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RESEARCH THEME

My research develops empirical and engineering foundations for trustworthy software systems. I use evidence from experiments, mining software repositories, and real deployments to guide the design, verification, and security of software and its supply chains. By integrating empirical study with practical tool building, my group strengthens the reliability and resilience of the software that underpins modern computing.

EDUCATION

Ph.D, Computer Science and Applications 2015–2020
Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

B.Sc. Computer Science, B.Sc. Mathematics 2008–2012
Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor Fall 2020-present
Purdue University — Electrical and Computer Engineering

Intern, Microsoft Research (RiSE group: Cloud Security) Summer 2019
Microsoft Research, Redmond, WA — Mentored by Patrice Godefroid

Intern, IBM Research (Storage) Summer 2018
IBM Research, Almaden, CA — Mentored by Deepavali Bhagwat

Graduate Research Assistant 2016–2020
Virginia Tech — Advised by Dongyoon Lee

Software Engineer, IBM (GPFS) 2012–2017
IBM, Poughkeepsie, NY

EXTERNAL GRANTS

TOTAL: $3,931,363. TOTAL AS PI: $1,323,886. MY TOTAL SHARE: $2,180,110.[1]

[G-1] **Rolls Royce: Securing Software Implementations through System Fuzz Testing and Modular Formal Methods**

PI (Co-PI: Aravind Machiry)

Contract with Rolls Royce

2025–2026. $181,447.

[G-2] **NSF #2537308: Collaborative Research: Planning: CROSS: Building a Community aROund Securing the Research Software Supply Chain**

PI (Co-PI: Alexandra Harris-Watson)

[1] Calculation: *Total* is the sum of all awards to Purdue on which I have been PI or Co-PI. *Total as PI* is the sum of all awards to Purdue on which I have been the PI — not all of these funds are managed by me. *My total share* is the sum of funds I have managed across all awards.

US National Science Foundation

2025–2027. $105,113.

[G-3] **AutoUP: Automated Unit Proofing**

PI

OpenAI — Cybersecurity Grant Program

2025. API credits valued at $5,000.

[G-4] **NSF #2452533: RFE: Research: Developing and Piloting a Prompt Engineering Competency Framework for Software Engineering Education**

Co-PI (PI: Kirsten Davis)

US National Science Foundation

2025–2028. $350,000.

[G-5] **NSF #2504445: OAC Core: Cyberinfrastructure for Multi-Stream Architectures Applied to Computer Vision: Efficiency via Co-Design of Network Architectures and Framework Operators**

Co-PI (PI: Yung-Hsiang Lu)

US National Science Foundation

2025–2028. $660,000.

[G-6] **Qualcomm Innovation Fellowship**

PI — Project Supervisor of winning team: P. Amusuo and D. Anandayuvaraj

Qualcomm, Inc.

2025–2026. $100,000.

[G-7] **Unrestricted Gift: Typosquat Detection in Open-Source Ecosystems**

PI

Socket, Inc.

2025. $20,000.

[G-8] **NSF #2512797: Travel: NSF Student Travel Grant for 2025 International Conference on Software Engineering**

PI

US National Science Foundation

2024-2025. $24,000.

[G-9] **NSF #2343596: Collaborative Research: EAGER: CET: Exploring The Risks and Rewards of Large Language Models in Enabling Energy-Efficient Data Center Software Infrastructure**

PI (Co-PI: Yung-Hsiang Lu)

US National Science Foundation

2024–2026. $149,976.

[G-10] **Rolls Royce: Facilitating Effective Dynamic Analysis of Embedded Software**

Co-PI (PI: Aravind Machiry)

Contract with Rolls Royce

2024-2025. $150,000.

[G-11] **Unrestricted Gift: Improving OSS Supply Chain Security by Promoting Software Signing**
Co-PI (PI: Santiago Torres-Arias)
Google, LLC
2023. $200,000.

[G-12] **Rolls Royce: Dynamic Security Analysis of Embedded Software Systems**
Co-PI (PI: Aravind Machiry)
Contract with Rolls Royce
2023-2024. $150,000.

[G-13] **Efficient Computer Vision for Edge Devices**
Co-PI (PI: Yung-Hsiang Lu)
Contract with Cisco
2023-2024. $179,941

[G-14] **Unrestricted Gift: Machine Learning Reproducibility**
PI
Google, LLC
2022. $80,000.

[G-15] **NSF #2229703: POSE: Phase I: Scoping An Open-Source Ecosystem Around Proactive Software Supply Chain Monitoring**
Co-PI (PI: Santiago Torres-Arias)
US National Science Foundation
2022–2023. $300,000.

[G-16] **Cisco: Trustworthy Re-use of Pre-Trained Neural Networks**
PI (Co-PI: Yung-Hsiang Lu)
Contract with Cisco
2022–2023. $179,237.

[G-17] **Cisco: Monitor and manage security risks in software supply chains with Sigstore**
Co-PI (PI: Santiago Torres-Arias)
Contract with Cisco
2022–2023. $184,536.

[G-18] **NSF #2135156: Collaborative Research: SaTC: CORE: Small: Improving Sanitization and Avoiding Denial of Service Through Correct and Safe Regexes**
PI (Co-PI: Dongyoon Lee)
US National Science Foundation
2022–2025. $274,000.

[G-19] **Rolls Royce: Dynamic Analysis of Embedded Firmware**
Co-PI (PI: Aravind Machiry)
Contract with Rolls Royce
2021-2022. $175,000.

[G-20] **NSF #2107230: Collaborative Research: OAC Core: Advancing Low-Power Computer Vision at the Edge**

Co-PI (PI: Yung-Hsiang Lu)

US National Science Foundation

2021–2024. $258,000.

[G-21] **Unrestricted gift to support research on machine learning reproducibility**

PI (Co-PI: Yung-Hsiang Lu)

Google, LLC

2020. $80,000 + $20,000.

