

# JONATHAN ULLMAN

Curriculum Vitae  
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## RESEARCH AREA

*Privacy* for machine learning and statistics, and its deep connections to other concepts in trustworthy machine learning such as statistical validity, robustness, cryptography, and fairness.

## EDUCATION

<b>Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science</b>	<b>08/2009 – 06/2013</b>
Harvard University School of Engineering and Applied Science	
Thesis Advisor: Salil P. Vadhan	
<b>Bachelor of Science and Engineering in Computer Science</b>	<b>08/2004 – 05/2008</b>
Princeton University	
Graduated <i>magna cum laude</i>	

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

<b>Associate Professor</b>	<b>06/2021 – Current</b>
Khoury College of Computer and Information Sciences Northeastern University	
<b>Assistant Professor</b>	<b>08/2015 – 06/2021</b>
Khoury College of Computer and Information Sciences Northeastern University	
<b>Junior Fellow</b>	<b>07/2014 – 07/2015</b>
Simons Society of Fellows Host: Rocco Servedio, Columbia University	
<b>Postdoctoral Fellow</b>	<b>06/2013 – 06/2014</b>
Center for Research on Computation and Society Harvard University	
<b>Research Intern</b>	<b>08/2011 – 12/2011</b>
Microsoft Research SVC Host: Cynthia Dwork	

## HONORS AND AWARDS

<b>NSF CAREER Award</b>	<b>02/2018</b>
Project Title: <i>A Stable Foundation for Trustworth Data Analysis</i>	
<b>Ruth and Joel Spira Outstanding Teacher Award</b>	<b>09/2019</b>
Awarded annually to a faculty member in the College of Computer Sciences	

**Apple Research Award**

02/2021

Project Title: *Auditing Differentially Private Machine Learning***Google Faculty Research Award**

02/2018

Project Title: *Distributed Differential Privacy Beyond Local Protocols***PUBLICATIONS****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**Google Scholar Data (05/2023): 4,135 citations, *h*-index 35**MANUSCRIPTS**

- [1] Gautam Kamath, Argyris Mouzakis, Matthew Regehr, Vikrant Singhal, Thomas Steinke, and Jonathan Ullman. A bias-variance-privacy trilemma for statistical estimation. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2301.13334*, 2023.
- [2] Audra McMillan, Adam Smith, and Jon Ullman. Instance-optimal differentially private estimation. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2210.15819*, 2022.

**CONFERENCE AND OTHER PRIMARY PUBLICATIONS (REVERSE CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER)**

Like most computer scientists, my work is primarily published in competitive conferences, which are typically as selective as top journals. This list includes all primary publications of my work in regardless of venue.

- [3] Konstantina Bairaktari, Guy Blanc, Li-Yang Tan, Jonathan Ullman, and Lydia Zakynthinou. Multitask learning via shared features: Algorithms and hardness. In *Conference on Learning Theory, COLT '23*. PMLR, 2022.
- [4] Hilal Asi, Jonathan Ullman, and Lydia Zakynthinou. From robustness to privacy and back. In *International Conference on Machine Learning, ICML '23*. PMLR, 2023.
- [5] Matthew Jagielski, Stanley Wu, Alina Oprea, Jonathan Ullman, and Roxana Geambasu. How to combine membership-inference attacks on multiple updated models. In *Privacy Enhancing Technologies Symposium, PETS '23*, 2023.
- [6] Harsh Chaudhari, John Abascal, Alina Oprea, Matthew Jagielski, Florian Tramèr, and Jonathan Ullman. SNAP: efficient extraction of private properties with poisoning. In *IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy, IEEE S&P '23*, pages 1935–1952. IEEE Computer Society, 2023.
- [7] Gautam Kamath, Argyris Mouzakis, Vikrant Singhal, Thomas Steinke, and Jonathan Ullman. A private and computationally efficient estimator for unbounded gaussians. In *Annual Conference on Learning Theory, COLT '22*, pages 544–572, London, UK, 2022. PMLR.
- [8] Gavin Brown, Marco Gaboardi, Adam Smith, Jonathan Ullman, and Lydia Zakynthinou. Covariance-aware private mean estimation without private covariance estimation. In *Annual Conference on Neural and Information Processing Systems, NeurIPS '21 Spotlight Presentation*, 2021.

