
- arXiv preprint (2018) Deep Pepper: Expert Iteration based Chess agent in the Reinforcement Learning Setting

Leadership

- Conference Speaker Teaching about programming tools, machine learning, type systems and speech recognition. JavaOne Shanghai (2013), Vermont Code Camp (2014), Houston TechFest (2014), Silicon Valley Code Camp (2014, 2016), Stanford University Career Fair (2015), GWT.Create (2015), Boston Code Camp (2015), DroidCon Montreal (2015), AnDevCon Boston (2015), JavaOne Brazil (2015, 2016), JavaOne San Fransisco (2015, 2016), DevNexus (2016, 2017), ConFoo (2016, 2017), EclipseCon (2016), Great Indian Developer Summit (2016, 2017), PyCon Ireland (2016), Devoxx Belgium (2016), Devoxx US (2017), Java Day Tokyo (2017), Montréal AI Symposium (2018), ROSCon (2018)
- Mila Lab Rep (2018–2019) Elected as a first year master's student to represent the student body. Advised colleagues and staff during the merger of Montréal's two largest AI labs, hosted Thanksgiving dinner, and ran the 2019 election.
- RIT Badminton Student athlete (2008–2010) and President (2011–2012). Recruited talented athletes, organized fundraisers and tournaments, ran weekly practices and lead the expansion of RIT's intercollegiate badminton program.
- Shanghai Jiaotong University (2010–2011) Student Ambassador. Coordinated extracurricular activities for foreign language students, and helped promote cultural exchange between Chinese and international students in Shanghai.
- Grace Stuart Orcutt Library (2007–2008) Archivist. Collected, cataloged, preserved and archived *The Newell Collection*, an anthology of ancient manuscripts from Vermont State Senator and Latin instructor, Graham Newell.

EXCELLENCE

People-oriented programmer with a passion for languages. Fluent in Java, Kotlin, Python, C/C++, and Chinese. Well-traveled on clouds, Rails, HTTP and *nix. Fast algorithms and rapid prototypes. Clean code with a proven track record in open source collaboration. Results-driven engineer with experience in machine learning, embedded systems and build automation. Strong consistency and referentially transparent (references available on request).