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Education

University of California, Irvine, Ph.D., Information and Computer Science, 2009
Advisor: David Eppstein

University of California, Irvine, M.S., Information and Computer Science, 2004
Concentration: Algorithms and Data Structures

University of Massachusetts, Amherst, B.S., *cum laude*, 2002
Majors: Computer Science, Mathematics

Academic Employment

Professor, Department of Computer Science, CSU Fullerton, 2022 – present

Associate Professor, Department of Computer Science, CSU Fullerton, 2015 – 2022

Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science, CSU Fullerton, 2009 – 2015

Research Assistant, Department of Computer Science, UC Irvine, under David Eppstein, Fall 2008

Teaching Assistant, Donald Bren School of Info. and Computer Sciences, UC Irvine, 2003–2005

Summer Research Staff, MIT Lincoln Laboratory, Lexington, Massachusetts, Summer 2002

Undergraduate Research Assistant, Laboratory for Advanced Software Engineering Research, Amherst, Massachusetts, June 2000 to December 2001

Industry Employment

Engineering Co-Op, Unisys, Mission Viejo, California, 2008–2009

Engineering Intern, Google, Mountain View, California, 2005–2007

Intern, Tektronix, Chelmsford, Massachusetts, 1997–1999

Publications

Invited Journal Articles (peer reviewed)

I-1. J. Augustine, D. Eppstein and K. A. Wortman, *Approximate Weighted Farthest Neighbors and Minimum Dilation Stars,* Discrete Mathematics, Algorithms and Applications (DMAA), v. 2, i. 4, pp. 553-565, DOI: 10.1142/S1793830910000887 2010, 2010. Preliminary version listed as C-8.

I-2. D. Eppstein and K. A. Wortman, *Minimum Dilation Stars,* Computational Geometry: Theory and Applications, v. 37, i. 1, pp. 27-37, 2007. Preliminary version listed as C-11.

Journal Articles (peer reviewed)

J-1. A.M. Kazerouni, M. Lee, A. Hubbard Cheuoua, A. Gautam, S. Hooshmand, P. Salvador Inventado, E. Kang, J. Lehr, Y. Sun, K.A. Wortman, I. Yoon, Z. Wood, *The Benefits of Socially Responsible Computing in Early Computing Courses: A Multi-Institutional Study at Primarily Undergraduate Hispanic-Serving Institutions,* ACM Transactions on Computing Education (TOCE), Volume 25, Issue 2, 2025.

J-2. D. Eppstein and K. A. Wortman, *Optimal Angular Resolution for Face-Symmetric Drawings*, J. Graph Algorithms and Applications (JGAA), v. 15, i. 4, pp. 551-564, 2011.

Conference Proceedings (peer reviewed)

C-1. K. A. Wortman, A. Gautam, S. Hug, P. Salvador Inventado, A. M. Kazerouni, J. Lehr, K. Sood, Z. Wood, *Reflecting on Practices to Integrate Socially Responsible Computing in Introductory Computer Science Courses*, ACM Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education (SIGCSE TS) 2025, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 2025.

C-2. K. A. Wortman and Nicholas Smith, *CombinoChord: A Guitar Chord Generator App,* IEEE 11th Annual Computing and Communication Workshop and Conference (CCWC 2021), Las Vegas, Nevada, 2021.

C-3. Shekhar Palit and K. A. Wortman, *Perfect Tabular Hashing in Pseudolinear Time,* IEEE 11th Annual Computing and Communication Workshop and Conference (CCWC 2021), Las Vegas, Nevada, 2021.

C-4. Coleman Nugent and K. A. Wortman, *Crumple Trees,* IEEE 10th Annual Computing and Communication Workshop and Conference (CCWC 2020), Las Vegas, Nevada, 2020.

C-5. J.R. Richardson and K. A. Wortman, *Street Scanner Geo-Location,* 21st Intelligent Transport Systems World Congress (IST 2014), Detroit, Michigan, 2014.

C-6. P. Danaee, K. A. Wortman, S. X. Wang, *Pseudoknotted RNA Secondary Structure Detection Using Artificial Neural Network,* 9th International Symposium on Bioinformatics Research and Applications (ISBRA 2013), Charlotte, North Carolina, 2013.

C-7. J. M. White and K. A. Wortman, *Divide-and-Conquer 3D Convex Hulls on the GPU,* 24th Canadian Conference on Computational Geometry (CCCG 2012), Prince Edward Island, Canada, 2012, pp. 137-142.

C-8. J. Augustine, D. Eppstein and K. A. Wortman, *Approximate Weighted Farthest Neighbors and Minimum Dilation Stars*, 16th International Computing and Combinatorics Conference (COCOON 2010), Nha Trang, Vietnam. Final version listed as I-1.

C-9. M. Dickerson, D. Eppstein and K. A. Wortman, *Dilation, Smoothed Distance, and Minimization Diagrams of Convex Functions,* 7th Int. Symp. Voronoi Diagrams in Science and Engineering (ISVD 2010), Quebec City, Canada, pp. 13-22.