- [9] Terrance Liu, Thomas Steinke, Jonathan Ullman, Giuseppe Vietri, and Zhiwei Steven Wu. Private query release assisted by public data. In *International Conference on Machine Learning*, ICML '21. PMLR, 2020.
- [10] Albert Cheu and Jonathan Ullman. The limits of pan privacy and shuffle privacy for learning and estimation. In *ACM Symposium on Theory of Computing*, STOC '21, pages 1081–1094. ACM, 2020.
- [11] Albert Cheu, Adam Smith, and Jonathan Ullman. Manipulation attacks in local differential privacy. In *IEEE Security & Privacy*, IEEE S&P '21, San Francisco, CA, USA, 2021. IEEE.
- [12] Matthew Jagielski, Jonathan Ullman, and Alina Oprea. Auditing differentially private machine learning: How private is private SGD? In *Annual Conference on Neural and Information Processing Systems*, NeurIPS '20, 2020. (authors by contribution).
- [13] Sourav Biswas, Yihe Dong, Gautam Kamath, and Jonathan Ullman. COINPRESS: Practical private mean and covariance estimation. In *Annual Conference on Neural and Information Processing Systems*, NeurIPS '20, 2020.
- [14] Clément L. Canonne, Gautam Kamath, Audra McMillan, Jonathan Ullman, and Lydia Zakynthinou. Private identity testing for high dimensional distributions. In *Annual Conference on Neural and Information Processing Systems*, NeurIPS '20 Spotlight Presentation, 2020.
- [15] Gautam Kamath, Vikrant Singhal, and Jonathan Ullman. Private mean estimation of heavy-tailed distributions. In *Annual Conference on Learning Theory*, COLT '20, pages 2204–2235, Vienna, Austria, 2020. PMLR.
- [16] Raef Bassily, Albert Cheu, Shay Moran, Aleksandar Nikolov, Jonathan Ullman, and Zhiwei Steven Wu. Private query release assisted by public data. In *International Conference on Machine Learning*, ICML '20, pages 6066–6074, Vienna, Austria, 2020. PMLR.
- [17] Alexander Edmonds, Aleksandar Nikolov, and Jonathan Ullman. The power of factorization mechanisms in local and central differential privacy. In *ACM Symposium on Theory of Computing*, STOC '20, pages 425–438, Chicago, IL, USA, 2020. ACM.
- [18] Huy Lê Nguyễn, Jonathan Ullman, and Lydia Zakynthinou. Efficient private algorithms for learning halfspaces. In *International Conference on Algorithmic Learning Theory*, ALT '20, pages 704–724, San Diego, CA, USA, 2020. PMLR.
- [19] Gautam Kamath, Or Sheffet, Vikrant Singhal, and Jonathan Ullman. Differentially private algorithms for learning mixtures of well separated gaussians. In *Annual Conference on Neural and Information Processing Systems*, NeurIPS '19, pages 168–180, Vancouver, Canada, 2019.
- [20] Adam Sealfon and Jonathan Ullman. Efficiently Estimating Erdős-Rényi Graphs with Node Differential Privacy. In *Annual Conference on Neural and Information Processing Systems*, NeurIPS '19, pages 3765–3775, Vancouver, BC, Canada, 2019.

