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## EDUCATION

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<b>BS</b>	University of Wisconsin-Platteville, Software Engineering Engineering Management Emphasis, Mathematics Minor	May 2020 3.96 GPA
<b>MS</b>	University of Wisconsin-Madison, Computer Sciences	May 2023

## INTERESTS

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Computer Science Education, Application Security, and Human-Computer Interaction

## BACKGROUND

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Area	Expertise
Languages	TypeScript, JavaScript, Java, C#, Python, HTML, CSS, SQL
Technologies	NodeJS, Angular, React, React Native, Express, Spring, Docker, SonarQube, Bamboo, Jenkins, DialogFlow

## CERTIFICATIONS

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Information Systems Security Officer, Level II	2020 - 2023
Microsoft Certified Innovative Educator	2020
Google Certified Educator	2020

## LINKS

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Resource	Link
Personal Website	<a href="https://www.coletnelson.us/">https://www.coletnelson.us/</a>
Personal Repositories	<a href="https://bitbucket.org/ctnelson1997/">https://bitbucket.org/ctnelson1997/</a>
Research Papers	<a href="https://bitbucket.org/ctnelson1997/website-papers/">https://bitbucket.org/ctnelson1997/website-papers/</a>
LinkedIn Page	<a href="https://www.linkedin.com/in/ctnelson1997/">https://www.linkedin.com/in/ctnelson1997/</a>

## INSTRUCTOR EVALUATIONS (UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON)

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Data collected from anonymous surveys sent to all students enrolled in CS courses numbered 000-599 (primarily undergraduate) at the end of the semester.

### Fall 2022 – CS571 | Building User Interfaces (1 Section, 50 Students)

Criteria	Cole	CS000-599 $\mu, \sigma$	Out Of
Participation Rate	68%	$\mu = 51\%, \sigma = 17\%$	100%
How difficult was the course?	3.8	$\mu = 4.3, \sigma = 0.9$	7
How often did the instructor create a positive, engaging learning environment?	6.8	$\mu = 5.9, \sigma = 0.6$	7
How valuable was time spent in attending lecture to your learning?	5.8	$\mu = 4.9, \sigma = 0.7$	7
How often was the instructor available to answer questions and concerns?	6.7	$\mu = 5.9, \sigma = 0.5$	7
How likely are you to recommend this instructor to fellow students?	6.3	$\mu = 5.2, \sigma = 1.0$	7
To what extent did the instructor meet your expectations for the quality of instruction at UW-Madison?	6.0	$\mu = 5.1, \sigma = 0.9$	7

### Spring 2022 – CS220 | Data Programming I (1 Section, 130 Students)

Criteria	Cole	CS000-599 $\mu, \sigma$	Out Of
Participation Rate	69%	$\mu = 48\%, \sigma = 17\%$	100%
How difficult was the course?	4.4	$\mu = 4.2, \sigma = 1.2$	7
How often did the instructor create a positive, engaging learning environment?	6.7	$\mu = 6.1, \sigma = 0.5$	7
How valuable was time spent in attending lecture to your learning?	5.4	$\mu = 4.9, \sigma = 0.8$	7
How often was the instructor available to answer questions and concerns?	6.4	$\mu = 6.0, \sigma = 0.4$	7
How likely are you to recommend this instructor to fellow students?	6.4	$\mu = 5.6, \sigma = 0.8$	7
To what extent did the instructor meet your expectations for the quality of instruction at UW-Madison?	6.2	$\mu = 5.4, \sigma = 0.7$	7

## **RELEVANT COURSEWORK (UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON)**

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### **Coursework**

CS402: Introducing Comp Sci to K-12  
CS502: Theory in Comp Sci Ed  
CS514: Intro to Numerical Analysis  
CS524: Intro to Optimization  
CS536: Intro to Langs & Compilers  
CS540: Intro to Artificial Intelligence

CS703: Program Verification & Synthesis  
CS760: Machine Learning  
CS770: Human-Computer Interaction  
CS782: Adv. Topics in Cybersecurity  
CS839: Adv. Topics in HCI  
CI900: Adv. Topics in Education

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### **Computer Science**

CS1430: Programming in C++  
CS2430: Object-Oriented Programming I  
CS2630: Object-Oriented Programming & II  
CS3230: Computer Architecture & OS  
CS3520: Programming Language Structures  
CS3630: Database Design & Implementation  
CS3830: Data Comm & Computer Networks  
CS3840: Introduction to Computer Security

### **Software Engineering**

SE2730: Introduction to Software Engineering  
SE3330: Intermediate Software Engineering  
SE3430: Object-Oriented Analysis & Design  
SE3730: Software Quality  
SE3860: Software Maintenance & Re-Engineering  
SE4130: Real-Time Embedded Systems  
SE4110: Software Engineering Seminar  
SE4330: Software Engineering Projects I  
SE4730: Software Engineering Projects II

### **Industrial Engineering**

IE3530: Operations Research I  
IE4430: Quality Engineering  
IE4730: Engineering Management

### **Education**

ED1230: Introduction to Education  
ED2010: Educational Media Theory  
ED4020: Educational Media Appl.