INTERNAL GRANTS

TOTAL: $234,431.

[IG-1] **Exploring the Impact and the Use of Generative Models in Computer Engineering Education**

Co-PI (PI: Machiry, Other Co-PIs: Zoltowski, Hess, Lu)

Office of the Provost, through the program "AI in teaching and learning grants"

2023-2024. $79,431.

[IG-2] **Revamping the CompE Currickulum for Secure Software Engineering**

PI (Co-PIs: Machiry, Torres-Arias, Bagchi)

ECE Agile Reform of Curriculum program, enabled by Elmore Family gift

2021-2022. $150,000.

[IG-3] **Intercultural Engineering Education for Software Engineers**

PI (Co-PI: Kirsten Davis)

Purdue University VEIL Program

2020. $5,000.

GIFTS IN KIND

TOTAL VALUATION: $16,478.

[IG-1] **Intel: Gift of Laptops for Educational Research on Local LLMs for Education**

PI (Co-PI: Sean Brophy)

Gift in Kind (Equipment)

2026. Valuation: $16,478.

REFEREED CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS (FULL PAPERS)[2] *These venues are CORE2023 rank A or A*.[3]*

[C-1] A. Rozema and **J.C. Davis**. *Anti-Phishing Training (Still) Does Not Work: A Reproduction of Phishing Training Inefficacy Grounded in the NIST Phish Scale*. Proceedings of the ACM Web Conference 2026 (WWW'26). 20.1% acceptance rate (676/3,370). 12 pages.

[C-2] K.G. Kalu, S. Okorafor, T. Singla, S. Chen, S. Torres-Arias, and **J.C. Davis**. *Why Johnny Adopts Identity-Based Software Signing: A Usability Case Study of Sigstore*. Proceedings of the 35th USENIX Security Symposium (USENIX Security'26). 20 pages.

[C-3] W. Jiang, B. Çakar, M. Lysenko, and **J.C. Davis**. *ConfuGuard: Using Metadata to Detect Active and Stealthy Package Confusion Attacks Accurately and at Scale*. Proceedings of the 48th International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE'26). 21.8% acceptance rate (321/1,469). 13 pages.

[C-4] D. Anandayuvaraj, T. Singla, Z. Hammadeh, A. Lund, A. Holloway, and **J.C. Davis**. *Learning From Software Failures: A Case Study at a National Space Research Center*. Proceedings of the 48th International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE'26). 21.8% acceptance rate (321/1,469). 13 pages.

[C-5] P.C. Amusuo, O. Cochell, T. Le Lievre, P.V. Patil, A. Machiry, and **J.C. Davis**. *Do Unit Proofs Work? An Empirical Study of Compositional Bounded Model Checking for Memory Safety Verification*. Proceedings of the 48th International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE'26). 21.8% acceptance rate (321/1,469). 13 pages.

[C-6] B.S.H. Chou, P. Jajal, N.J. Eliopoulos, **J.C. Davis**, G.K. Thiruvathukal, K.Y.J. Yun, and Y.H. Lu. *LadderSym: A Multimodal Interleaved Transformer for Music Practice Error Detection*. Proceedings of the Fourteenth International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR'26). 28% acceptance rate (5,000/18,000). 22 pages.

[C-7] A. Kellas, N. Christou, W. Jiang, P. Li, L. Simon, Y. David, V. Kemerlis, **J.C. Davis**, and J. Yang. *PickleBall: Secure Deserialization of Pickle-based Machine Learning Models*. Proceedings of the 32nd ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS'25). 13.9% acceptance rate (316/2,278). 16 pages. ***Best Artifact Award***.

[C-8] P.C. Amusuo, K.A. Robinson, T. Singla, H. Peng, A. Machiry, S. Torres-Arias, L. Simon, and **J.C. Davis**. *ZTD_{JAVA}: Mitigating Software Supply Chain Vulnerabilities via Zero-Trust Dependencies*. Proceedings of the 47th International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE'25). 24% acceptance rate (248/1031). 13 pages.

[C-9] B.S.H. Chou, P. Jajal, N.J. Eliopoulos, T. Nadolsky, C.Y. Yang, N. Ravi, **J.C. Davis**, K.Y.J. Yun, and Y.H. Lu. *A Musician's Muse: Detecting Performance Errors with Transformers*. Proceedings of the 39th Annual AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI'25). 23% acceptance rate (3,032/12,957). 11 pages.

[C-10] S.R. Tanksalkar, S. Muralee, D.M.S.H. Danduri, P. Amusuo, A. Bianchi, **J.C. Davis**, and A. Machiry. *LEMIX: Enabling Testing of Embedded Applications as Linux Applications*. Proceedings of the 34th USENIX Security Symposium (USENIX Security'25). 17.1% acceptance rate (407/2,385). 30 pages.

[2] Here and elsewhere, my research mentees are underlined. These are students whose work I supervised during the research project. My name is given in **bold**. In these publication venues, the final author ("anchor author") provides the primary intellectual supervision of the work.

[3] In my research areas, top-tier conferences are the most prestigious venues for publication, with some journals considered comparable. The ICORE rankings are an international ranking system of conferences in which A* venues are "best" and A venues are "reputable" venues; for either category, the peer reviewers are recognized experts in the field. Acceptance rates of ∼10-25% across 100+ submissions are a good indicator of conference quality.

[C-11] K. Kalu, T. Singla, C. Okafor, S. Torres-Arias, and **J.C. Davis**. *An Industry Interview Study of Software Signing for Supply Chain Security*. Proceedings of the 34th USENIX Security Symposium (USENIX Security'25). 17.1% acceptance rate (407/2,385). 18 pages.

