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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

My work bridges computer architecture and software systems, demonstrating the importance of that bridge in enabling sustainable data center systems via solutions that span the compute stack.

As the demand for web services continues to grow, data centers are scaling up to meet the demand, consuming a massive amount of energy and producing significant carbon emissions. **My research focuses on addressing the growing carbon emissions, produced both by running and manufacturing hardware, of data centers by analyzing inefficiencies across computer architecture and software systems and designing solutions to make these systems more energy and carbon efficient.**

My work is one of the first to examine the environmental impact of hyperscale web systems and to provide actionable insights to reduce it. My work integrates carbon efficiency into computer system design, as it is crucial for sustainable growth and access to critical web services in both developed and developing nations. My work is a step towards curbing computing's contributions towards climate change and promoting sustainable computing practices.

My research has been recognized with the 2023 Benjamin Garver Lamme/Westinghouse Graduate Fellowship and the 2022 Carnegie Institute of Technology Dean's Fellowship.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Electrical and Computer Engineering

Advisor: Prof. Akshitha Sriraman

GPA: 4.0 out of 4.0; *Benjamin Garver Lamme/Westinghouse Graduate Fellowship*

Dissertation Title: Enabling Sustainable Web Systems

Carnegie Mellon University

Aug 2022 - Present

B.Sc., Electrical Engineering

PIs: Profs. David Brooks & Gu-Yeon Wei

Minor in Computer Science

GPA: 4.0 out of 4.0; *Member of Phi Beta Kappa*

Harvard University

Aug 2018 - May 2022

AWARDS AND HONORS

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) Award Winner

Awarded \$171,000 as part of prestigious fellowship supporting exceptional graduate students in STEM

2023

Ford Foundation 2023 Predoctoral Fellowship Competition Honorable Mention

Honorable mention given to top Ford Fellowship candidates

2023

Benjamin Garver Lamme/Westinghouse Graduate Fellowship

Full tuition support for second year of PhD

2023

Carnegie Institute of Technology Dean's Fellow

Awarded \$83,000 towards tuition, stipend, and travel

2022

Harvard SEAS Dean's Engineering Design Award

Awarded \$500 for having one of the top 7 (out of 43) best Senior engineering design projects

2022

Sophia Freund Prize

Awarded \$1000 as highest ranking undergraduate in the Electrical Engineering department

2022

Phi Beta Kappa Member

Admitted into Harvard's chapter, one of 146 out of 1962 (7.4%) students

2022

Derek Bok Center Distinction in Teaching

Awarded to most highly rated (by students) TAs; received distinction in three semesters

2020, 2021

John Harvard Scholar

Award given to top 5% (4.0 GPA) of students in respective class

2020

Harvard College Research Program Funding Recipient
Awarded \$3,500 to perform independent research during the summer

2019

Detur Prize Winner
Recognizes students with top academic standing in their first year at Harvard

2019

PEER-REVIEWED WORKSHOP PUBLICATIONS & PANELS

- **Jaylen Wang**, Udit Gupta, and Akshitha Sriraman. *Peeling Back the Carbon Curtain: Carbon Optimization Challenges in Cloud Computing*. 2nd Workshop on Sustainable Computer Systems (**HotCarbon 2023**). July 2023. [📄](#) [📺](#)
- Jialun Lyu, **Jaylen Wang**, Kali Frost, Chaojie Zhang, Celine Irvine, Esha Choukse, Rodrigo Fonseca, Ricardo Bianchini, Fiodar Kazhamiaka, and Daniel S. Berger. *Myths and Misconceptions Around Reducing Embedded Carbon for Cloud Platforms*. 2nd Workshop on Sustainable Computer Systems (**HotCarbon 2023**). July 2023. [📄](#) [📺](#)
- (Organized Panel) **Jaylen Wang**, Udit Gupta, and Akshitha Sriraman. *Panel on Sustainable Systems*. The 19th Workshop on Hot Topics in Operating Systems (**HotOS 2023**). Feb 2023.
Organized and moderated a panel on sustainable systems research with five expert panelists in the field.
- **Jaylen Wang**, Udit Gupta, and Akshitha Sriraman. *Characterizing Datacenter Server Generations for Lifetime Extension and Carbon Reduction*. 1st Workshop on Hot Topics in System Infrastructure (**HotInfra 2023**) held in conjunction with **ISCA**. June 2023. [📄](#)
- **Jaylen Wang**, Udit Gupta, and Akshitha Sriraman. *Characterizing Datacenter Server Generations for Lifetime Extension and Carbon Reduction*. 1st Workshop on NetZero Carbon Computing (**NetZero 2023**) held in conjunction with **HPCA**. Feb 2023.
Performs the first ever characterization of server generations for microservice-based web services to enable hardware lifetime extension
- Sahana Rangarajan, **Jaylen Wang**, Sara Mahdizadeh Shahri, Pratyush Patel, and Akshitha Sriraman. *Designing Equitable Data Center Scheduling Systems*. Career Workshop for Inclusion and Diversity in Computer Architecture (**CWIDCA 2022**) held in conjunction with **MICRO**. Oct 2022. [📄](#)
Introduces equity as a first-order design metric in modern data center scheduling systems
- **Jaylen Wang**, Abdulrahman Mahmoud, Gu-Yeon Wei, and David Brooks. *A Dataflow-Aware Fault Resilience Analysis Framework for Deep Neural Network Accelerators*. Young Architect Workshop (**YArch 2021**) held in conjunction with **ASPLOS**. March 2022. [📄](#)
Introduces a new framework and tool to quickly and accurately assess the reliability of deep neural network accelerator designs to random bit flips, providing insights for resilient accelerator design