- [21] Jeffrey Champion, Abhi Shelat, and Jonathan Ullman. Securely sampling biased coins with applications to differential privacy. In *ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security*, CCS'19, pages 603–614, London, UK, 2019. ACM.
- [22] Matthew Jagielski, Michael Kearns, Jieming Mao, Alina Oprea, Aaron Roth, Saeed Sharifi-Malvajerdi, and Jonathan Ullman. Differentially private fair classification. In *International Conference on Machine Learning*, ICML'19, pages 3000–3008, Long Beach, CA, USA, 2019. PMLR.
- [23] Gautam Kamath, Jerry Li, Vikrant Singhal, and Jonathan Ullman. Privately learning high dimensional distributions. In *Annual Conference on Learning Theory*, COLT '19, pages 1853–1902, Phoenix, AZ, USA, 2019. PMLR.
- [24] Clément Canonne, Gautam Kamath, Audra McMillan, Adam Smith, and Jonathan Ullman. The structure of optimal private tests for simple hypotheses. In *ACM Symposium on the Theory of Computing*, STOC '19, pages 310–321, Phoenix, AZ, USA, 2019. ACM.
- [25] Albert Cheu, Adam Smith, Jonathan Ullman, David Zeber, and Maxim Zhilyaev. Distributed differential privacy via shuffling. In *Annual Conference on the Theory and Applications of Cryptographic Techniques*, EUROCRYPT '19, pages 375–403, Darmstadt, Germany, 2019. Springer.
- [26] Cynthia Dwork and Jonathan Ullman. The Fienberg problem: How to allow human interactive data analysis in the age of differential privacy. *Journal of Privacy and Confidentiality*, 8(1):1–10, 2018.
- [27] Foto N. Afrati, Shantanu Sharma, Jonathan R. Ullman, and Jeffrey D. Ullman. Computing marginals using MapReduce. *Journal of Computer and System Sciences*, 94:98–117, 2018.
- [28] Matthew Joseph, Aaron Roth, Jonathan Ullman, and Bo Waggoner. Local differential privacy for evolving data. In *Annual Conference on Neural and Information Processing Systems*, NeurIPS '18 Spotlight Presentation, pages 2381–2390, Montreal, Canada, 2018.
- [29] Kobbi Nissim, Adam Smith, Thomas Steinke, Uri Stemmer, and Jonathan Ullman. The limits of post-selection generalization. In *Annual Conference on Neural and Information Processing Systems*, NeurIPS '18, pages 6402–6411, Montreal, Canada, 2018.
- [30] Albert Cheu, Ravi Sundaram, and Jonathan Ullman. Skyline identification in multi-armed bandits. In *IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory*, ISIT '18, pages 1006–1010, Vail, CO, USA, 2018. IEEE.
- [31] Lucas Kowalczyk, Tal Malkin, Jonathan Ullman, and Daniel Wichs. Hardness of non-interactive differential privacy from one-way functions. In *Annual International Cryptology Conference*, CRYPTO '18, pages 437–466, Santa Barbara, CA, USA, 2018. Springer.
- [32] Mallesh M. Pai, Aaron Roth, and Jonathan Ullman. An antifolk theorem for large repeated games. *ACM Transactions on Economics and Computation (TEAC)*, 5(2):10:1–10:20, 2017.

- [33] Thomas Steinke and Jonathan Ullman. Between pure and approximate differential privacy. *Journal of Privacy and Confidentiality*, 7(2):1–20, 2017.
- [34] Thomas Steinke and Jonathan Ullman. Tight lower bounds for differentially private selection. In *IEEE Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science*, FOCS '17, pages 552–563, Berkeley, CA, USA, 2017. IEEE.
- [35] Piotr Indyk, Sepideh Mahabadi, Ronitt Rubinfeld, Jonathan Ullman, Ali Vakilian, and Anak Yodpinyanee. Fractional set cover in the streaming model. In *International Workshop on Approximation Algorithms for Combinatorial Optimization Problems*, APPROX '17, pages 12:1–12:20, Berkeley, CA, USA, 2017.
- [36] Mitali Bafna and Jonathan Ullman. The price of selection in differential privacy. In *Annual Conference on Learning Theory*, COLT '17, pages 151–168, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 2017. PMLR.
- [37] Aaron Roth, Aleksandrs Slivkins, Jonathan Ullman, and Zhiwei Steven Wu. Multidimensional dynamic pricing for welfare maximization. In *ACM Conference on Economics and Computation*, EC '17, pages 519–536, Cambridge, MA, USA, 2017. ACM.
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- [39] Ryan Rogers, Aaron Roth, Jonathan Ullman, and Salil Vadhan. Privacy odometers and filters: Pay-as-you-go composition. In *Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems*, NeurIPS '16, pages 1921–1929, Barcelona, Spain, 2016.
- [40] Lucas Kowalczyk, Tal Malkin, Jonathan Ullman, and Mark Zhandry. Strong hardness of privacy from weak traitor tracing. In *International Conference on Theory of Cryptography*, TCC '16b, pages 659–689, Beijing, China, 2016. Springer.
- [41] Edo Liberty, Michael Mitzenmacher, Justin Thaler, and Jonathan Ullman. Space lower bounds for itemset frequency sketches. In *ACM Symposium on Principles of Database Systems*, PODS '16, pages 441–454, San Francisco, CA, USA, 2016. ACM.
- [42] Raef Bassily, Kobbi Nissim, Adam Smith, Thomas Steinke, Uri Stemmer, and Jonathan Ullman. Algorithmic stability for adaptive data analysis. In *ACM Symposium on the Theory of Computing*, STOC '16, pages 1046–1059, Cambridge, MA, USA, 2016. ACM.
- [43] Aaron Roth, Jonathan Ullman, and Zhiwei Steven Wu. Watch and learn: Optimizing from revealed preferences feedback. In *ACM Symposium on the Theory of Computing*, STOC '16, pages 949–962, Cambridge, MA, USA, 2016. ACM.
- [44] Cynthia Dwork, Adam Smith, Thomas Steinke, Jonathan Ullman, and Salil Vadhan. Robust traceability from trace amounts. In *IEEE Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science*, FOCS '15, pages 650–669, Berkeley, CA, USA, 2015. IEEE.