[C-12] M. Shen, A. Pillai, B.A. Yuan, **J.C. Davis**, and A. Machiry. *Finding 709 Defects in 258 Projects: An Experience Report on Applying CodeQL to Open-Source Embedded Software (Experience Paper)*. Proceedings of the 34th ACM SIGSOFT International Symposium on Software Testing and Analysis (ISSTA'25). 21% acceptance rate (115/553). 22 pages.

[C-13] M.H.M. Bhuiyan*, B. Çakar*, E. Burmane, **J.C. Davis**, and C.A. Staicu. *SoK: A Literature and Engineering Review of Regular Expression Denial of Service*. Proceedings of the 20th ACM ASIA Conference on Computer and Communications Security (AsiaCCS) Cycle 2 (AsiaCCS'25). 20% acceptance rate (53/269). 22 pages.

[C-14] N. Eliopoulos, P. Jajal, **J.C. Davis**, G. Liu, G.K. Thiruvathukal, and Y.H. Lu. *Pruning One More Token is Enough: Leveraging Latency-Workload Non-Linearities for Vision Transformers on the Edge*. Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV'25). 37.8% acceptance rate (930/2,458). 12 pages.

[C-15] P. Jajal, N. Eliopoulos, B. Chou, G.K. Thiruvathukal, **J.C. Davis**, and Y.H. Lu. *Token Turing Machines are Efficient Vision Models*. Proceedings of the IEEE/CVF Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV'25). 37.8% acceptance rate (930/2,458). 12 pages.

[C-16] D. Anandayuvaraj, M. Campbell, A. Tewari, and **J.C. Davis**. *FAIL: Analyzing Software Failures from the News Using LLMs*. Proceedings of the 38th IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering (ASE'24). 26% acceptance rate (154/587). 13 pages.

[C-17] P. Jajal, W. Jiang, A. Tewari, E. Kocinare, J. Woo, A. Sarraf, Y.H. Lu, G.K. Thiruvathukal, and **J.C. Davis**. *Interoperability in Deep Learning: A User Survey and Failure Analysis of ONNX Model Converters*. Proceedings of the 33rd ACM SIGSOFT International Symposium on Software Testing and Analysis (ISSTA'24). 21% acceptance rate (143/694). 13 pages.

[C-18] J. Jones, W. Jiang, N. Synovic, G.K. Thiruvathukal, and **J.C. Davis**. *What do we know about Hugging Face? A systematic literature review and quantitative validation of qualitative claims*. Proceedings of the 18th ACM/IEEE International Symposium on Empirical Software Engineering and Measurement (ESEM'24). 24% acceptance rate (34/139). 12 pages.

[C-19] L. Franke, H. Liang, S. Farzanehpour, A. Brantly, **J.C. Davis**, and C. Brown. *An Exploratory Mixed-methods Study on General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Compliance in Open-Source Software*. Proceedings of the 18th ACM/IEEE International Symposium on Empirical Software Engineering and Measurement (ESEM'24). 24% acceptance rate (34/139). 12 pages.

[C-20] J. Chen, D. Anandayuvaraj, **J.C. Davis**, and S. Rahaman. *On the Contents and Utility of IoT Cybersecurity Guidelines*. Proceedings of the ACM on Software Engineering (PACMSE), Issue FSE 2024 (FSE'24). 26% acceptance rate (121/474). 24 pages.

[C-21] T.R. Schorlemmer, K.G. Kalu, L. Chigges, K.M. Ko, E.A.M.A. Ishgair, S. Bagchi, S. Torres-Arias, and **J.C. Davis**. *Signing in Four Public Software Package Registries: Quantity, Quality, and Influencing Factors*. Proceedings of the 45th IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (IEEE S&P'24). 18% acceptance rate (261/1463). 16 pages.

[C-22] W. Maxam and **J.C. Davis**. *An Interview Study on Third-Party Cyber Threat Hunting Processes in the U.S. Department of Homeland Security*. Proceedings of the 33rd USENIX Security Symposium (USENIX Security'24). 18% acceptance rate (382/2176). 18 pages.

[C-23] W. Jiang, J. Yasmin, J. Jones, N. Synovic, J. Kuo, N. Bielanski, Y. Tian, G.K. Thiruvathukal, and **J.C. Davis**. *PeaTMOSS: A Dataset and Initial Analysis of Pre-Trained Models in Open-Source Software*. Proceedings of the 21st Annual Conference on Mining Software Repositories (MSR'24). 29% acceptance rate (42/146). 13 pages.

[C-24] W. Jiang, N. Synovic, M. Hyatt, T.R. Schorlemmer, R. Sethi, Y.H. Lu, G.K. Thiruvathukal, and **J.C. Davis**. *An Empirical Study of Pre-Trained Model Reuse in the Hugging Face Deep Learning Model Registry*. Proceedings of the ACM/IEEE 45th International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE'23). 26% acceptance rate (208/796). 13 pages.

[C-25] P.C. Amusuo, R.A.C. Méndez, Z. Xu, A. Machiry, and **J.C. Davis**. *Systematically Detecting Packet Validation Vulnerabilities in Embedded Network Stacks*. Proceedings of the 38th IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering (ASE'23). 21% acceptance rate (134/629). 13 pages.

[C-26] S.A. Hassan, Z. Aamir, D. Lee, **J.C. Davis**, and F. Servant. *Improving Developers' Understanding of Regex Denial of Service Tools through Anti-Patterns and Fix Strategies*. Proceedings of the 44th IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (IEEE S&P'23). 17.1% acceptance rate (196/1,147). 18 pages.

[C-27] A. Goel, C. Tung, N. Eliopoulos, X. Hu, G.K. Thiruvathukal, **J.C. Davis**, and Y.H. Lu. *Directed Acyclic Graph-based Neural Networks for Tunable Low-Power Computer Vision*. Proceedings of the ACM/IEEE International Symposium on Low Power Electronics and Design (ISLPED'22). 24% acceptance rate (23/96). 6 pages.