C-10. D. Eppstein and K. A. Wortman, *Optimal Embedding Into Star Metrics,* Algorithms and Data Structures Symposium (WADS), Banff, Canada (best paper co-award). Lecture Notes in Comp. Sci. 5664, 2009, pp. 290-301.

C-11. D. Eppstein and K. A. Wortman, *Minimum Dilation Stars,* ACM Symposium on Computational Geometry (SoCG), Pisa, Italy, 2005, pp. 321-326. Final version listed as I-2.

Standards Documents (peer reviewed)

S-1. K. A. Wortman and J. Cowan, *SRFI 134: Immutable Deques,* Scheme Requests for Implementation, 2016, https://srfi.schemers.org/srfi-134/

Poster Presentations (peer reviewed)

P-1. K. Torres and K. A. Wortman, *The Hills are Designed with the Sound of Music,* CSUF ECS Student Projects Showcase and Awards, 2019.

P-2. J. Clay and K. A. Wortman, *A Durable Flash Memory Search Tree,* 3rd International Conference on Computational Sustainability (CompSust'12), Copenhagen, Denmark, 2012.

Teaching

Courses Taught — CSU Fullerton

Term	**120**	**131**	**223C**	**254**	**305**	**335**	**439**	**452**	**481**	**484**	**533**	**535**	**597**
Spring 2025	✓											✓	
Fall 2024	✓										✓		
Summer 2024						✓							
Spring 2024	✓											✓	
Fall 2023	✓												
Spring 2023	✓											✓	
Fall 2022	✓												
Summer 2022						✓							
Spring 2022						✓							
Fall 2021		✓									✓		
Spring 2021						✓	✓						
Fall 2020		✓									✓		
Spring 2020	✓									✓			
Fall 2019	✓										✓		
Summer 2019						✓							
Spring 2019						✓				✓	✓		
Fall 2018	✓				✓	✓							
Summer 2018						✓							
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Fall 2017					✓	✓							
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Fall 2015		✓					✓						
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Fall 2011	✓											✓	
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Spring 2011	✓			✓		✓							
Fall 2010	✓												
Summer 2010						✓							
Spring 2010	✓			✓		✓							
Fall 2009	✓					✓							

Courses Developed

1. CPSC 533 Applied Algorithms, first offered Fall 2024
2. CPSC 535 Advanced Algorithms, first offered Spring 2019
3. CPSC 305 Coding For Artists, first offered Fall 2017
4. CPSC 223C C Programming, first offered Spring 2015
5. CPSC 439 Theory of Computation, first offered Fall 2014
6. CPSC 223P Python Programming, co-proposer, first offered Fall 2012

Teaching Assistant Experience — UC Irvine

1. Fall 2005: Honors Intro. to CS I (H21)
2. Spring 2004: Honors Intro. to CS III (H23)
3. Winter 2004: Honors Intro. to CS II (H22)
4. Fall 2003: Formal Languages and Automata (162)
5. Spring 2003: Engineering Data Structures (160E)
6. Winter 2003: Honors Intro. to CS III (H23)

Advising

Masters Theses Advised

1. Deborah Y. Shaw, *Hollow Victory Heaps,* Spring 2025
2. Mohammed Alfraihi, *Improving the Standard Ant Clustering Algorithm Using Genetic Algorithms,* Fall 2013
3. Hussein Altabrawee, *3D Convex Hull Algorithms in the MapReduce Model (tentative title),* Fall 2013
4. Brian Croner, *Offline Intelligent Lossless Compression of Hyperlinked Documents,* Spring 2012
5. James Clay, *An Efficient Multi-Level Flash Data Structure,* Fall 2011
6. Mihai Marinescu, *Wear-Resistant Flash Hash Tables,* Fall 2011
7. David Luu, *Numerical Methods in Prime Factorization: To Find or not to Find a Prime,* Summer 2010

Masters Projects Advised

1. Michael Clausen, *The Inoxis Language and Interpreter,* Spring 2025
2. Elizabeth Tsan, *Radically Different,* Fall 2019
3. Swati Swahoo, *Private Cloud Computing,* Summer 2019

