It takes a community to write a research paper, and when I one of the paper's co-authors the community needs to be particularly large and supportive. I do my (flawed) best to keep a list of the many thanks that accumulate over the creation of each research paper. When the paper is published, I randomly select three people from the list and describe why I am thankful.

I'm hoping the process serves three goals: (1) communicate thanks to the variety of people who make my research possible, (2) publicize the many types of support, large and small, that go into my academic research, and (3) remind me to stay thankful.

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