

# Krystal Maughan

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Research Interests: Supersingular Isogeny Cryptography, Mathematical Cryptography

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**University of Vermont, PhD candidate**

**2019-present**

Computer Science PhD student, minor in Pure Mathematics

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

**Research Assistant (Vermont)**

**2021-2024**

Supervisors: J. Near, C. Vincent: Research on Isogeny Graph Cryptography, Mathematical Cryptography

**Research Assistant (Vermont)**

**2019-2021**

Supervisor: Joe Near: Research on Provable Fairness and Privacy Using Machine Learning.

Funded via Amazon Research Award (2020-2022 PI: J. Near, D. Darais)

## Workshop Publications:

- ❖ “Attribute Differential Privacy” (**Pre-print available upon request**) 2021  
(**Maughan, K.** and Near, J.)
- ❖ “Towards a Measure of Individual Fairness for Deep Learning” 2020  
(**Maughan, K.** and Near, J.) - presented as poster for **MD4SG 2020**
- ❖ “Towards Audibility for Fairness in Deep Learning” 2020  
(Ngong, I., **Maughan, K.** and Near, J.)- presented as poster for **AFCI at NeurIPS**
- ❖ “Archipelago Pensée” (**Maughan, K.**) 2020  
presented artwork and writing as a poster: **RAIS (Resistance AI) at NeurIPS**

**Graduate Teacher’s Assistant, Fall/Spring 2019-2020 (Vermont)**

**2019-2020**

Compiler Construction with Haskell (taught by Joe Near)

2020

Advanced Web Design (taught by Bob Erickson)

Programming with Matlab (taught by Radhakrishna Dasari)

2019

Data Privacy with Jupyter, Python (taught by Joe Near)

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## GRANT WRITING / PROPOSALS

- ❖ COST Action Proposal OC-2021-1-25315 “Mathematics and Algorithmics of Group actions and Isogenies for Cryptography” (Secondary Proposer) 2021
- ❖ Microsoft Research, Reinforcement Learning Open Source Festival Proposal (Awarded \$10,000) 2021
- ❖ Meta: Building Tools to Enhance Privacy and Fairness 2021  
(as co-PI with PI J. Near and PI J. Onaolapo) (not awarded)
- ❖ CDS&E Computational and Data-Enabled Science and Engineering Database Grant Proposal for SageMaths (as Key Personnel) 2020  
(PI B. Hutz, PhD) (not awarded)

## **GRANT WRITING / PROPOSALS**

- ❖ Google Summer of Code, Proposal to Haskell.org 2018  
(Awarded \$6,000)
- ❖ Helium Grant, (for exploring questions on the edge of mainstream thinking) 2018  
(Awarded \$1000)

## **MERIT-BASED MENTORSHIPS / RESEARCH MENTORSHIPS**

Mentee, Google's CS Research Mentorship Program (CSRMP) with A. Lees, PhD	2021
Mentee, AiC Connectors Program with Facebook with O. Dalleleau, PhD	2021
Mentee, She256 Blockchain Group with P. Mishra, PhD	2021
Mentee, Women in Privacy and Security (WISP), D. Sharma, PhD	2021
Mentee, Global Outreach Mentorship with S. Gupta, PhD (EC 2020)	2020
Mentee, LatinX in AI Research Workshop Mentorship, C. White, PhD (NeurIPS 2021)	2021
Mentee, LatinX in AI Research Workshop Mentorship with J. Barajas, PhD (ICML 2020)	2020
Mentee, Mentored by Amal Ahmed, PhD (ICFP 2020)	2020
Mentee, Lighthouse3 AI Ethics Mentoring Externship with F. McEvoy (1 of 20 chosen)	2020
Mentee, Code2040 Fellowship with Ben Waber, PhD	2020

## **ACADEMIC REVIEWER**

Reviewer, Springer AI and Ethics Journal	2020 - present
Reviewer, BlackAIR Summer Research Grant Program	2021
Reviewer, ICLR Distributed and Private Machine Learning workshop	2021
Committee Reviewer, HCI Track, GHC (Grace Hopper Conference)	2021
Reviewer, PML4DC (Practical ML for Developing Countries) workshop, ICLR	2021
Reviewer, Tapia Conference (Panels and Workshops)	2021
Reviewer for AFCR workshop at NeurIPS (Fairness, Accountability, Robustness)	2021
Reviewer for AFCI workshop at NeurIPS (Fairness and Accountability)	2020
Reviewer for Black in AI at NeurIPS workshop	2020, 2021
Reviewer and Programme Committee Member, LXAI@ICML Workshop	2020
Committee Reviewer, HCI Track, GHC (Grace Hopper Conference)	2020
Chair Reviewer, PML4DC (Practical ML for Developing Countries) workshop, ICLR	2020
Reviewer, Tapia Conference (Panels and Workshops)	2020
Reviewer, Travel Grant Applications, Black in AI for AAAI	2020