- [45] Thomas Steinke and Jonathan Ullman. Interactive fingerprinting codes and the hardness of preventing false discovery. In *Annual Conference on Learning Theory, COLT '15*, pages 1588–1628, Paris, France, 2015. PMLR.
- [46] Jonathan Ullman. Private multiplicative weights beyond linear queries. In *ACM Symposium on Principles of Database Systems, PODS '15*, pages 303–312, Melbourne, Australia, 2015. ACM.
- [47] Pavel Hubáček, Moni Naor, and Jonathan Ullman. When can limited randomness be used in repeated games? In *IACR International Symposium on Algorithmic Game Theory, SAGT '15*, pages 259–271, Saarbrücken, Germany, 2015. Springer.
- [48] Ryan M. Rogers, Aaron Roth, Jonathan Ullman, and Zhiwei Steven Wu. Inducing approximately optimal flow using truthful mediators. In *ACM Conference on Economics and Computation, EC '15*, pages 471–488, Portland, OR, USA, 2015. ACM.
- [49] Moritz Hardt and Jonathan Ullman. Preventing false discovery in interactive data analysis is hard. In *IEEE Annual Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science, FOCS '14*, pages 454–463, Philadelphia, PA, USA, 2014. IEEE.
- [50] Justin Hsu, Aaron Roth, Tim Roughgarden, and Jonathan Ullman. Privately solving linear programs. In *International Colloquium on Automata, Languages, and Programming, Track A, ICALP(A) '14*, pages 612–624, Copenhagen, Denmark, 2014. Springer.
- [51] Karthekeyan Chandrasekaran, Justin Thaler, Jonathan Ullman, and Andrew Wan. Faster private release of marginals on small databases. In *ACM Conference on Innovations in Theoretical Computer Science, ITCS '14*, pages 287–402, Princeton, NJ, USA, 2014. ACM.
- [52] Michael Kearns, Mallesh M. Pai, Aaron Roth, and Jonathan Ullman. Mechanism design in large games: incentives and privacy. In *ACM Conference on Innovations in Theoretical Computer Science, ITCS '14*, pages 403–410, Princeton, NJ, USA, 2014. ACM.
- [53] Mark Bun, Jonathan Ullman, and Salil Vadhan. Fingerprinting codes and the price of approximate differential privacy. In *Annual ACM Symposium on the Theory of Computing, STOC '14*, pages 1–10, New York, NY, USA, 2014. ACM.
- [54] Justin Hsu, Aaron Roth, and Jonathan Ullman. Differential privacy for the analyst via private equilibrium computation. In *ACM Symposium on the Theory of Computing, STOC '13*, pages 341–350, Palo Alto, CA, USA, 2013. ACM.
- [55] Jonathan Ullman. Answering  $n^{2+o(1)}$  counting queries with differential privacy is hard. In *ACM Symposium on the Theory of Computing, STOC '13*, pages 361–370, Palo Alto, CA, USA, 2013. ACM.
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- [57] Anupam Gupta, Aaron Roth, and Jonathan Ullman. Iterative constructions and private data release. In *IACR International Conference on Theory of Cryptography*, TCC '12, pages 339–356, Taormina, Italy, 2012. Springer.
- [58] Anupam Gupta, Moritz Hardt, Aaron Roth, and Jonathan Ullman. Privately releasing conjunctions and the statistical query barrier. In *ACM Symposium on Theory of Computing*, STOC '11, pages 803–812, San Jose, CA, USA, 2011. ACM.
- [59] Jonathan Ullman and Salil P. Vadhan. PCPs and the hardness of generating private synthetic data. In *IACR International Conference on Theory of Cryptography*, TCC '11, pages 400–416, Providence, RI, USA, 2011. Springer.
- [60] Shiva Prasad Kasiviswanathan, Mark Rudelson, Adam Smith, and Jonathan Ullman. The price of privately releasing contingency tables and the spectra of random matrices with correlated rows. In *ACM Symposium on Theory of Computing*, STOC '10, pages 775–784, Cambridge, MA, USA, 2010. ACM.
- [61] Scott Duke Kominers, Mike Ruberry, and Jonathan Ullman. Course allocation by proxy auction. In *International Workshop on Internet and Network Economics*, WINE '10, pages 551–558, Stanford, CA, USA, 2010. Springer.

