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EDUCATION

CURRENT PHD IN COMPUTER SCIENCE, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Research: "Programming languages for formally verified cryptographic proof systems" in PLClub, DSL.

Advised by Sebastian Angel & Steve Zdancewic. Graduation in summer 2025.

2015, 2019 BSC, MENG IN COMPUTER SCIENCE, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

Research: "Extracting and optimizing low-level bytecode from high-level verified Coq" in PDOS.

EMPLOYMENT

SUMMER '22 Research Scientist Intern, AMAZON, Automated Reasoning Group, Arlington, VA

- Contributed in the type system formalization of the Cedar authorization language.
- Implemented a novel type inference algorithm for Cedar including singleton and capability types.
- 2018 2019 Investment Engineer, Bridgewater Associates, Westport, CT
 - Created Programming languages for big-data analysis and visualization used by Quantitative Research.
 - Implemented risk-controls and hedging algorithms used daily by Trade Generation.
 - Taught the Scala programming language to more than 100 traders and engineers.
- 2016 2018 Principal Software Engineer, UNIFYID (acquired by Prove), San Francisco, CA
 - Designed and implemented the core back-end with more than 30 microservices.
 - Implemented a Machine Learning (ML) service for high-throughput inference (3000 req/sec).
 - Implemented certificate management and PKI systems for End-to-end encryption.
- 2015 2016 Software Security Engineer, Apple, Cupertino, CA
 - Contributor to the LLVM compiler and the Swift programming language.
 - Implemented cryptographic protocols for DRM.

TECHNOLOGIES AND LANGUAGES

Computing: Compilers, Language design, Performance engineering, Formal verification, Cryptography,

Smart Contracts, Zero-knowledge proofs, Distributed systems, Cloud security, Microservices.

Languages: Rust, Scala, Haskell, OCaml, Coq, C, C++, Python, Go, Java, Javascript, Elm, SQL.

PATENTS & PUBLICATIONS

Oct. 2024. "Cedar: A New Language for Expressive, Fast, Safe, and Analyzable Authorization". In: *Proceedings of the ACM on Programming Languages* OOPSLA.

Dec. 2024. "Choice Trees: Representing and reasoning about nondeterministic, recursive, and impure Programs in Coq". In: Journal of Functional Programming, Special POPL 2025 edition.

June 2024. "Reef: Fast Succinct Non-Interactive Zero-Knowledge Regex Proofs". In: 33rd USENIX Security Symposium.

Dec. 2024. "Structural temporal logic for mechanized program verification". In: under submission.

June 2022. "Efficient representation of numerical optimization problems for SNARKs". In: 31st USENIX Security Symposium.

Mar. 2020. "Privacy-preserving system for machine-learning training data". US Patent 10,601,786.

Nov. 2019. "Extracting and optimizing formally verified code for systems programming". In: NASA Formal Methods: 11th International Symposium.