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Education

Ph.D. in Computer Science
University of Pennsylvania

M.Eng. in Computer Science
Cornell University

B.S. in Computer Science
Cornell University

Teaching

Penn CIS 552
Head TA 2020-2021

Penn CIS 810
Head TA 2021

Cornell CS 3110
Head TA 2017

Cornell Eng. Leadership
Head TA 2017

Cornell CS 2112
TA 2016

Awards and Honors

John C. Reynolds Doctoral
Dissertation Award
ACM SIGPLAN

Victor Basili Postdoctoral
Fellowship
University of Maryland

Harrison Goldstein

Assistant Professor, University at Buffalo

I am an incoming professor in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at the University at Buffalo, SUNY. Currently, I am finishing up a postdoc at the University of Maryland, working with Leo Lampropoulos as a Victor Basili Postdoctoral Fellow. My work focuses on usable tools for formal software correctness.

Selected Publications

Property-Based Testing for the People
Dissertation

Tyche: Making Sense of Property-Based Testing Effectiveness
UIST 2024 Research Paper

Property-Based Testing in Practice **DISTINGUISHED PAPER**
ICSE 2024 Research Paper

Reflecting on Random Generation **DISTINGUISHED PAPER**
ICFP 2023 Research Paper

Parsing Randomness
OOPSLA 2022 Research Paper

Grants

NSF #2402449 SHF: Medium: Usable Property-Based Testing
National Science Foundation

TYCHE: An IDE for Property-Based Testing
Amazon Research Award 2023

Employment

University at Buffalo, SUNY
Assistant Professor 2025-

University of Maryland, College Park
Victor Basili Postdoctoral Fellow 2024-2025

Galois, Inc.
Research Intern 2023

Selected Service Roles

Steering Committee Member
NJPLS Ongoing

Research Mentor
DeepSpec REU

Speaker
PLMW (POPL'24, ICFP'24)

Organizer
NJPLS 2023

Research Mentor
REPL REU 2023, 2024

Social Chair
POPL 2021

PC Member
HATRA 2023

A/V Coordinator
ICFP 2021

Harrison Goldstein

Postdoctoral Fellow

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Publications, Talks, and Grants

Dissertation

Property-Based Testing for the People **Harrison Goldstein**

advised by Benjamin C. Pierce

approved by Stephanie Weirich (committee chair), Andrew Head, Mayur Naik, Hila Peleg

Defended May 24, 2024

Refereed Conference Publications

- OOPSLA'25 **QED in Context: An Observation Study of Proof Assistant Users**
Jessica Shi, Cassia Torczon, **Harrison Goldstein**, Benjamin C. Pierce, Andrew Head
Obj.-Oriented Programming, Sys., Langs., and Apps. (OOPSLA) 2025. 25 pages.
- UIST'24 **Tyche: Making Sense of Property-Based Testing Effectiveness**
Harrison Goldstein, Jeffrey Tao, Zac Hatfield-Dodds, Benjamin C. Pierce, Andrew Head
User Interface Software and Technology (UIST) 2024. 13 pages.
- PLDI'24 **Stream Types**
J. W. Cutler, C. Watson, E. Nkurumeh, P. Hilliard, **H. Goldstein**, C. Stanford, B. C. Pierce
Programming Language Design and Impl. (PLDI) 2024. 24 pages.
- PLDI'24 **Daedalus: Safer Document Parsing**
I. Diatchki, M. Dodds, **H. Goldstein**, B. Harris, D. Holland, B. Razet, C. Schlesinger, S. Winwood
Programming Language Design and Implementation (PLDI) 2024. 24 pages.
- ICSE'24
Distinguished **Property-Based Testing in Practice**
Harrison Goldstein, Joseph W. Cutler, Daniel Dickstein, Benjamin C. Pierce, Andrew Head
International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE) 2024. 23 pages.
- ICFP'23
Distinguished **Reflecting on Random Generation**
Harrison Goldstein, Samantha Frohlich, Meng Wang, Benjamin C. Pierce
International Conference on Functional Programming (ICFP) 2023. 34 pages.
- OOPSLA'22 **Parsing Randomness**
Harrison Goldstein, Benjamin C. Pierce
Obj.-Oriented Programming, Sys., Langs., and Apps. (OOPSLA) 2022. 25 pages.
- ESOP'21 **Do Judge a Test by its Cover: Combining Combinatorial and Property-Based Testing**
Harrison Goldstein, John Hughes, Leonidas Lampropoulos, Benjamin C. Pierce
European Symposium on Programming (ESOP) 2021. 27 pages.