## **ACADEMIC JOURNALS (AI/Machine Learning)**

Board Member, AI and Ethics, Springer	2020
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## **RESEARCH PhD INVITATIONS**

Virtual Participant, MSRI: Connections Workshop:	2023
- Algebraic Cycles, L-Values and Euler Systems	
- Introductory Workshop: Algebraic Cycles, L-Values and Euler Systems	
- Shimura Varieties and L-Functions	
Virtual Participant, West Coast Number Theory (WCNT): Problems in Number Theory	2021
Participant, <a href="#">GREPSEC V</a> :	2021
- (Graduate Students in Privacy and Security Early Career Workshop)	
Participant, Isogeny-Based Cryptography Winter School	2021

## RESEARCH PhD INVITATIONS

Participant, Post-Quantum Networks Workshop	2021
Participant, <a href="#">PRIMA</a> Summer School	2021
- Rational curves and moduli spaces in arithmetic geometry	
Initiative for Cryptocurrencies and Contracts (IC3) Blockchain Bootcamp	2021
- Worked on group project : Fairness consensus for Miner Extractable Value ( <a href="#">MEVs</a> )	
- Implemented Aequitas protocol from <a href="#">paper</a> with authors for fairness simulation	
- One of top four winning teams chosen	
Participant, Scottish Programming Languages and Verification School	2021
Invited Participant, "Key themes for informing a Research Roadmap", The Alan Turing Institute:	2021
- Invited Participant, "Threats and Opportunities for AI in Cybersecurity"	2021
- Invited Participant, "Society-centric approaches to AI challenges in	2021
- Invited Participant, "Environmental Enablers for AI challenges in	2021
Participant, Self Organizing Conference on Machine Learning ( <a href="#">SOCML</a> )	2021
- Machine Learning, and Privacy session, Moderated by U. Erlingsson	2021
- organized by I. Goodfellow (1 of 9 chosen)	
Simons Institute, Average-Case Complexity: From Cryptography to Statistical Learning	2021
Simons Institute, Optimization Under Symmetry	2021
Simons Institute, Innovations in Theoretical Computer Science ( <a href="#">ITCS</a> )	2021
Simons Institute, Geometric Methods in Optimization and Sampling Bootcamp	2021
Participant, Community-Driven Cryptography Seminar	2021

## MERIT-BASED GRANTS / SCHOLARSHIPS

Google Grace Hopper Conference (GHC) Scholarship	2021
NCWIT Collegiate Award Finalist (1 of 80)	2021
WISP & Black Hat USA Briefings Scholarship (1 of 25)	2021
Kernel Fellowship Block III via Gitcoin (Security: Zero Knowledge Proofs project)	2021
Gitcoin Scholarship for Women (for Kernel Fellowship Block III)	2021
She256 Mentorship focused on ZK Snarks (6 months)	2021
USENIX Security Conference 2021 (via USENIX Diversity Grant via GREPSEC V)	2021
TechX Social Impact / Harvard Franklin Fellowship (1 of 12)	2020
USENIX Enigma Grant	2021
NCAS Workshop participant (NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars)	2016
Who's Who/ Peggy Williams Memorial Scholarship/ Best BFA Award (Best of Major)	2008

## OTHER GRANTS/ FELLOWSHIPS

Upstate Number Theory Conference 2021 (lodging provided)	2021
IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (student travel grant, complimentary ticket)	2021
4th Annual ZK-Proof Workshop (complimentary ticket)	2021
WISP Privacy+Security Conference	2021
- EU Data Law / De-Identification Workshop (Scholarship via WISP)	
ICERM (Brown University) Variable Precision in Mathematical & Scientific Thinking	2020
RWC2020 (Real World Crypto: registration, flight, lodging) Grant via IACR	2020
Sage-Days-104 : To work on SageMath Software: Arithmetic Dynamics	2019