## SECONDARY PUBLICATIONS (REVERSE CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER)

Some of my work appears in journals as a secondary form of publication, after initially appearing in a computer science conference. This list includes all such publications.

- [62] Raef Bassily, Kobbi Nissim, Adam Smith, Thomas Steinke, Uri Stemmer, and Jonathan Ullman. Algorithmic stability for adaptive data analysis. *SIAM Journal on Computing*, 50(3):377–405, 2021.
- [63] Adam Sealfon and Jonathan Ullman. Efficiently estimating erdos-renyi graphs with node differential privacy. *Journal of Privacy and Confidentiality*, 11(1), 2021.
- [64] Albert Cheu, Adam Smith, and Jonathan Ullman. Manipulation attacks in local differential privacy. *Journal of Privacy and Confidentiality*, 11(1), 2021.
- [65] Jonathan Ullman and Salil Vadhan. PCPs and the hardness of generating synthetic data. *Journal of Cryptology*, pages 1–35, 2020.
- [66] Aaron Roth, Aleksandrs Slivkins, Jonathan Ullman, and Zhiwei Steven Wu. Multidimensional dynamic pricing for welfare maximization. *ACM Transactions on Economics and Computation*, 8(1):6:1–6:35, 2020.
- [67] Mark Bun, Thomas Steinke, and Jonathan Ullman. Make up your mind: The price of online queries in differential privacy. *Journal of Privacy and Confidentiality*, 9(1):1–35, 2019.
- [68] Mark Bun, Jonathan Ullman, and Salil Vadhan. Fingerprinting codes and the price of approximate differential privacy. *SIAM Journal on Computing*, 47(5):1888–1938, 2018.

- [69] Pavel Hubáček, Moni Naor, and Jonathan Ullman. When can limited randomness be used in repeated games? *Theory of Computing Systems*, 59(4):722–746, 2016.
- [70] Jonathan Ullman. Answering  $n^{2+o(1)}$  counting queries with differential privacy is hard. *SIAM Journal on Computing*, 45(2):473–496, 2016.
- [71] Anupam Gupta, Moritz Hardt, Aaron Roth, and Jonathan Ullman. Privately releasing conjunctions and the statistical query barrier. *SIAM Journal on Computing*, 42(4):1494–1520, 2013.

## OTHER WRITINGS (REVERSE CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER)

- [72] Konstantina Bairaktari, Paul Langton, Huy Le Nguyen, Niklas Smedemark-Margulies, and Jonathan Ullman. Fair and useful cohort selection. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2009.02207*, 2022.
- [73] Clément Canonne, Gautam Kamath, Thomas Steinke, Jonathan Ullman, and Zhiwei Steven Wu. DifferentialPrivacy.org. <https://differentialprivacy.org/>, 2020.
- [74] Gautam Kamath and Jonathan Ullman. A primer on private statistics. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2005.00010*, 2020.
- [75] Jonathan Ullman. Technical perspective: Building a safety net for data reuse. *Communications of the ACM*, 60(4):85–85, 2017.
- [76] Cynthia Dwork, Adam Smith, Thomas Steinke, and Jonathan Ullman. Exposed! a survey of attacks on private data. *Annual Review of Statistics and Its Application*, 4:61–84, 2017.
- [77] Aaron Roth, Jonathan Ullman, and Zhiwei Steven Wu. Watch and learn: optimizing from revealed preferences feedback. *ACM SIGecom Exchanges*, 14(1):101–104, 2015.
- [78] Jonathan Ullman. Query release via online learning. *Encyclopedia of Algorithms*, pages 1–5, 2015.

