

# Jian Xiang

Curriculum Vitae  
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Assistant Professor  
Software and Information System  
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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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The primary goal of my research is to advance the state of art of formal methods for modeling and verifying the correctness and security of computer systems, especially cyber-physical systems, and to develop tools and techniques to help construct systems that are correct and secure. My broad research interests include security, formal verification, cyber-physical system, and programming language.

## EDUCATION

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- **Ph.D., Computer Science**  
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA  
Dissertation: *Interpreted Formalism: Towards System Assurance and the Real-World Semantics of Software*  
Advisor: John Knight
- **M.E., Software Engineering**  
Tsinghua University, Beijing, China  
Thesis title: *SREM: A Service Requirements Elicitation Mechanism based on Ontology*  
Advisor: Lin Liu
- **B.S., Electronic Science and Technology**  
Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Wuhan, China

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- **Assistant Professor**  
UNC Charlotte, Charlotte, NC  
Aug.2023 – Present
- **Research Associate**  
Harvard University, Cambridge/Allston, MA  
Sep.2020 – Aug.2023
- **Postdoctoral Researcher**  
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA  
Sep.2017 – Aug.2020
- **Postdoctoral Researcher**  
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA  
Aug.2016 – May.2017

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Journal Paper

- *Measuring Robustness in Cyber-Physical Systems under Sensor Attacks.*  
Nonlinear Analysis: Hybrid Systems, 2025  
**J. Xiang**, R. Lanotte, S. Tini, and M. Merro

### Conference Paper

- *Formal Robustness for Cyber-Physical Systems under Timed Attacks.*  
The 38th IEEE Computer Security Foundations Symposium (CSF), June 2025  
**J. Xiang**, S. Tini, R. Lanotte, and M. Merro
- *Extending Dynamic Logics with First-Class Relational Reasoning.*  
The 17th NASA Formal Methods Symposium (NFM), June 2025  
**J. Xiang** and S. Chong.
- *Quantitative Robustness Analysis of Sensor Attacks on Cyber-Physical Systems.*  
ACM International Conference on Hybrid Systems: Computation and Control (HSCC), May 2023  
S. Chong, R. Lanotte, M. Merro, S. Tini, and **J. Xiang** (all authors contributed equally)
- *Relational Analysis of Sensor Attacks on Cyber-Physical Systems.*  
IEEE Computer Security Foundations Symposium (CSF), June 2021.  
**J. Xiang**, N. Fulton, and S. Chong.
- *Co-Inflow: Coarse-grained Information Flow Control for Java-like Languages.*  
IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (S&P), May 2021.  
**J. Xiang** and S. Chong.
- *Is My Software Consistent with the Real World?.*  
International Symposium on High Assurance Systems Engineering (HASE), Jan. 2017.  
**J. Xiang**, J. Knight, and K. Sullivan.
- *Synthesis of Logic Interpretation.*  
International Symposium on High Assurance Systems Engineering (HASE), Jan. 2016.  
**J. Xiang**, J. Knight, and K. Sullivan.
- *Real-World Types and Their Application.*  
International Conference on Computer Safety, Reliability and Security (SAFECOMP), Sep. 2015.  
**J. Xiang**, J. Knight, and K. Sullivan.
- *SREM: A Service Requirements Elicitation Mechanism based on Ontology.*  
IEEE International Computer Software and Applications Conference (COMPSAC). Jul. 2007  
**J. Xiang**, L. Liu, W. Qiao.

### Book Chapter

- *A Rigorous Definition of Cyber-Physical Systems.*  
Trustworthy Cyber-Physical Systems. CRC Press, 2016.  
J. Knight, **J. Xiang**, and K. Sullivan.

### Workshop Paper

- *A Safety Condition Monitoring System.*  
International Workshop on Assurance Cases for Software-intensive Systems, Sep. 2015.  
J. Knight, J. Rowanhill and **J. Xiang**.

### **PhD Thesis**

- *Interpreted Formalism: Towards System Assurance and the Real-World Semantics of Software*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### **Instructor**

- *ITIS 6200/8200 Principles of Information Security & Privacy*    Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2023

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

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### **Program Committee**

- The ACM Conference on Architectural Support for Programming Languages and Operating Systems (AS-PLOS'25)
- Workshop on Programming Languages and Analysis for Security(PLAS'21)

### **Journal Reviewer**

- ACM Transactions on Programming Languages and Systems (TOPLAS'22)
- Elsevier Science of Computer Programming (SCP'25)

### **Poster and Tool Committee**

- IEEE Secure Development Conference (SecDev'19)

## INVITED TALK

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- *Co-Inflow: Coarse-grained Information Flow Control for Java-like Languages*  
Amazon AWS Privacy Engineering Seminar
- *Co-Inflow: Coarse-grained Information Flow Control for Java-like Languages*  
NIO.io Security Seminar

## FUNDING

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### **Internal grants**

- Modeling and Verification of Correctness and Security for Autonomous Machines. UNC Charlotte. Faculty Research Grants. 2024-2025. \$8000.