

# Kevin Liao

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## Research Interests

Security & privacy, programming languages, cryptography, distributed systems

## Education

<a href="#">M.S. in Computer Science</a> , University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Advisor: Andrew Miller	Aug. 2017–May 2019
<a href="#">B.S. in Computer Science with Honors</a> , Arizona State University Advisor: Adam Dou��	Aug. 2013–May 2017

## Honors & Awards

<a href="#">National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship</a>	2017
<a href="#">Outstanding Graduate in Computer Science</a> , Arizona State University	May 2017
<a href="#">Moeur Award</a> , Arizona State University	May 2017

## Research Funding

<a href="#">SaUCy: Modular Testing and Verification for Distributed Cryptography</a> Facebook, \$50,000 PI: Andrew Miller, Co-PI: <a href="#">Kevin Liao</a>	2018
<a href="#">Inductive Reverse Engineering of Web Applications</a> Fulton Undergraduate Research Initiative, \$3,000 Advisor: Adam Dou��	2016–2017

## Publications

\* = alphabetical authorship

### Refereed Conferences

[ILC: A Calculus for Composable, Computational Cryptography](#)  
[Kevin Liao](#), Matthew Hammer, and Andrew Miller  
Proceedings of the Conference on Programming Language Design and Implementation (PLDI), June 2019.

[Behind Closed Doors: Measurement and Analysis of CryptoLocker Ransoms in Bitcoin](#)  
[Kevin Liao](#), Ziming Zhao, Adam Dou  , and Gail-Joon Ahn  
Proceedings of the Symposium on Electronic Crime Research (eCrime), June 2016.

### Refereed Workshops

[Incentivizing Blockchain Forks via Whale Transactions](#)  
[Kevin Liao](#) and Jonathan Katz  
Proceedings of the Workshop on Bitcoin and Blockchain Research (BITCOIN), April 2017.

### Books & Chapters

[Ransomware and Cryptocurrency: Partners in Crime](#)  
Gail-Joon Ahn, Adam Dou  , Ziming Zhao, and [Kevin Liao](#)  
Book chapter in *Cybercrime Through an Interdisciplinary Lens* ed. by Thomas J. Holt.

### Manuscripts In Submission

[A Probabilistic Separation Logic](#)  
Gilles Barthe, Justin Hsu, [Kevin Liao](#)\*

[Logging to the Danger Zone: In-Memory Attacks and Defenses on System Auditing Frameworks](#)

Riccardo Paccagnella, [Kevin Liao](#), Adam Bates, Dave (Jing) Tian

[Black-Box Web Vulnerability Analysis Using White-Box Techniques](#)

[Kevin Liao](#), Connor Nelson, Zackary Crosley, and Adam Doupé

## Experience

[Max Planck Institute for Security & Privacy](#)

Researcher

Advisor: Gilles Barthe

Bochum, Germany

Aug. 2019–Present

[Inria Sophia Antipolis - Méditerranée](#)

Visiting Researcher

Advisor: Gilles Barthe

Valbonne, France

Aug. 2019–Present

[University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign](#)

Research Assistant

Advisor: Andrew Miller

Champaign, IL

Aug. 2017–Aug. 2019

[Arizona State University](#)

Research Assistant

Advisor: Adam Doupé

Tempe, AZ

May 2017–Aug. 2017

[University of Maryland](#)

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Advisor: Jonathan Katz

College Park, MD

Jun. 2016–Aug. 2016

[Arizona State University](#)

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Advisors: Gail-Joon Ahn, Adam Doupé, Ziming Zhao

Tempe, AZ

Mar. 2015–May 2017

## Teaching

[Teaching Assistant](#), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

CS498: Applied Cryptography

Fall 2018

[Undergraduate Teaching Assistant](#), Arizona State University

CSE220: Programming for Computer Engineering

Spring 2017

[Undergraduate Teaching Assistant](#), Arizona State University

CSE240: Introduction to Programming Languages

Fall 2016

[Undergraduate Teaching Assistant](#), Arizona State University

CSE110: Introduction to Programming

Fall 2014

## Advising & Mentoring

Dhruv Bohra, Eunice Zhou (PURE program)

Fall 2018

## Talks

[ILC: A Calculus for Composable, Computational Cryptography](#)

Conference on Programming Language Design and Implementation (Phoenix, AZ)

Jun. 2019

[Incentivizing Blockchain Forks via Whale Transactions](#)

Workshop on Bitcoin and Blockchain Research (Sliema, Malta)

Apr. 2017

[Measurement and Analysis of CryptoLocker Ransoms in Bitcoin](#)

Symposium on Electronic Crime Research (Toronto, CA)

Jun. 2016

## Service & Outreach

[Program Committee](#), IEEE International Conference on Blockchain and Cryptocurrency (ICBC)

2019

[Course Developer](#), First Gen Scientists

Fall 2016