[C-28] E. Barlas, X. Du, and **J.C. Davis**. *Exploiting Input Sanitization for Regex Denial of Service*. Proceedings of the ACM/IEEE 44th International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE'22). 26% acceptance rate (197/751). 13 pages.

[C-29] Q. Xu, **J.C. Davis**, Y.C. Hu, and A. Jindal. *An Empirical Study on the Impact of Parameters on Mobile App Energy Usage*. Proceedings of the 29th IEEE International Conference on Software Analysis, Evolution and Reengineering (SANER'22). 36% acceptance rate (72/199). 12 pages.

[C-30] A. Goel, C. Tung, X. Hu, H. Wang, **J.C. Davis**, Thiruvathukal, and Lu. *Low-Power Multi-Camera Object Re-Identification using Hierarchical Neural Networks*. Proceedings of the ACM/IEEE International Symposium on Low Power Electronics and Design (ISLPED'21). 26.1% acceptance rate (23/88). 6 pages.

[C-31] **J.C. Davis**, F. Servant, and D. Lee. *Using Selective Memoization to Defeat Regular Expression Denial of Service (ReDoS)*. Proceedings of the 42nd IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (IEEE S&P'21). 12% acceptance rate (115/952). 17 pages.

[C-32] A. Cha, E. Wittern, G. Baudart, **J.C. Davis**, L. Mandel, and J. Laredo. *A Principled Approach to GraphQL Query Cost Analysis*. Proceedings of the 28th ACM Joint European Software Engineering Conference and Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering (ESEC/FSE'20). 28% acceptance rate (101/360). 12 pages. ***ACM Distinguished Paper Award***.

[C-33] L. Rupprecht, **J.C. Davis**, C. Arnold, Y. Gur, and D. Bhagwat. *Improving Reproducibility of Data Science Pipelines through Transparent Provenance Capture*. Proceedings of the 46th International Conference on Very Large Data Bases (VLDB'20–Industry track). 20.6% acceptance rate (241/1,172). 15 pages.

[C-34] **J.C. Davis**, D. Moyer, A. Kazerouni, and D. Lee. *Testing Regex Generalizability And Its Implications: A Large-Scale Many-Language Measurement Study*. Proceedings of the 34th IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering (ASE'19). 21% acceptance rate (91/435). 13 pages.

[C-35] L. Michael, J. Donohue, **J.C. Davis**, D. Lee, and F. Servant. *Regexes are Hard: Decision-making, Difficulties, and Risks in Programming Regular Expressions*. Proceedings of the 34th IEEE/ACM International Conference on Automated Software Engineering (ASE'19). 21% acceptance rate (91/435). 12 pages. ***ACM Distinguished Paper Award***.

[C-36] **J.C. Davis**, L. Michael, C. Coghlan, F. Servant, and D. Lee. *Are Regular Expressions a Lingua Franca? An Empirical Study on the Re-use and Portability of Regular Expressions*. Proceedings of the 27th ACM Joint European Software Engineering Conference and Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering (ESEC/FSE'19). 24% acceptance rate (97/371). 12 pages.

[C-37] E. Wittern, A. Cha, **J.C. Davis**, G. Baudart, L. Mandel. *An Empirical Study of GraphQL Schemas*. Proceedings of the 17th International Conference on Service-Oriented Computing (ICSOC'19). 15% acceptance rate (28/183). 16 pages.

[C-38] X. Fu, T. Ghaffar, **J.C. Davis**, and D. Lee. *EdgeWise: A Better Stream Processing Engine for the Edge*. 2019 USENIX Annual Technical Conference (USENIX ATC'19). 20% acceptance rate (71/356). 17 pages.

[C-39] **J.C. Davis**, C. Coghlan, F. Servant, and D. Lee. *The Impact of Regular Expression Denial of Service (REDOS) in Practice: an Empirical Study at the Ecosystem Scale*. Proceedings of the 26th ACM Joint European Software Engineering Conference and Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering (ESEC/FSE'18). 21% acceptance rate (61/289). 11 pages. ***ACM Distinguished Paper Award***.

[C-40] **J.C. Davis**, E.R. Williamson, and D. Lee. *A Sense of Time for JavaScript and Node.js: First-Class Timeouts as a Cure for Event Handler Poisoning*. Proceedings of the 27th USENIX Security Symposium (USENIX Security'18). 19% acceptance rate (100/520). 17 pages.

[C-41] **J.C. Davis**, A. Thekumparampil, and D. Lee. *Node.fz: Fuzzing the Server-Side Event-Driven Architecture*. Proceedings of the Twelfth European Conference on Computer Systems (EuroSys'17). 21% acceptance rate (41/200). 16 pages.

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES[4]

[J-1] W. Jiang, M. Kim, C. Cheung, H. Kim, G.K. Thiruvathukal, and **J.C. Davis**. *"I see models being a whole other thing": An Empirical Study of Pre-Trained Model Naming Conventions and A Tool for Enhancing Naming Consistency*. Empirical Software Engineering, 2025 (EMSE'25). 67 pages.

[J-2] G. Cramer, W. Maxam, and **J.C. Davis**. *Engineering Patterns for Trust and Safety on Social Media Platforms: A Case Study of Mastodon and Diaspora*. Journal of Systems and Software, 2025 (JSS'25). 22 pages.

[J-3] D. Özkan, K. Davis, **J.C. Davis**, J. Deters, and H. Murzi. *Fostering Systems Thinking through Engineering Study Abroad Programs*. European Journal of Engineering Education, 2024 (EJEE'24). 26 pages.