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Azure Systems Research Intern, Microsoft Research Redmond May 2023 - August 2023
Mentor: Fiodar Kazhamiaka

Investigating how to design better server configurations and SKUs to improve Azure’s resource and carbon efficiency.

Graduate Research Assistant, Carnegie Mellon University Aug 2022 - Present
Advisor: Prof. Akshitha Sriraman

Introducing sustainability as a first-order hardware/software system design metric for hyperscale systems and redesigning data center systems to promote hardware reuse

Undergraduate Research Assistant, Harvard University March 2021 - Aug 2022
Lab: Harvard Architecture, Circuits, and Compilers Group
Advisors: Dr. Abdulrahman Mahmoud, Profs. Gu-Yeon Wei and David Brooks

Developing a hardware-aware framework for analyzing the resilience of deep neural network accelerators to soft errors, considering the reuse of values in an accelerator’s dataflow propagation

Engineering Development Group Intern, MathWorks

May 2021 - Aug 2021

Team: Deep Learning HDL Toolbox

Supervisors: Wang Chen, Siyuan Xu

Enabling efficient mapping of non-square convolution kernels onto square processing-element arrays, allowing users to deploy models using non-square kernels onto FPGAs

Undergraduate Research Assistant, Harvard University

May 2020 - Aug 2020

Lab: Harvard Edge Computing Lab

Advisor: Prof. Vijay Janapa Reddi

Analyzing how using SLAM for localization affects efficiency and power usage within autonomous drone applications by integrating SLAM algorithms into an open-sourced drone benchmarking framework

Undergraduate Research Assistant, Harvard University

May 2019 - Aug 2019

Lab: Hoffman Physics Lab

Advisor: Prof. Jenny Hoffman

Developing a tensioning system for an XY-walker system to extend the range of a scanning tunneling microscope used to research the proximity effect of superconductivity

TEACHING EXPERIENCE**Undergraduate Teaching Assistant**, Harvard University

- Systems Programming and Machine Organization; Prof. Eddie Kohler Fall 2020, 2021
- Circuits, Devices, and Transduction; Profs. Gage Hills & Woodward Yang Fall 2021
- Systems and Control; Profs. Li Na & Yue Lu Fall 2021
- Introduction to Electrical Engineering, Profs. Chris Lombardo & Marko Loncar Spring 2021
- Integration, Series and Differential Equations; Dr. Hakim Walker Fall 2019

LEADERSHIP & VOLUNTEERING

- CMU Institute of Technology K-12 Outreach, STEM Volunteer 2023
- President of Harvard Club Tennis 2019-2022
- President of Harvard College Engineering Society 2020-2021
- Co-President of Harvard Engineering Peer Concentration Advisors 2020-2021

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming Languages	C/C++, Python, Shell, Verilog, x86 Assembly
System Skills	Low-level Systems Programming, Performance Characterization, Scripting, Docker
Tools and Frameworks	Pin, gem5, Linux perf, Intel PMU tools, PyTorch, Catapult HLS, Git

REFERENCES

1. Prof. Akshitha Sriraman (akshitha@cmu.edu)
Assistant Professor, Carnegie Mellon University
2. Daniel S. Berger (daberg@microsoft.com) & Fiodar Kazhamiaka (fkazhamiaka@microsoft.com)
Researchers in Azure Systems Research Group, Microsoft
3. Prof. David Brooks (dbrooks@g.harvard.edu)
Haley Family Professor of Computer Science, Harvard University
4. Prof. Udit Gupta (ugupta@cornell.edu)
Assistant Professor, Cornell University
5. Prof. Gu-Yeon Wei (guyeon@seas.harvard.edu)
Robert and Suzanne Case Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Harvard