Workshop Papers and Experience Reports

- PLATEAU'25 **Designing Proof Deautomation in Rocq**
Jessica Shi, Cassia Torczon, **Harrison Goldstein**, Benjamin C. Pierce, Andrew Head
PLATEAU Workshop 2025. 12 pages.
- OCaml'24 **Mica: Automated Differential Testing for OCaml Modules**
Ernest Ng, **Harrison Goldstein**, Benjamin C. Pierce
OCaml Workshop 2024. 2 pages.
- ICFP'23 **Etna: An Evaluation Platform for Property-Based Testing (Experience Report)**
J. Shi, A. Kelles, **H. Goldstein**, B. C. Pierce, L. Lampropoulos
International Conference on Functional Programming (ICFP) 2023. 17 pages.
- HATRA'22 **Some Problems with Properties: A Study on Property-Based Testing in Industry**
Harrison Goldstein, Joseph W. Cutler, Adam Stein, Benjamin C. Pierce, Andrew Head
Human Aspects of Types and Reasoning Assistants (HATRA) 2022. 8 pages.
- SysML'18 **Programming Language Support for Natural Language Interaction**
Alex Renda, **Harrison Goldstein**, Sarah Bird, Chris Quirk, Adrian Sampson
Conference on Machine Learning and Systems (SysML) 2018. 3 pages.

Demos

- SCF'24 **Demonstrating FEDT: Supporting Characterization Experiments in Fabrication Research**
V. Savage, N. Püsök, **H. Goldstein**, C. Nandi, J. Yi Ren and L. Oehlberg
Symposium on Computational Fabrication (SCF) 2024.
- UIST'23 **Tyche: In Situ Analysis of Random Testing Effectiveness**
Harrison Goldstein, Benjamin C. Pierce, Andrew Head
User Interface Software and Technology (UIST) 2023.

Talks and Podcasts

- Podcast
Invited **Haskell Interlude 59**
Samantha Frohlich, Wouter Swierstra, **Harrison Goldstein**
Haskell Interlude Podcast, December 2024
- Talk
Invited **My PhD Compass: 6 Ways to Guide a PhD Towards Success**
Harrison Goldstein
PL Mentoring Workshop @ ICFP, September 2024
- Podcast
Invited **Harry Goldstein | Property-Based Testing | #55**
Jack Waudby, **Harrison Goldstein**
Disseminate Podcast, June 2024
- Talk **Usable Property-Based Testing**
Harrison Goldstein
Amazon Web Services, June 2024
- Talk
Invited **Consider Collaboration**
Samantha Frohlich, **Harrison Goldstein**
PL Mentoring Workshop @ POPL, January 2024
- Talk
Invited **Advancing Property-Based Testing in Theory and Practice**
Harrison Goldstein
Microsoft Research, UC Berkeley, Galois, Inc., UCSC, University of Bristol

Talk **Property-Based Testing in Practice**
Harrison Goldstein
Jane Street Programming Languages Colloquium, December 2023

Podcast **TheForkJoin Episode 2**
Invited Oliver Flatt, Rachit Nigam, **Harrison Goldstein**
TheForkJoin

Talk **Some Problems with Properties**
Harrison Goldstein
NJPLS October 2022

Talk **Reflecting on Random Generation**
Harrison Goldstein
NJPLS May 2022

Posters

ICFP'21 **Ungenerators**
Harrison Goldstein
ICFP 2021

POPL'20 **Algebraic Combinatorial Testing**
Harrison Goldstein
POPL 2020

Drafts and Blog Posts

Delimited Continuations and Monads
Harrison Goldstein
Unpublished PhD Milestone Draft, April 2021

Conferences after COVID: An Early Career Perspective
Joseph W. Cutler, **Harrison Goldstein**, Andrew K. Hirsch, Jaemin Hong, Chandrakana Nandi
SIGPLAN PL Perspectives Blog, March 2021

Funded Grant Proposals

NSF #2402449 SHF: Medium: Usable Property-Based Testing
2023-2024

Made significant contributions, in the form of both research project ideas and grant writing, to help secure a NSF Medium grant. This grant helped to fund my dissertation work, and it will continue to fund follow-on projects.