## **OTHER GRANTS/ FELLOWSHIPS**

<i>Simons Institute (Berkeley) Error-Correcting Codes and High-Dimensional Expansion Boot Camp (attendee)</i>	2019
<i>ICERM (Brown University) Encrypted Search Workshop Grant (Lodging provided)</i>	2019
<i>Cornell Number Theory Conference Grant (Lodging provided)</i>	2019
<i>MSRI (Mathematical Sciences Research Institute) Grants to attend:</i>	
<i>Optimal Transport and applications to machine learning and statistics</i>	2020
<i>Connections for Women:</i>	2019
- <i>Derived Algebraic Geometry, Birational Geometry and Moduli Spaces workshop</i>	
- <i>Introductory Workshop: Derived Algebraic Geometry and Birational Geometry And Moduli Spaces</i>	
<i>Racket Summer School (National Science Foundation Grant)</i>	2018-2019
<i>PLMW (Programming Languages Mentorship Workshop)</i>	2018
<i>ICFP (International Conference Functional Programming)</i>	
<i>PLMW(Programming Languages Mentorship Workshop)</i>	2018
<i>PLDI (Programming Languages Design and Implementation)</i>	
<i>OPLSS (Oregon Programming Languages Summer School Grant) - declined offer</i>	2018

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## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

<i>Panelist, PhD recruiting event (included multiple schools, sponsored by CodePath)</i>	2020
<i>Student Volunteer, ICFP (International Conference Functional Programming)</i>	2020
<i>Student volunteer, ICFP (International Conference Functional Programming)</i>	2018
<i>Student volunteer, PLDI (Programming Languages Design and Implementation)</i>	2018
<i>Student volunteer, POPL (Principles of Programming Languages)</i>	2018
<i>Student volunteer, SPLASH</i>	2018
<i>(Systems, Programming, Languages, and Applications) (declined offer)</i>	

## **INDUSTRY PhD INVITATIONS**

<i>Fellow, JP Morgan, Advancing Black Pathways in AI &amp; Quantitative Modelling Program</i>	2022
<i>Participant, JP Morgan, Advancing Black Pathways in AI &amp; Quant Modeling Summit</i>	2021
<i>Participant, Facebook, Amplified: Above &amp; Beyond Computer Science Program (PhDs)</i>	2021
<i>Participant, Facebook's Amplified: Virtual Vivid in Research</i>	2021
<i>Participant, Galois 1st Summer School on Trustworthy Machine Learning (1 of 35)</i>	2021
<i>Participant (via CSRMP), Google PhD Fellowship Summit</i>	2021
<i>Participant, Jane Street PhD Symposium (New York, remote)</i>	2021
<i>Participant, JP Morgan, Advancing Black Pathways in Data Science</i>	2021
<i>Participant, TwoSigma Mock Interview Day for Early Career Women in STEM</i>	2021
<i>Participant, Hudson River Trading (HRT) Systems Engineering Tech Talks (1 of 14)</i>	2021
<i>Participant, Adobe, "The Future of Creativity" (Virtual)</i>	2020
<i>Participant, Microsoft Research, Frontiers in Machine Learning (Redmond, remote)</i>	2020
<i>Participant, Discover Bloomberg: Women in Engineering event (New York, remote)</i>	2020
<i>Participant, Twitter PhD ML Flock Event (New York, Boston office)</i>	2019

## **GRADUATE SCHOOL INTERNSHIPS**

<i>JP Morgan, Quantitative AI Research, Summer 2022 (New York)</i>	2022
<i>Microsoft Research, Independent Contractor, Summer 2021 (New York: remote)</i>	2021

## GRADUATE SCHOOL INTERNSHIPS

<i>Microsoft</i> , PhD Intern, Summer 2021 (Redmond: remote)	2021
<i>Autodesk</i> , PhD Intern, Summer 2020 (Pier 9, San Francisco: remote)	2020

## RELEVANT WORK / INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

<i>Mercury Banking (Haskell fintech)</i> : Software Engineering Intern (San Francisco)	2019
<i>Apple, Inc.</i> : Software Engineering Intern (Sunnyvale)	2019
<i>Google Summer of Code</i> : Developer for Haskell.org (remote)	2018
<i>Mozilla</i> : Increasing Rust's Reach Developer (remote)	2018