[J-4] W. Jiang, V. Banna, N. Vivek, A. Goel, N. Synovic, G.K. Thiruvathukal, and **J.C. Davis**. *Challenges and Practices of Deep Learning Model Reengineering: A Case Study on Computer Vision*. Empirical Software Engineering, 2024 (EMSE'24). 63 pages.

[J-5] K. Davis, J. Deters, D. Özkan, **J.C. Davis**, and H. Murzi. *Applying Experiential Learning Theory to Understand Study Abroad Leaders' Experiences Using Real-Time Perspectives*. Frontiers: The Interdisciplinary Journal of Study Abroad, Vol. 34, No. 2, 2022 (Frontiers'22). 31 pages.

[J-6] S. Herbold, A. Trautsch, B. Ledel, A. Aghamohammadi, T.A. Ghaleb, K.K. Chahal, T. Bossenmaier, B. Nagaria, P. Makedonski, M.N. Ahmadabadi, K. Szabados, H. Spieker, M. Madeja, N. Hoy, V. Lenarduzzi, S. Wang, G. Rodriguez-Perez, R. Colomo-Palacios, R. Verdecchia, P. Singh, Y. Qin, D. Chakroborti, W. Davis, V. Walunj, H. Wu, D. Marcilio, O. Alam, A. Aldaeej, I. Amit, B. Turhan, S. Eismann, A.K. Wickert, I. Malavolta, M. Sulir, F. Fard, A.Z. Henley, S. Kourtzanidis, E. Tüzün, C. Treude, S.M. Shamasbi, I. Pashchenko, M. Wyrich, **J.C. Davis**, A. Serebrenik, E. Albrecht, E.U. Aktas, D. Strüber, and J. Erbel. *A Fine-grained Data Set and Analysis of Tangling in Bug Fixing Commits*. Empirical Software Engineering, 2022 (EMSE'22). 55 pages.

[4] In the field of software engineering research, four journals are considered peers of the top conferences, as evidenced by their inclusion in "journal first" tracks at those conferences: ACM TOSEM, IEEE TSE, Springer EMSE, and Elsevier JSS.

[J-7] A. Kazerouni, **J.C. Davis**, A. Basak, C. Shaffer, F. Servant, and S. Edwards. *Fast and Accurate Incremental Feedback for Students' Software Tests Using Selective Mutation Analysis*. Journal of Systems and Software, 2021 (JSS'21). 22 pages.

[J-8] D. Özkan, K. Davis, **J.C. Davis**, M. James, H. Murzi, and D. Knight. *Expectations and Experiences of Short-Term Study Abroad Leadership Teams*. Journal of International Engineering Education, 2020 (JIEE'20). 34 pages.

REFEREED MAGAZINE ARTICLES

[M-1] T.R. Schorlemmer, E. Burmane, K. Kalu, S. Torres-Arias, and **J.C. Davis**. *Establishing Provenance Before Coding: Traditional and Next-Gen Software Signing*. IEEE Security & Privacy Magazine, special issue "Secure Software Before Codeing", 2025 (IEEE S&P Magazine'25). 8 pages.

[M-2] X. Hu, Z. Jiao, A. Kocher, Z. Wu, J. Liu, **J.C. Davis**, G.K. Thiruvathukal, and Y.H. Lu. *Evolution of Winning Solutions in the 2021 Low-Power Computer Vision Challenge*. IEEE Computer, 2023 (Computer'23). 6 pages.

[M-3] A. Goel, C. Tung, N. Eliopoulos, A. Wang, **J.C. Davis**, G.K. Thiruvathukal, and Y.H. Lu. *Tree-based Unidirectional Neural Networks for Low-Power Computer Vision*. IEEE Design & Test, 2022 (IEEE D&T'22). 6 pages.

OTHER REFEREED WORKS: VISIONS, TOOLS, PRELIMINARY WORKS, COMPETITIONS

[W-1] H. Peng, A. Zhong, R.A.C. Méndez, K.G. Kalu, and **J.C. Davis**. *How Do Agents Perform Code Optimization? An Empirical Study*. Proceedings of the 23rd International Mining Software Repositories Conference — Mining Challenge track (MSR-Mining'26). 53% acceptance rate (62/116). 5 pages.

[W-2] P.C. Amusuo, P.V. Patil, O. Cochell, T. Le Lievre, and **J.C. Davis**. *A Unit Proofing Framework for Code-level Verification: A Research Agenda*. Proceedings of the ACM/IEEE 47th International Conference on Software Engineering — New Ideas and Emerging Results track (ICSE-NIER'25). 26% acceptance rate (25/97). 5 pages.

[W-3] P.V. Patil, W. Jiang, H. Peng, D. Lugo, K.G. Kalu, J. LeBlanc, L. Smith, H. Heo, N. Aou, and **J.C. Davis**. *Recommending Pre-Trained Models for IoT Devices*. Proceedings of the 7th International Workshop on Software Engineering Research & Practices for the Internet of Things (SERP4IoT'25). 5 pages.

[W-4] S. Joshi, P. Mukherjee, K.A. Davis, and **J.C. Davis**. *Introducing Systems Thinking as a Framework for Teaching and Assessing Threat Modeling Competency*. Proceedings of the 2024 Annual Conference and Exposition of the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE'24). ∼50% acceptance rate (12 papers presented). 31 pages. ***Best Paper Award, Software Engineering Division (given to 1 out of 12 papers)***.

[W-5] B.A. Tanay, L. Arinze, S. Joshi, K.A. Davis, and **J.C. Davis**. *An Exploratory Study on Upper-Level Computing Students' Use of Large Language Models as Tools in a Semester-Long Project*. Proceedings of the 2024 Annual Conference and Exposition of the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE'24). ∼50% acceptance rate (12 papers presented). 27 pages.