### **Mathematics**

MATH2640: Calculus I  
MATH2740: Calculus II  
MATH2840: Calculus III  
MATH2730: Discrete Mathematics  
MATH3230: Linear Algebra  
MATH3630: Diff. Equations I  
MATH4030: Statistical Methods

## RESEARCH PAPERS

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<b>Application Security Hygiene of CS Students in Web, Mobile, &amp; Voice Apps</b>	2022
<b>Trusting the Password Manager: Exploring an Alternative for the Wary User</b>	2021
<b>Snoot: Sniffing out Program Repairs as Feedback in Auto Grading Systems</b>	2020
<b>Striking Similarities Between Software Quality and Education</b>	2019
<b>Introducing Novice Programmers to Physical-Computing Systems</b>	2019
<b>Applications of the SOLO Taxonomy to Comp Sci. &amp; Soft. Eng. Education</b>	2019
<b>Managing Safe Traffic Flow in Grant County</b>	2018
<b>SPOT: Abstraction in Metaprogramming</b>	2017

All papers are available at <https://bitbucket.org/ctnelson1997/website-papers/>.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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- University of Wisconsin-Madison** *Graduate Lecturer* Spring 2021 - Present
- Development, delivery, organization, and collection of course content including lectures, course webpages, web servers, assignments, homeworks, quizzes, and exams
  - Assisting of students in one-on-one office hours and online forums
- University of Wisconsin-Madison** *Teaching Assistant* Fall 2020 – Fall 2021
- Development of assistive tools and software to aid instruction
  - Preparation and assessment of assignments, homeworks, quizzes, and exams
  - Assisting of students in group code clinics and one-on-one office hours
- Nelnet** *Application Security Intern* Summer of 2020 - Present
- Development of security tools to improve application security posture using Angular, Java, Spring, C#, .NET, TypeScript, Python, MSSQL, SQLITE, Docker, and AWS.
  - Evangelization of security-first and “shift left” mindset for developers
- Kohl’s Innovation Center** *Software Engineering Intern* Summer of 2019
- Development of boundary service to process credit cards using Java and Spring
- Nelnet** *Software Engineering Intern* Summer of 2018
- Development of internal web applications using Angular, Java, Spring, and MSSQL
- University of Wisconsin-Platteville** *CS Undergraduate Researcher* Summer of 2017
- Development of a domain-specific language, SPOT, for Specifying **PrO**gram Transformations of C and C++ programs
- University of Wisconsin-Platteville** *CS Academic Assistant* Fall 2017 – Spring 2020
- Assisting of introductory programming students in 1-1 and drop-in lab settings
  - Grading of introductory programming students’ homeworks, programs, and quizzes

## ORGANIZATIONS & INVOLVEMENT

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### **Graduate Christian Fellowship**

A Christian community of graduate and professional students.

Fall 2022 – Present

*UW-Madison Leadership Team*

Fall 2022 – Present

### **High Point Church Kids Ministry**

A Sunday School program for children K-4.

Fall 2022 – Present

*K-1 Small Group Leader*

Fall 2022 – Present

### **Association for Computing Machinery**

The Association for Computing Machinery is the world's premier organization for advancing the world of scientific computing.

Fall 2016 – Spring 2020

*UW-Platteville Chapter President*

Fall 2017 – Spring 2019

### **Circle K International**

Circle K International is the world's largest student-led collegiate service organization with more than 13,000 members across 13 countries worldwide.

Fall 2016 – Spring 2020

*Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Governor*

Spring 2019 – Spring 2020

*Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Awards Chair*

Spring 2018 – Spring 2019

*UW-Platteville Chapter Vice President*

Spring 2018 – Spring 2019

*UW-Platteville Chapter Bulletin Editor*

Spring 2017 – Spring 2018

*UW-Platteville Chapter Service Chair*

Fall 2016 – Spring 2017

### **Chess Club**

Chess Club is UW-Platteville's recreational chess club.

Spring 2019 – Spring 2020

*UW-Platteville Chapter Co-Founder*

Spring 2019 – Spring 2020

### **Phi Kappa Phi**

Fall 2018 – Spring 2020

### **Student Senate**

Fall 2016 – Fall 2017

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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Description	Awarded
University of Wisconsin-Madison CS Outstanding Teaching Assistant	2021
University of Wisconsin-Platteville Chancellor's Medallion	2020
Circle K International Distinguished Governor Award	2020
University of Wisconsin-Platteville Excellence in Leadership	2019
Circle K International Michael J. Pierski Golden Gavel	2019
Phi Kappa Phi Academic Excellence Scholarship	2018

## PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

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**Poster Presentation**, “SPOT: A Domain-Specific Language for Specifying Source-to-Source Transformations”

- *Pioneer Creative Activities and Research Day*, Spring 2018.
- *UW-System Symposium*, Spring 2018.
- *Research in the Rotunda*, Spring 2018.
- *UW-Platteville Master of Computer Science Course*, Spring 2017.

**Formal Presentation**, “Applications of the SOLO Taxonomy in Computer Science Education” *UW-Platteville Senior Seminar*, Fall 2019.

### Computer Science Workshops

- “Cybersecurity Basics” *Badgerland Girl Scouts*, Spring 2023.
- “Coding For Good” *Badgerland Girl Scouts*, Fall 2022.
- “Exploring Computer Science” *UW-Madison Grandparents Uni*, Summer 2022.
- “Hour of Code” *UW-Platteville Computer Science*, Fall 2018 & 2019.
- “Micro:Bits, Mega:Fun, &&++” *UW-Platteville EMS Expo*, Spring 2019.
- “Gadgets Galore” *UW-Platteville EMS Expo*, Spring 2018.

### Computer Science After-School Programs

- Randall Elementary School, *Madison, WI*, Fall 2020.
- Westview Elementary School, *Platteville, WI*, Fall 2019 – Spring 2020.

## REFERENCES

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