## FUNDING

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Total research funding approximately \$2.3m.

NSF CAREER Award (2018); Google Faculty Research Award (2018); Apple Research Award (2021).

### GRANTS AND AWARDS

#### NSF award #2247484 (*recommended for funding*)

10/2023 – 09/2026

Project Title: *Private Model Personalization*

Role: co-PI; joint with Alina Oprea (Northeastern)

Amount: \$600k total, \$300k for PI Ullman

#### NSF award #2232692

04/2023 – 03/2027

Project Title: *Private Model Personalization*

Role: Lead PI; joint with Adam Smith (BU), Zhiwei Steven Wu (CMU)

Amount: \$1.2m total, \$450k for PI Ullman



**NSF award #2120603** **10/2021 – 10/2022**Project Title: *Foundations for the Next Generation of Private Learning Systems*

Role: PI; joint with Alina Oprea (Northeastern), Adam Smith (Boston University), Roxana Geambasu (Columbia), Zhiwei Steven Wu (CMU)

Amount: \$500k total, \$100k for PI Ullman

**Gift from Apple, Inc.** **04/2021**Project Title: *Auditing Differentially Private Machine Learning*

Role: PI; joint with Alina Oprea (Northeastern)

Amount: \$100k, \$50k for PI Ullman

**NSF award #1916020** **10/2019 – 10/2021**Project Title: *Understanding and Mitigating the Privacy and Societal Risks of Advanced Advertising Targeting and Tracking*

Role: co-PI; joint with Alan Mislove (Northeastern) and Alexandra Korolova (USC)

Amount: \$1.2m total, \$400k for co-PI Ullman

**NSF award #1816028** **08/2018 – 08/2021**Project Title: *New Approaches to Decentralized Differential Privacy*

Role: PI; joint with abhi shelat (Northeastern)

Amount: \$500k total; \$250k for PI Ullman

**Google Faculty Research Award** **02/2018**Project Title: *Distributed Differential Privacy Beyond Local Protocols*

Amount: \$65k

**NSF CAREER award #1750640** **08/2018 – 08/2023**Project Title: *CAREER: A Stable Foundation for Trustworthy Data Analysis*

Amount: \$500k

**NSF award #1718088** **08/2017 – 08/2020**Project Title: *Programming Tools for Adaptive Data Analysis*

Role: PI; joint with Marco Gaboardi (SUNY Buffalo)

Amount: \$448k total; \$224k for PI Ullman

**MENTORING****POSTDOC MENTORING****Mahdi Haghifam** **09/2023 – Current**

Research: foundations of machine learning and privacy

Khouri Distinguished Postdoctoral Fellow

**Maryam Aliakbarpour** **08/2021 – 08/2023**

Research: statistical estimation and testing, differential privacy

Joint with Boston University

Next Position: Assistant Professor, Rice University

**Audra McMillan** **06/2018 – 06/2020**

Research: differentially private statistical inference

Cybersecurity & Privacy Institute Fellow; joint with Boston University  
 Next Position: Research Scientist, Apple, Inc.

### PHD MENTORING

**Sushant Agarwal** 09/2022 – Current

**John Abascal** 09/2021 – Current

Co-advised with Alina Oprea

**Rose Silver** 09/2021 – Current

**Konstantina Bairaktari** 09/2020 – Current

Co-advised with Huy Le Nguyen

**Lydia Zakynthinou** 09/2017 – 08/2023

Thesis Title: *Algorithms and Frameworks for Preventing Privacy Leakage and Overfitting in Machine Learning*

Facebook Fellowship winner and Khoury Graduate Researcher Award winner

Co-advised with Huy Le Nguyen

Next Position: Postdoctoral Researcher, UC Berkeley

**Albert Cheu** 09/2016 – 04/2021

Thesis Title: *Differential Privacy in the Shuffle Model*

Khoury Graduate Researcher Award winner

Next Position: Postdoctoral Researcher, Georgetown University

**Vikrant Singhal** 09/2016 – 07/2021

Thesis Title: Differentially Private Statistical Estimation

Next Position: Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Waterloo

### UNDERGRADUATE MENTORING

**Stanley Wu** 01/2021 – 08/2023

Northeastern undergraduate research assistant

Co-advised with Alina Oprea

Paper: *How to Combine Membership-Inference Attacks on Multiple Updated Models* in PETS 2023

Next position: Ph.D. in Computer Science, University of Chicago

**Tatiana Ediger** 01/2021 – 06/2021

Northeastern undergraduate research assistant

Project: Differentially private linear regression

Next position: Data Engineer at EightSleep

**Jeffrey Champion** 06/2017 – 12/2019

Northeastern undergraduate co-op student

Paper *Securely Sampling Biased Coins with Applications to Differential Privacy* in CCS 2019.