[W-6] **J.C. Davis**, P. Jajal, W. Jiang, T.R. Schorlemmer, N. Synovic, and G.K. Thiruvathukal. *Reusing Deep Learning Models: Challenges and Directions in Software Engineering*. Proceedings of the IEEE John Vincent Atanasoff Symposium on Modern Computing (JVA'23). 12 pages.

[W-7] J. Srinivasan, S.R. Tanksalkar, P. Amusuo, **J.C. Davis**, and A. Machiry. *Towards Rehosting Embedded Applications as Linux Applications*. Proceedings of the 53rd Annual IEEE/IFIP International Conference on Dependable Systems and Networks — Disrupt track (DSN-Disrupt'23). 47% acceptance rate (17/36). 5 pages.

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[W-25] **J.C. Davis**. *Rethinking Regex Engines to Address ReDoS*. ACM Student Research Competition, 2019-2020 at ESEC/FSE'19. ***First place, graduate student division***.

[W-26] L. Rupprecht, **J.C. Davis**, C. Arnold, A. Lubbock, D. Tyson, and D. Bhagwat. *Ursprung: Provenance for Large-Scale Analytics Environments*. Proceedings of the 2019 International Conference on Management of Data (SIGMOD'19 Demo). 4 pages.

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[Ps-3] B. Çakar, C. Sale, S. Chen, E. Burmane, D. Lee, and **J.C. Davis**. *Is Reuse All You Need? A Systematic Comparison of Regular Expression Composition Strategies*. The 12th Greater Chicago Area Systems Research Workshop (GCASR'25).

[Ps-4] H. Peng, A. Gupte, R. Hasler, K. Laufer, G.K. Thiruvathukal, and **J.C. Davis**. *Towards Scalable and Performance-Aware Code Optimization with LLMs*. The 12th Greater Chicago Area Systems Research Workshop (GCASR'25).

[Ps-5] L. Yadava, P. Kumar, Z. Homrich, R. Potta, P. Kapila, and **J.C. Davis**. *Optimizing Multi-Agent Collaboration in Software Engineering*. The 12th Greater Chicago Area Systems Research Workshop (GCASR'25).

[Ps-6] K.G. Kalu, S. Torres-Arias, and **J.C. Davis**. *Software Signing: Practical Adoption, Challenges, and Tooling Usability*. 2025 Purdue CERIAS Symposium (CERIAS'25). ***Award: Best Poster — 1st-place***.

[Ps-7] N. Synovic, K. Ryzka, A.V. Solari, **J.C. Davis**, and G.K. Thiruvathukal. *Exploring Deep Neural Network Reuse in Computational Natural Science*. The Loyola University Chicago Undergraduate Research and Engagement Symposium (2025).

[Ps-8] L. Franke, H. Liang, A. Brantly, **J.C. Davis**, and C. Brown. *A First Look at the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in Open-Source Software*. Proceedings of the ACM/IEEE 46th International Conference on Software Engineering — Poster Track (ICSE-Poster'24).

[Ps-9] S.R. Tanksalkar, J. Srinivasan, S. Danduri, P. Amusuo, **J.C. Davis**, and A. Machiry. *LeMix: Rehosting Embedded Systems at Linux Applications for Effective Vulnerability Detection*. 2024 Purdue CERIAS Symposium (CERIAS'24). ***Award: Best Poster — 1st-place***.

[Ps-10] K.G. Kalu, S. Torres-Arias, and **J.C. Davis**. *Navigating Software Supply Chain Risks: Practitioner Perspectives on Software Signing*. 2024 Purdue CERIAS Symposium (CERIAS'24).

[Ps-11] T.R. Schorlemmer, W. Jiang, and **J.C. Davis**. *Machine Learning Supply Chain Security*. 2023 Purdue CERIAS Symposium (CERIAS'23). ***Award: Best Poster — 2nd-place***.

[Ps-12] W. Jiang, T.R. Schorlemmer, and **J.C. Davis**. *Trustworthy Re-use of Pre-trained Neural Networks*. 2023 Purdue CERIAS Symposium (CERIAS'23).

[Ps-13] W. Maxam and **J.C. Davis**. *Plan for an evaluation of government cyber threat hunting processes*. 2022 Purdue CERIAS Symposium (CERIAS'22).

[Ps-14] N. Hornbrook and **J.C. Davis**. *An Intercultural Engineering Module for Software Engineers*. 2021 Annual Colloquium for International Engineering Education (ACIEE'21).

[Ps-15] N. Vivek, A. Chinnakotla, V. Banna, A. Vegesana, Z. Yan, **J.C. Davis**, Y.H. Lu, and G.K. Thiruvathukal. *Exemplars for Machine Learning: Towards Software Engineering & Reproducibility*. SIAM Conference on Computational Science and Engineering (CSE'21).

COURSES DESIGNED* OR RE-DESIGNED†

†ECE 461 – Software Engineering Launched Fall 2021
Purdue University

***ECE 595 – Advanced Software Engineering** Launched Spring 2021
Purdue University

†ECE 30862 – Software Engineering Tools Revamped Fall 2021
Purdue University

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ECE 461 – Software Engineering F21, S23, F23, F24, F25
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ECE 595 – Advanced Software Engineering S21, S22, S24, S26
Purdue University

ECE 368 – Data Structures Fall 2020
Purdue University

Vertically Integr. Project: Software Engineering w/Pre-Trained Models S24, F24, S25, F25, S26
Purdue University

Vertically Integr. Project: Open-Source TensorFlow Software F20, S21, F21, S22, F22, S23, F23
Purdue University

Vertically Integr. Project: SafeRegex Fall 2020, Spring 2021
Purdue University

CS 3114 – Data Structures and Algorithms Fall 2019
Virginia Tech

CS 1064 – Introduction to Programming in Python Spring 2019
Virginia Tech

Rising Sophomore Abroad Program (Track Leader) Spring 2018, Spring 2019
Virginia Tech

GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING

DOCTORAL STUDENTS, AS COMMITTEE CHAIR

Dr. Wenxin Jiang	PhD	*Graduated 2025*
Paschal Amusuo	PhD candidate	Fall 2021–present, expected Spring 2026
Dharun Anandayuvaraj	PhD candidate	Fall 2021–present, expected Fall 2026
Purvish Jajal (with Y.H. Lu)	PhD candidate	Fall 2022–present, expected Fall 2027
Nicholas J. Eliopoulous (with Y.H. Lu)	PhD candidate	Fall 2024–present, expected Spring 2027
Kelechi Gabriel Kalu	PhD student	Spring 2023–present, expected Fall 2027
Daniel Lugo, US Space Force	PhD student	Fall 2024–present, expected Spring 2027
Andrew Rozema	PhD student	Fall 2024–present, expected Spring 2028
Berk Çakar	PhD student	Fall 2024–present, expected Spring 2029
Huiyun Peng	PhD student	Fall 2024–present, expected Spring 2029
Ricardo Andrés Calvo Méndez	PhD student	Fall 2025–present, expected Spring 2030

MSC-THESIS STUDENTS, AS COMMITTEE CHAIR

Parth V. Patil	MSc	*Graduated 2025*
Jason Jones	MSc	*Graduated 2024*
Taylor Schorlemmer, US Army	MSc	*Graduated 2024*
William Maxam, US Coast Guard	MSc	*Graduated 2023*
Geoffrey Cramer	MSc	*Graduated 2023*
Tanmay Singla		Fall 2024–present, expected Spring 2026
Sofia Okorafor, US Navy		Fall 2024–present, expected Spring 2026

DOCTORAL STUDENTS, AS COMMITTEE MEMBER

Dr. Qiang Xu	PhD	*Graduated 2024*
Dr. Abhinav Goel	PhD	*Graduated 2022*

Andreas Kellas (Columbia University)	PhD candidate	Spring 2025–present
Chinenye Okafor	PhD student	Fall 2022–present
Akul Pillai	PhD student	Fall 2022–present
Mingjie Shen	PhD student	Fall 2021–present

MSC-THESIS STUDENTS, AS COMMITTEE MEMBER

Jayashree Srinivasan	MSc	*Graduated 2023*
Xiao Hu	MSc	*Graduated 2022*

INVITED TALKS

ON SOFTWARE ENGINEERING FOR MACHINE LEARNING — REUSING PRE-TRAINED MODELS

Oregon State University. Corvallis, OR 2025

McGill University. Montreal, Canada 2025

Concordia University. Montreal, Canada 2025

The University of Arizona. Tucson, AZ 2024

Michigan Technical University. Houghton, MI 2024

Carnegie Mellon University. Pittsburgh, PA 2023

The University of Notre Dame. South Bend, IN 2023

Argonne National Laboratories. Lemont, IL 2023

ONNX Community Meetup, NVIDIA Headquarters. Santa Clara, CA 2023

Loyola University Chicago. Chicago, IL 2022

ON REGULAR EXPRESSION DENIAL OF SERVICE (REDOS)

Dagstuhl seminar on "Regular Expressions: Matching and Indexing" 2024

Clemson University. Clemson, SC 2020

Clarkson University. Potsdam, NY 2020

Colorado School of Mines. Golden, CO 2020

Pennsylvania State University. State College, PA 2020

University of Nebraska. Lincoln, NE 2020

York University. Toronto, Canada 2019

ON SOFTWARE ENGINEERING FOR EMBEDDED SYSTEMS

Securing Software Implementations through System Fuzz Testing and Modular Formal Methods 2025
Rolls Royce Annual Conference, Cyber Technology Research Network. Indianapolis, IN

Quick and Dirty or Slow and Steady? Two Techniques for Validating Embedded Software 2024
Rolls Royce Headquarters. Derby, UK

OTHER TALKS

Failure-Aware SW Development Lifecycles: Opportunities for Intra-/Inter-Org. Learning 2024
Purdue CERIAS External Advisory Board

An Interview Study on 3^{rd}-Party Cyber Threat Hunting Processes in the U.S. Dep't of Homeland Sec. 2024
Purdue CERIAS Annual Symposium

Challenges in Global Software Development 2021
University of Wisconsin–Stout. Menomonie, WI

Regexes are Hard: Qualitative and Quantitative Perspectives 2019
North Carolina State University. Raleigh, NC

Regexes in the Wild 2019
Virginia Tech. Blacksburg, VA

The Dangers of Copy/Pasting Code 2019
Episode of the Podcast "The Secure Developer"

Academic Perspectives on Node.js 2018
Node.js Collaborator Summit. Vancouver, Canada

International Engineering Annual, 2015–2019
Rising Sophomore Abroad Program, Virginia Tech. Blacksburg, VA

ACADEMIC COMMUNITY SERVICE

REVIEWER: MAJOR CONFERENCE TECHNICAL TRACKS[5]

PC Member, AAAI 2026

PC Member, ICSE 2025, 2026

PC Member, USENIX Security 2025, 2026

PC Member, ESEC/FSE 2023, 2025

PC Member, ASE 2021, 2024

PC Member, ISSTA 2024, 2025

REVIEWER: JOURNALS

Reviewer, IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering (TSE)

Reviewer, ACM Transactions on Software Engineering and Methodology (TOSEM)

Reviewer, Springer Empirical Software Engineering (EMSE)

Reviewer, Journal of Systems and Software (JSS)

Reviewer, Journal of Online Trust & Safety (JOTS)

REVIEWER: OTHER SERVICE AS REFEREE (MINOR VENUES OR NON-TECHNICAL TRACKS)

PC Member, MSR Mining Challenge 2026

PC Member, European Workshop on Systems Security (EuroSec) 2024, 2025, 2026

PC Member, IEEE SecDev 2024

Reviewer, IEEE-CS SWEBOK Guide V4 (Guide to the Software Engineering Body of Knowledge) 2024

Reviewer, SANER–Early Research Achievement Track 2024

[5]In my research areas, service on the technical program committees ("PC member") is the most respected form of peer review service. This typically involves the review of 5-15 papers per conference.

