

# Yongming Fan

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## Research Interest

My research interests lie at the intersection of applied cryptography, zero knowledge proof, protocol security evaluation, privacy, and software security. Specifically, I am intrigued by the potential of zk-SNARKs to enhance privacy and efficiency in various applications. I also have a keen interest in evaluating the security of cryptographic protocols software implementation, ensuring they are robust against emerging threats and vulnerabilities. Overall, my research aims to bridge the gap between theoretical cryptography and practical security solutions, addressing critical challenges in the rapidly evolving digital landscape.

## Education

- 2020 – Present     📖 **Ph.D. Computer Science** Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN  
Advisor: *Christina Garman*
- 2018 – 2020     📖 **M.S. Computer Science**, Indiana University Bloomington, Bloomington, IN  
Advisor: *David Crandall*  
Thesis title: *Segmentation of Retinal Optic from a New Approach Hough Transform*
- 2014 – 2018     📖 **B.A. Mathematics**, Indiana University Bloomington, Bloomington, IN  
**B.S. Computer Science**, Indiana University Bloomington, Bloomington, IN

## Research Experience

- Aug 2020 – Present     📖 **Research Assistant** Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
- May 2018 – Aug 2018     📖 **Visiting Scholar** York University, Toronto, ON
- Aug 2018 – Jul 2020     📖 **Research Assistant** Indiana University Bloomington, Bloomington, IN
- Jan 2017 – May 2017     📖 **Undergraduate Researcher** Indiana University Bloomington, Bloomington, IN

## Professional Service

### Conference Leadership/Organization

- 2024     📖 **Organizer**, NDSS Workshop on AI System with Confidential Computing

### Program Committees

- 2023     📖 **Reviewer**, IEEE/ACM Transactions on Computational Biology and Bioinformatics
- 📖 **Reviewer**, ICLR Workshop on Backdoor Attacks and Defenses in Machine Learning
- 📖 **Sub-Reviewer**, IEEE International Conference on Medical Artificial Intelligence
- 2022     📖 **Sub-Reviewer**, Financial Cryptography and Data Security

## Research Publications

### Publications

- 1     **Yongming Fan**, Yuquan Xu, and Christina Garman, “Snarkprobe: An automated security analysis framework for zksnark implementations,” in *International Conference on Applied Cryptography and Network Security*, Springer, 2024.

- 2 Xurui Li, Yue Qin, Rui Zhu, Tianqianjin Lin, **Yongming Fan**, Yangyang Kang, Kaisong Song, Fubang Zhao, Changlong Sun, Haixu Tang, and Xiaozhong Liu, "Semi-supervised semantic-topological iteration network for financial risk detection via news label diffusion," in *Proceedings of the 2023 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing*, 2023.
- 3 **Yongming Fan**, "Segmentation of retinal optic from a new approach hough transform," M.S. thesis, Indiana University Bloomington, May 2020.

## Submitted

- 1 **Yongming Fan**, Priyam Biswas, and Christina Garman, "Sok: A systematic study of cryptographic function identification approaches in binaries," Currently under review, 2023.
- 2 **Yongming Fan** and Christina Garman, "Sigmagraph: Using graph algorithms to verify sigma protocols," Currently under review, 2023.
- 3 Zhixin Li, Rui Zhu, Zihao Wang, Jiale Li, Kaiyuan Liu, Yue Qin, **Yongming Fan**, Mingyu Gu, Zhihui Lu, Jie Wu, Hongfeng Chai, Xiaofeng Wang, and Haixu Tang, "Fairfix: Enhancing fairness of pre-trained deep neural networks with scarce data resources," Currently under review, 2023.

## Employment History

Aug 2020 – Dec 2023	■ <b>Teaching Assistant</b> <i>Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN</i>
Aug 2019 – Aug 2020	■ <b>Software Developer</b> <i>Indiana University School of Optometry, Bloomington, IN</i>
Apr 2018 – June 2020	■ <b>Application Developer</b> <i>Pervasive Technology Institute, Bloomington, IN</i>
May 2017 – Aug 2017	■ <b>Assistant Registrar</b> <i>Indiana University Bloomington, Bloomington, IN</i>
Aug 2016 – Dec 2017	■ <b>Teaching Assistant</b> <i>Indiana University Bloomington, Bloomington, IN</i>

## Miscellaneous Experience

### Awards and Achievements

2019	■ <b>Intelligent Systems for Sustainable Urban Mobility Travel Expenses</b> Total: Can\$1,500 from <i>Intelligent Systems for Sustainable Urban Mobility (ISSUM)</i>
	■ <b>Vision: Science to Applications Awards</b> Total: Can\$7,500 from <i>Vision: Science to Applications (VISTA)</i> , York University
2018	■ <b>Graduate Student Fellowship</b> Total: \$39,041 from <i>University Information Technology Services (UITS)</i> , Indiana University
2017	■ <b>Anurag &amp; Aruna Mendhekar Scholarship</b> Total: \$2,000 from <i>Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering</i> , Indiana University Bloomington

### Software Development

2021-2023	■ <b>Purdue University</b> , West Lafayette, IN SNARKProbe: An Automated Security Analysis Framework for zkSNARK Implementation ( <a href="https://github.com/fanym919/snarkprobe">https://github.com/fanym919/snarkprobe</a> )
2019-2020	■ <b>Indiana University</b> , Bloomington, IN DLO Post Processing: Glaucomatous Blind Spots Analysis and Blood Vessel Calibration System
2019	■ <b>York University</b> , Toronto, ON Trans-Plan: An Intelligent Systems for Sustainable Urban Mobility ( <a href="https://www.elderlab.yorku.ca/research/systems/">https://www.elderlab.yorku.ca/research/systems/</a> )