Next position: Ph.D. in Computer Science, University of Texas at Austin

**Mitali Bafna** 06/2016 – 12/2016

IIT Madras undergraduate

Paper *The Price of Differentially Private Selection* in COLT 2017.

Next position: Ph.D. in Computer Science, Harvard University

### THESIS COMMITTEES

Eysa Lee (graduated Summer 2023; advisor: abhi shelat)  
 Jack Doerner (graduated Fall 2022; advisor: abhi shelat)  
 Yashvanth Kondi (graduated Summer 2022; advisor: abhi shelat)  
 Matthew Jagielski (graduated Summer 2021; advisors: Cristina Nita-Rotaru and Alina Oprea)  
 Ariel Hamlin (graduated Spring 2021; advisor: Daniel Wicks)  
 Giorgios Zirdelis (graduated Spring 2021; advisor: Daniel Wicks)  
 Cheng Li (graduated Fall 2019; advisor: Jay Aslam)  
 Adam Sealfon (graduated Summer 2019 from MIT; advisor: Shafi Goldwasser)  
 Chin Ho Lee (graduated Summer 2019; advisor: Emanuele Viola)  
 Benjamin Kreuter (graduated Spring 2018; advisor: abhi shelat)  
 Maryam Aziz (graduated Fall 2018; advisor: Jay Aslam)  
 Zahra Jafarholi (graduated Spring 2016; advisor: Daniel Wicks)

### TEACHING

#### Northeastern University CS 3000: Algorithms & Data

Undergraduate course on algorithm design and analysis.  
 Formerly listed as CS 4800: Algorithms & Data

Term	Students	Course/Instructor Rating
Spring 2018	48	4.8/5.0
Fall 2018 (Sec 01)	72	4.7/5.0
Fall 2018 (Sec 04)	38	4.5/5.0
Spring 2020	70	4.8/5.0
Fall 2020	321 (4 instructors)	4.4/4.6

#### Northeastern University CS 7880: Differential Privacy in Machine Learning and Statistics

Ph.D. level topics course on differential privacy  
 Previously called Rigorous Approaches to Data Privacy

Term	Students	Course/Instructor Rating
Spring 2021	15	4.7/5.0
Spring 2017	9	5.0/5.0

#### Northeastern University CS 7800: Advanced Algorithms

Ph.D. level core course on algorithm design and analysis.

Term	Students	Course/Instructor Rating
Fall 2015	17	4.5/5.0
Fall 2016	28	4.9/5.0
Fall 2017	27	4.5/5.0
Fall 2022	28	4.7/4.8

### TALKS GIVEN (REVERSE CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER)

#### Invited Talks

Workshop on Privacy Preserving AI	02/2023
UT Austin Computer Science Colloquium	03/2022
University of Pennsylvania CIS Colloquium	02/2022
TTIC Colloquium	10/2021
Charles River Crypto Day	07/2021
Apple Privacy-Preserving Machine Learning Workshop	08/2020
IMA Workshop on Recent Themes in Resource Tradeoffs	06/2019
University of Pennsylvania Warren Center Seminar	11/2018
Banff Mathematical Foundations of Differential Privacy Workshop	05/2018
Simons Statistics, Optimization, and Uncertainty Workshop	12/2017
Simons Differential Privacy Semester Planning Workshop	05/2017
IAS Symposium on Four Facets of Differential Privacy	11/2016
PCMI Summer Session, the Mathematics of Data	07/2016
IHP Nexus of Information and Computation Theories	03/2016
NIPS Workshop on Adaptive Data Analysis	12/2015
Oberwolfach meeting on complexity. <b>Invited Plenary Talk</b>	11/2015
Theory and Practice of Differential Privacy Workshop. <b>Invited Keynote Talk</b>	04/2015
Charles River Privacy Day, Boston University	05/2014
Northeastern University CS Colloquium	03/2014
University of Toronto CS Colloquium	02/2014
Northwestern CS Colloquium	02/2013
USC CS Colloquium	02/2013
Simons Big Data and Differential Privacy Workshop	03/2013
Simons Workshop on the Science of Differential Privacy	02/2013
China Theory Week	10/2011