PC Member, Twelfth Workshop on Education for High-Performance Computing (EduHPC) 2024

PC Member, LCTES 2023

Reviewer, SCAM–Engineering track 2023

PC Member, ACM Workshop on Software Supply Chain Offens. Res. and Ecosystem Def. 2022, 2023

Reviewer, ASE–Doctoral Symposium Track 2022

Reviewer, ICSE–Demonstrations Track 2021

Reviewer, ESEC/FSE–Artifact Track 2020, 2021

Judge, CSAW'21 Best Paper Competition 2021, 2023

Reviewer, CGO–Artifact Track 2019

Sub-reviewer: Middleware'17, ASPLOS'18, EuroSys'18, MASCOTS'18, HPCA'19, CGO'19 2016–2019

ORGANIZATIONAL SERVICE

Organizing Committee, ICSE 2025 Student Mentoring Workshop (ICSE-SMeW) 2024-2025

Panelist and Mentor, ICSE Student Mentoring Workshop (ICSE-SMeW) 2024

Mentor, ICSE Student Mentoring Workshop (ICSE-SMeW) 2023

NATIONAL SERVICE

US National Science Foundation, Panelist 2025

US National Science Foundation, Panelist 2023

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

ECE Representative on the COE Graduate Education Award Selection Committee 2025

Lead for BSc.-Computer Engineering, Purdue ECE ABET Committee 5-year self-evaluation 2024–2025

Organizer, Junior Faculty Peer Mentoring Teatime 2024–2025

Organizer, CAREER writing group 2024, 2025

Organizer, Software Systems Reading Group 2024

Member, Committee to Create MSc-Software Engineering 2024

Breakout session discussion lead: LLMs in education — ECE ADVANCE 2024

Member, Purdue ECE Faculty Search Committee – Prof. of Practice in Software Engineering 2023–2024

Member, Purdue ECE ABET Committee 2023–present

Member, Purdue ECE Ad Hoc Faculty Search Committee 2023

Member, Purdue ECE Faculty Search Committee — Software Engineering 2022–2023

Host, Computer Engineering Seminar Series — Dr. Joanna C. S. Santos (Notre Dame) 2022

Host, Purdue Engineering Distinguished Lecture Series (PEDLS) — Dr. Nancy Leveson (MIT) 2022

Member, Purdue ECE Undergraduate Curriculum Committee 2020–2022

Panelist, CS@Virginia Tech Academic Jobs Panel 2021

President, Virginia Tech CS Graduate Student Council 2018–2019

Organizer, Virginia Tech Systems Reading Group 2017–2020

SHORT COURSES AND WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

Dagstuhl seminar on "Regular Expressions: Matching and Indexing" 2024

Generative AI Assistance in Grant Proposal Writing (Purdue University–Internal) 2024

Inclusive Research as a Pathway to Broadening Participation and Instit. Excellence (NSF+ODIB) 2024

Leadership Skills for Engineering and Science Faculty (Leiserson and McVinney) 2024

NSF Grand Challenges in Resilience Workshop, Purdue University 2023

Tools to Foster Students' (Cross-)cultural Sensitivity in Engineering Ethical Decision-Making (ASEE'22, Clancy & Qiu) 2022

Effective College Teaching (Brent & Felder) 2020

Intercultural Pedagogy Grant Training Program, Purdue CILMAR 2020

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Senior Member, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) *Elevated to Senior in 2022*

Member, Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)

Member, American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

FOR RESEARCH

Paul C. Krause Faculty Research Award *(ECE Junior Faculty Research)* 2025

PickleBall: Best Artifact Award, CCS 2025

Best Paper Award, Software Engineering Division, ASEE 2024 (*Educational research)* 2024

ACM Distinguished Paper Award, ESEC/FSE 2020 2020

Second place, Grand Finals of the ACM Graduate Student Research Competition 2020

First place, Graduate Student Research Competition, ESEC/FSE 2019 2019

ACM Distinguished Paper Award, ASE 2019 2019

Pratt Fellowship, Virginia Tech College of Engineering 2017–2019

Davenport Fellowship, Virginia Tech College of Engineering 2019

Graduate Fellow, VT Academy for Global Engineering 2019–2020

Microsoft Security Researcher Acknowledgments *(for Regex DoS discoveries)* 2018

IBM Significant Contributor Award *(for Node.js)* 2018

ACM Distinguished Paper Award, ESEC/FSE 2018 2018

FOR TEACHING

ECE's nominee for COE Faculty Excellence Award in Exceptional Early Career Teaching 2025 competition

ECE's nominee for COE Faculty Excellence Award in Exceptional Early Career Teaching 2024 competition

Nominated for "HKN Outstanding Faculty Member" *(did not win)* 2023, 2024

2022 Ruth and Joel Spira Outstanding Teacher Award 2022

One of the "Outstanding Engineering Teachers" (COE) *(course evaluation scores)* F21, S22, FF22, S24

FOR SERVICE

FSE 2025 Distinguished Reviewer Award *(∼15/201 PC members)* 2025

USENIX 2025 Distinguished Reviewer Award *(23/490 PC members)* 2025

Nominated for "Purdue Favorite Faculty Award" *(did not win)* 2024

ASE 2021 Distinguished PC Member Award 2021

Outstanding Graduate Student Service Award, CS@VT 2020

FOR MENTORING

Outstanding Faculty Mentor — School of Electrical & Computer Engineering 2024

VIP Outstanding Team Mentor Award, Purdue TensorFlow Team 2021