## NON-ACADEMIC SERVICE

Invited Finalist Judge, Technovation, AI for Good	2021
Participant, Git Contributors Inclusion Summit	2020
Reviewer, Code2040 Application Essays	2020
Reviewer, OpenMined Differential Privacy articles	2020
Judge, DataKind, Data.org, Inclusive Growth and Recovery Challenge	2020
Google Developer Student Club Lead (for University of Vermont)	2019
Reviewer, Travel Grant Applications, Clojure Conj (2 rounds)	2017

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## OTHER (NON-INDUSTRY) TALKS

"Composable Forgetful Isogeny Graph Cryptography", Google CSRMP Research	2021
"Isogeny Graph Cryptography", School for Poetic Computation, Re-learning to love Maths	2021
"Isogeny Graph Cryptography", School for Poetic Computation, "Learning to Love Maths"	2021
Invited Panelist, Peer-connected Undergraduate Research Exploration in Computer and Information Science and Engineering ( <a href="#">PRE.CISE</a> )	2021
University of Vermont, CIS196, Privacy Law Research Talk	2021
PLAID Lab speaker, "What Scientists can learn from Artists"	2020
PLAID Lab Speaker, "Information Theory: from Spacecraft to Blockchain"	2021
CS Crew Project talk : contributing to Maths software (CodeWorld, SageMaths)	2019

## CLASSES (PhD)

Doctoral Research with advisors Joe Near and Christelle Vincent	2021-present
Abstract Algebra IV: Special Topics (Elliptic Curves), taught by Christelle Vincent	2022
Abstract Algebra II, taught by Christelle Vincent (Fields, Rings) (Spring)	2022
Random Probabilistic Graphs, taught by Puck Rombach (Spring)	2022
Abstract Algebra I taught by Puck Rombach (Commutative Group theory) (Fall)	2021
Abstract Algebra III taught by Christelle Vincent : Prep for Maths Quals (Fall)	2021
(Post-quantum) Mathematical Cryptography, taught by Christelle Vincent (Spring)	2021
Privacy, Law and Policy, taught by Ryan Kriger (Spring)	2021
Secure Distributed Computation; taught by Joe Near using Python (Fall)	2020
Machine Learning; taught by Safwan Wshah using Python (Spring)	2020
Doctoral Research with advisors Joe Near and David Darais (Spring, Fall)	2019-2020
Data Privacy; taught by Joe Near using Python (Fall)	2019
Software Verification; taught by David Darais using Agda (Fall)	2019
Computer Human Interaction; taught by Josh Bongard (Fall)	2019

## **CLASSES (AUDIT)**

*UVM: Elementary Number Theory taught by Christelle Vincent* 2022

*Stanford EE 374 : Internet-Scale Consensus in the Blockchain Era* 2021

- Information Theory class focused on scalability and protocols in Blockchain
- Taught by D. Tse, PhD through Stanford University
- Audited class, scribed for Lecture 11, Spring 2021

## **CLASSES (RELATED)**

*Rewriting the Code (RTC) Blockchain Basics + Developer Workshop* 2021

## **HACKATHONS**

*R Data Hackathon 2021, [First Place](#), “Cast and Gender Roles in Movie Data”* 2021

- Our group won First place at the R Data Hackathon 2021 for Best Visualization

*Initiative for Cryptocurrencies and Contracts (IC3) Blockchain Bootcamp* 2021

- Worked on group project : Fairness consensus for Miner Extractable Value ([MEVs](#))
- Implemented Aequitas protocol from [paper](#) with authors for fairness simulation
- One of [top four winning teams](#) chosen

**Skills:** Python, Haskell, Matlab, Sage, (learning Rust and R), LaTeX, Jupyter, SQL, AWS, PySpark, Sparklyr, Maplesoft, Tensorflow, Git

## **ACADEMIC ASSOCIATION FOR COMPUTING MACHINERY (ACM) MEMBERSHIPS**

*Student Member, International Association of Cryptologic Research (IACR)* 2020-present

*SIGecom Special Interest Group on Economics and Computation* 2020-2021

## **NON-ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIP**

*Member, Women in Number Theory* 2018-present

*Member, QVNTS (Quebec-Vermont Number Theory Seminar)* 2021-present

*Member, Women in Combinatorics* 2021-present

*Member, Association for Women in Mathematics* 2021-present

*Member, She256* 2021-present

*Member, Women in Security and Privacy (WISP)* 2020-present