### Seminar Talks

NTT Labs Seminar	07/2022
University of Washington Computer Science Seminar	11/2021
Google Differential Privacy Seminar	06/2021
Boston University Theory of Computing Seminar	10/2019
MIT Cryptographic and Information Security Seminar	04/2017
UMass Amherst Database Seminar	10/2016
MIT Theory of Computing Seminar	10/2016
University of Warwick Theory of Computing Seminar	04/2015
NYU Polytech Theory of Computing Seminar	10/2014
Penn State Theory of Computing Seminar	09/2014
MSR SVC Seminar	11/2013
Princeton Theory of Computing Seminar	11/2013
NYU Theory of Computing Seminar	10/2013
Columbia University Theory of Computing Seminar	10/2013
Boston Univeristy Theory of Computing Seminar	02/2011
MSR New England Seminar	11/2010
Penn State Theory of Computing Seminar	04/2010

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES

#### Theory and Practice of Differential Privacy Workshop

Steering Committee Co-Chair

Guest Editor, Special issue of *Journal of Privacy and Confidentiality* for work from TPDP 2017

#### DifferentialPrivacy.org Website

Co-creator and Contributor

#### Boston Differential Privacy Summer School

Co-organizer

#### 7th Bar Ilan University Winter School on Cryptography

Co-instructor for course *Differential Privacy: From Theory to Practice*

#### Conference and Workshop Program Committee Chair

Track Chair, Conf. on Computer and Communication Security (CCS), Privacy Track 2021

Program Committee Chair, Workshop on Theory and Practice of Differential Privacy 2017

#### Conference Program Committee and Reviewer

Program Committee, Symposium on Theory of Computing (STOC) 2015

Program Committee, Theory of Cryptography Conference (TCC) 2015

Program Committee, Innovations in Theoretical Computer Science (ITCS) 2015

Program Committee, Economics and Computation (EC) 2016

Program Committee, Theory of Cryptography Conference (TCC) 2016b

Reviewer, Neural and Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) 2016

Reviewer, Neural and Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) 2017

Program Committee, Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS) 2017

Program Committee, Symposium on Discrete Algorithms (SODA) 2018

Reviewer, International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) 2018

Program Committee, Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science (FOCS) 2018

Program Committee, Information Theoretic Cryptography (ITC) 2020

Reviewer, International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) 2020

Program Committee, Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS) 2020

Reviewer, Conference on Learning Theory (COLT) 2020

Program Committee, Symposium on Security and Privacy (Oakland) 2021

Senior Meta-Reviewer, Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) 2022

Area Chair, Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency (FAccT) 2022

Area Chair, Conference on Learning Theory (COLT) 2023

Program Committee, Symposium on Discrete Algorithms (SODA) 2024

### INTERNAL ACTIVITIES

#### Area Chair for Theory Research

09/2022 - Current

#### Khoury College of Computer Science Committees

Representative, TT Hiring Committee

2022/2023 AY

Chair, Teaching Awards Committee

2021/2022 AY

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<b>Representative</b> , Ph.D. Admissions Committee	<b>2020/2021 AY</b>
<b>Representative</b> , Ph.D. Curriculum Committee	<b>2020/2021 AY</b>
<b>Representative</b> , Teaching Awards Committee	<b>2020/2021 AY</b>
<b>Co-organizer</b> , Ph.D. Open House	<b>03/2020</b>
<b>Representative</b> , Ph.D. Admissions Committee	<b>2019/2020 AY</b>
<b>Representative</b> , Ph.D. Curriculum Committee	<b>2018/2019 AY</b>
<b>Representative</b> , TT Hiring Committee	<b>2017/2018 AY</b>
<b>Representative</b> , TT Hiring Committee	<b>2016/2017 AY</b>
<b>Co-organizer</b> , Ph.D. Open House	<b>03/2016</b>
<b>Representative</b> , Ph.D. Admissions Committee	<b>2015/2016 AY</b>