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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Streaming and semi-streaming algorithms for large data: streaming algorithms, sketching, machine learning, network analysis, numerical linear algebra, compressed sensing, high performance computing, optimization, complexity, automata, and natural language processing

EDUCATION

Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, USA 2015-Present

Ph.D., Engineering, Ongoing

- Adviser: Professor George Cybenko
- Area of Study: Sublinear Space Analysis of Massive Graphs

The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, USA 2007-2011

B.S., Mathematics, *Cum Laude*, June 2011

B.S., Computer and Information Science, *Cum Laude*, June 2011

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

MIT Lincoln Laboratory, Lexington, MA, USA

Assistant Research Scientist

August 2011 to July 2015

- Cyber Analytics and Decision Systems Group
- Supervisor: Dr. Kevin M. Carter
- Application of machine learning algorithms to network protocol traffic; behavioral analysis for network situational awareness.
- Development of cognitive multi-agent systems to perform high-fidelity traffic generation for cyber range experiments.
- Development of multi-agent simulation platform to evaluate moving target defenses.

Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH, USA

Engineering Technician GS-05

June to September, 2008 & 2009

- Supervisor: Professor J. Todd McDonald
- Development of obfuscation metrics of combinatorial circuits using abstract interpretation-based software semantic models.

CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS

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| CONFERENCE POSTERS | <p>[8] Carter, K.M., R. Caceres and B. Priest Characterization of latent social networks discovered through computer network logs. In <i>Networks in the Social and Information Sciences workshop of the 29th Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS 2015)</i>, Montreal, Canada, December, 2015.</p> <p>[9]</p> |
| TEACHING EXPERIENCE | <p>Thayer School of Engineering at Dartmouth College, Columbus, OH</p> <p><i>Teaching Assistant</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructor for ENGS/QBS 108: Applied Machine Learning Autumn 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly recitation and writing and grading student assignments Instructor for ENGS 177: Decision Making Under Risk and Uncertainty Winter 2017 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly recitation and writing and grading student assignments <p>The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH</p> <p><i>Teaching Assistant</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructor for CSE 625: Automata and Formal Languages Summer & Autumn 2010 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly recitation and grading student assignments Grader for CSE 560: System Software Design and Development Summer 2010 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer 2006 |
| PROFESSIONAL SERVICE | <p>Conference Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program Committee: 28th International AAAI Florida Artificial Intelligence Research Symposium Conference (FLAIRS-28). Hollywood, Florida, USA. May 18-20, 2015. |
| TECHNICAL SKILLS | <p>Computer Programming:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Python, C/C++, Java, UNIX shell scripting, SQL, MySQL, and others <p>Numerical Analysis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MATLAB, Mathematica, R <p>Version Control and Software Configuration Management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Git, VCS (CVS, SVN) <p>Desktop Editing and Productivity Software:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emacs, Eclipse, IntelliJ, Vim \LaTeX (\LTeX, \BibTeX), Microsoft Office, OpenOffice.org, LibreOffice, Corel WordPerfect, Google Docs |
| AWARDS | <p>MIT Lincoln Laboratory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lincoln Scholar Program recipient, 2015 (declined) <p>The Ohio State University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathematics Kenneth Cummings Scholarship, 2008–2011 Distinguished Merit Scholarship, 2007–2011 Ohio Academic Scholarship, 2007-2011 Bingham Award in Philosophy, 2010 |