Team: Benjamin Pierce (co-PI), Andrew Head (co-PI), **Harrison Goldstein** (contributor)

Amazon Research Award: TYCHE: An IDE for Property-Based Testing
Spring 2023

Secured funding from AWS to fund my ongoing work on user interfaces for property-based testing. This award includes the opportunity to collaborate with contacts at AWS, including Michael Hicks, on interfaces that support real industrial workloads.

Team: **Harrison Goldstein** (primary author), Benjamin Pierce (co-PI), Andrew Head (co-PI)

Education

Ph.D. in Computer Science, University of Pennsylvania
2019–2024

M.Eng. in Computer Science, Cornell University
2018 — GPA 4.02

B.S. in Computer Science, Cornell University
2014–2018 — GPA 4.08

Teaching and Advising

Courses

Penn CIS 552 “Advanced Programming”
Prof. Stephanie Weirich
Head TA 2020–2021

Penn CIS 810 “Writing and Speaking with Style”
Prof. Benjamin C. Pierce
Head TA 2021

Cornell CS 3110 “Functional Programming”
Prof. Nate Foster
Head TA 2017

Cornell Engineering Leadership
Profs. Erica Dawson and Werner Zorman
Head TA 2017

Cornell CS 2112 “Object-Oriented Design and Data Structures (Honors)”
Prof. Dexter Kozen
TA 2016

Graduate Advisees

Collaborator and Research Mentor, Cassia Torczon

Collaborator and Research Mentor, Thia Richey

Collaborator and Research Mentor, Segev Elazar Mittelman

Collaborator and Research Mentor, Alperen Keles

Collaborator and Research Mentor, Pierce Darragh

Collaborator and Research Mentor, Joseph W. Cutler

Collaborator and Research Mentor, Jessica Shi

Co-Advisor, Ernest Ng



Service

Conference Organizing and Reviewing

Steering Committee Member, Upstate PL — Ongoing

PC Member, OOPSLA 2026 — Upcoming

PC Member, PLDI 2025

PC Member, PLATEAU 2025

Steering Committee Member, NJPLS

Student Reviewer, PLATEAU 2024

Co-Organizer, Celebration for Benjamin Pierce's 60th Birthday

PC Member, HATRA 2023

Organizer, NJPLS 2023

Social Chair, POPL 2021

A/V Coordinator, ICFP 2021

Mentorship

Speaker, PL Mentoring Workshop @ ICFP 2024

Ph.D. Mentor, SIGPLAN-M

Ph.D. Mentor, Penn CIS Mentoring

Speaker, PL Mentoring Workshop @ POPL 2024

Research Mentor, REPL REU 2023

Research Mentor, DeepSpec REU

Misc.

Editor in Chief, PLClub Blog 2021-2024

Awards and Honors

John C. Reynolds Doctoral Dissertation Award 2025
ACM Special Interest Group on Programming Languages

Morris and Dorothy Rubinoff Award 2024
University of Pennsylvania, Department of Computer and Information Science

Victor Basili Postdoctoral Fellowship
University of Maryland, Computer Science Department

Certificate in Engineering Leadership
Cornell Engineering Leadership Certification Program

1000 Day Crossword Streak
New York Times Games

Employment

University at Buffalo, SUNY

Assistant Professor 2025-

University of Maryland, College Park

Victor Basili Postdoctoral Fellow 2024-2025

Working with Prof. Leonidas Lampropoulos on topics related to usable property-based testing.

Galois, Inc.

Research Intern 2023

Worked on two research papers related to the SafeDocs DARPA program. Provided expertise on testing that helped situate the papers in the broader research context.

Amazon Web Services

Research Intern 2020

Worked on Zelkova, a tool for analyzing and proving properties about AWS access policies. Encoded logical constraints from access policies as SMT formulas, in order to infer policy implications.

Broadway Technology

Software Engineer and Software Engineering Intern 2017-2019

Built mission-critical internal tools for the company's financial personnel, in particular facilitating a transition to new financial tracking software. Designed and implemented data connectors, financial calculations, web interfaces, and more.

Susquehanna International Group, LLC

Technology Intern 2016

Helped to implement a safety system, protecting the firm from anomalous trading behaviors. Built an engine for executing business rules as monitors for live trading activities.

Last Second Beach, LLC

Chief Technology Officer 2015-2016

Helped to lead a small, early stage start-up, focused on providing one-price vacations. Built a demo iOS application, helping the company to win a \$25,000 grant as part of a Business Plan Competition.