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Education

2021–
Present **Ph.D.**, Computer Science, Cornell University
Advisors: Éva Tardos & Jon Kleinberg
Research interests: algorithmic game theory, market/mechanism design, learning theory, combinatorial optimization
GPA: 4.05/4.00

2017–21 **A.B.**, Chemistry, Princeton University
Certificates: Applied & Computational Mathematics, Applications of Computing, Materials Science & Engineering
GPA: 3.98/4.00

Research Experience

Jul–Sep
2025 **Toyota Technical Institute at Chicago**
Advisors: Avrim Blum & Jingyan Wang
Modeled optimal persuasive recommendation policies for school choice with Bayesian students.

Jun 2025 **University of Pennsylvania**, Department of Computer & Information Science
Advisors: Aaron Roth & Michael Kearns
Analyzed information aggregation in networked environments using machine learning frameworks; formulated a game-theoretic model of strategic competition extending Bayesian persuasion to multi-round conversations.

Jun 2021–
Present **Cornell University**, Department of Computer Science
Advisors: Éva Tardos & Jon Kleinberg
Algorithmic and computational modeling of behavioral and cognitive biases in economic structures, including school choice and recommendation systems.

May 2020–
Present **Princeton University**, Department of Computer Science
Advisor: Matt Weinberg
Study revenue-optimal Bayesian multi-item, multi-bidder auctions via a duality-based framework.
Senior thesis: *Bounding the Competition Complexity via Dual Flows, Discretizations, and Symmetries* (recipient of Applied and Computational Mathematics Independent Project Prize)

Sep 2018–
May 2021 **Princeton University**, Department of Chemistry
Advisor: Robert Knowles
Developed novel photoredox catalytic method for heterocyclic olefin hydroamination; modeled thermodynamic properties using density functional theory.
Senior thesis: *Intramolecular Benzimidazole Hydroamination Enabled by Proton-Coupled Electron Transfer*

Publications and Papers Google Scholar

Conference Publications

- C1. Derakhshan, M., **Ryu, E.**, Weinberg, S. M. & Xue, E. *Settling the Competition Complexity of Additive Buyers over Independent Items* in *Proceedings of the 25th ACM Conference on Economics and Computation* (2024), 420–446.
- C2. Kleinberg, J., Oren, S., **Ryu, E.** & Tardos, É. *Modeling reputation-based behavioral biases in school choice* in *Proceedings of the 25th ACM Conference on Economics and Computation* (2024), 671–672.
- C3. Kleinberg, J., **Ryu, E.** & Tardos, É. *Calibrated Recommendations for Users with Decaying Attention* in *Algorithmic Game Theory* (eds Schäfer, G. & Ventre, C.) (Springer Nature Switzerland, Cham, 2024), 443–460. ISBN: 978-3-031-71033-9.

Journal Articles

- J1. **Ryu, E.**, Xia, H. H., Guo, G. L. & Zhang, L. Multivariable-adjusted trends in mortality due to alcoholic liver disease among adults in the United States, from 1999–2017. *Am. J. Transl. Res.* **14**, 1092–1099 (Feb. 2022).

Preprints

- P1. Collina, N., Goel, S., Roth, A., **Ryu, E.** & Shi, M. *Emergent Alignment via Competition* 2025. arXiv: 2509.15090 [cs.LG]. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2509.15090>.
- P2. Kearns, M., Roth, A. & Ryu, E. *Networked Information Aggregation via Machine Learning* 2025. arXiv: 2507.09683 [cs.LG]. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2507.09683>.

Working Papers

- W1. Peng, K., **Ryu, E.**, Kleinberg, J., Tardos, É. & Garg, N. *Undermatching in New York City School Choice: Application Behavior and the Value of Personalized Feedback* 2025.

Presentations

Invited Talks

Modeling Reputation-Based Behavioral Biases in School Choice, INFORMS Annual Meeting, invited session on Responsible Decision Making with Discrete Optimization, Oct 2025 (upcoming).

Behavioral Bias in School Choice: Theory and Empirics, Cornell University Theory Seminar, Dec 2024.

Posters

Deviations from Reach Match Safety Strategies Explain Undermatching Disparities in New York City High Schools (Marketplace Innovation Workshop 2025)

Modeling Reputation-Based Behavioral Biases in School Choice (WALE 2024, EC Gender Inclusion Workshop 2024)

Calibrated Recommendations for Users with Decaying Attention (EC Gender Inclusion Workshop 2023, WINE 2022)

Awards & Honors

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| 2023 | NSF Graduate Research Fellowship |
| 2021 | Induction into Phi Beta Kappa Society and Sigma Xi Research Society |
| 2021 | Applied and Computational Mathematics Independent Project Prize |
| 2021 | Robert T. McCay Prize, <i>awarded for best performance on comprehensive physical chemistry exam</i> |
| 2020 | William Foster Memorial Prize in Chemistry, <i>awarded to one junior in department for outstanding academic, research, and leadership ability</i> |
| 2018, 2019 | Shapiro Prize for Academic Excellence, <i>awarded to top 2-3% of class for range, depth, and difficulty of academic program</i> |

Teaching

Cornell University

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| 2024 | Teaching Assistant , CS 6850: The Structure of Information Networks |
| 2021 | Teaching Assistant , CS 2850: Networks |

Princeton University

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| 2021 | Course Grader , COS 445: Economics & Computation |
| 2021 | Teaching Assistant , ORF 309: Probability & Stochastic Systems |
| 2019, 2020 | Teaching Assistant , CHM 304: Organic Chemistry II |

Academic Service

Program Committee Reviewer: EC 2025, WWW 2025

Journal Reviewer: *IEEE Transactions on Network Science and Engineering* (2024)

Student Reader, Cornell University CS PhD Admissions (2024, 2025)

Mentoring

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| 2023, 2025 | Undergraduate Research Mentor Guided two undergraduate students through independent research projects, from literature review and project design to final implementation and analysis. |
| 2023–2025 | Cornell CS PhD Mentoring Program Mentored 1-2 incoming PhD students annually to facilitate their academic and social transition into the department. |

2021–
Present **Cornell CS Student-Applicant Support Program**
Provide application advice and feedback to prospective PhD applicants from marginalized and underrepresented backgrounds.

Leadership & Outreach

2022–
Present **Co-organizer**, Cornell CS Theory Tea
Co-organize weekly student-run theory seminar to foster research discussion and community.

2022–
Present **Workshop Designer & Leader**, Expanding Your Horizons at Cornell
Designed and led a hands-on workshop introducing computer science and networking concepts to middle- and high-school students at education outreach conference.

2019–21 **Residential College Advisor**, Princeton University
Managed a residence hall of 20-30 undergraduate students, providing academic and personal advising and building an inclusive community.

2018–19 **Assistant Coordinator**, Princeton University Mathematics Competition
Organized logistics for a major interscholastic competition, including participant registration, speaker coordination, and event management.

2017–19 **Dance Instructor**, CityStep Princeton
Taught weekly dance outreach classes to students at underserved public elementary schools in Trenton, NJ.

Professional Experience

May–Aug
2021 **Valkyrie Trading**, Derivatives Trader Intern
Developed algorithms to identify mispricings in the options trading market; used in combination with volatility modeling to generate positive expectancy portfolio suggestions.

Jun–Aug
2020 **Five Rings Capital**, Quantitative Trading Intern
Researched cross-symbol market microstructural patterns to develop and backtest trading signals.

Skills

Technical: Python, Java, R

Language: Spanish (conversational proficiency)

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