4. Nishant Rathi, *Code Runner,* Spring 2018
5. Dana Toribio, *Curriculum Graph Visualizer,* Spring 2016
6. Gary Tse, *Graphics Software Tool Plugin based on Skeleton Extraction from a Closed Polygon Mesh,* Spring 2016
7. Colin Poan, *Creating an OLAP Data Warehouse from a Real-World OLTP Database in Order to Increase Data Extract Performance,* Fall 2015
8. Nicholas Smith, *CombinoChord: A Guitar Chord Generator App*, Fall 2015
9. Rodrigo Bryan Gonzalez Sr., *CryptoLock,* Fall 2014
10. John Saxton, *Automated C++ Grading Application,* Spring 2014
11. Yasaman Shahmohammad, *Computational Geometry Algorithms for 3D Printing Applications (tentative title),* Spring 2014
12. Yousef Aloumi, *Arabic Optical Character Recognition Mobile Application,* Fall 2013
13. Toan Nguyen, *Street Scanner Phase 1,* Fall 2013
14. Paul Parker, *Compress Wikipedia: Text Compression Optimizations via the Christophides Approximation Algorithm for the Travelling Salesman Problem,* Spring 2013
15. Leon Smith II, *Medical SMS Expert System,* Spring 2013
16. Brenda Griffith, *A Developer's Checklist for White Box Testing: A Human Factors Perspective,* Spring 2012
17. Alejandro Alvarenga, *Design and Implementation of a Secure Role Access Control Web Based Healthcare Credentialing Tracking System for the Cal State Fullerton Health Center,* Fall 2011
18. Aseel Ashoor, *C++ Parallel Skip List Implementation,* Fall 2011
19. Brian Badal, *Automated Data Extraction From Remote Database,* Fall 2011
20. Arunkumar Chandrasekaran, *Implement a Dynamic Programming Algorithm for Matrix Chain Multiplication Using MapReduce,* Fall 2011
21. Dena Fitzgerald, *Baby Record iPhone Application,* Fall 2011
22. Christa McCarthy, *Neural Networks as a Blog Comment Spam Filter,* Fall 2011
23. Jaydeep Patel, *Hybrid Classifier: A Clustered Decision Tree,* Fall 2011
24. Bhavana Sudharshan, *A Demonstration of the "Categorization of Web Documents Using Extraction Ontologies" Approach for Mobile Phones Application Domain,* Fall 2011

Funding

Funded Awards

1. *Socially Responsible Computing: Promoting Latinx Student Retention Via Community Engagement In Early CS Courses* (NSF BPC), co-PI, $299,716.
2. *Street Scanner,* Raytheon Company, PI, 2013, $25,000.

3. *Funding My Research: A Grant Writing Series,* 2012, $1,000.
4. *Promoting Undergraduate Research Experiences (PURE) Grant Program,* 2011, $1,000.

Unfunded Proposals

1. *BPC-AE: Socially Responsible Computing: Promoting Latinx Student Retention Via Community Engagement in Early CS Courses*, 2024.
2. *Enhanced Programming Curriculum for the Retention of Computer Science and Computer Engineering Students,* Association of American Colleges & Universities, co-PI, 2014.
3. *Ensuring Student Success in Engineering and Computer Science (ESSECS),* National Science Foundation, co-PI, 2012.
4. *Proposal for Development of a CCOS Archive,* Central California Ozone Study, PI, 2011.
5. *Signal and Image Processing,* IEEE Real-World Engineering Projects (RWEP), co-PI, 2010.

Service

University-Level

1. Academic Master Plan Committee: AY 2015-2016
2. General Education Committee: AY 2016-2017, 2015-2016
3. General Education Task Force: AY 2019-2020, 2018-2019, 2017-2018
4. Promoting Undergraduate Research Experiences Committee (PURE): AY 2010-2011
5. SafeSpace Ally, CSU Fullerton Multicultural Leadership Center: 2009-present
6. Supplemental Instruction (SI) Department Liason: AY 2016-2017, 2015-2016, 2014-2015, 2013-2014

College of Engineering and Computer Science

1. Ad-Hoc Committee: AY 2017-2018
2. Commencement Committee: AY 2012-2013, 2011-2012, 2010-2011, 2009-2010
3. Curriculum Committee: AY 2017-2018, 2016-2017, 2015-2016

Department of Computer Science

1. ACM Student Chapter Advisor: AY 2014-2015, 2013-2014, 2012-2011, 2011-2012
2. Assessment Committee: AY 2022-2023 (chair), 2021-2022 (chair), 2020-2021, 2018-2019, 2017-2018
3. Chair Election Committee Chair: AY 2011-2012
4. Graduate Program Committee: AY 2022-2023 (non-voting), 2015-2016, 2014-2015
5. Executive Committee: AY 2012-2013, 2010-2011

6. Personnel Committee: AY 2023-2024, 2022-2023, 2016-2017, 2015-2016
7. Selection (Faculty Search) Committee: AY 2024-2025, 2023-2024 (chair), 2022-2023, 2015-2016, 2014-2015, 2013-2014
8. Undergraduate Program Coordinator: AY 2017-2018, 2016-2017, 2015-2016, 2014-2015
9. Undergraduate Program Committee: AY 2024-2025, 2023-2024, 2022-2023, 2021-2022, 2018-2019, 2017-2018, 2016-2017, 2015-2016, 2014-2015, 2013-2014, 2012-2013, 2011-2012, 2010-2011, 2009-2010

Professional Development

1. Summer Course Conversion, CSUF Academic Technology Center, 2024
2. Introduction to Teaching Online using QLT, CSU Academic Technology Services, 2024
3. Equitable Pedagogy Module 2B, CSUF Faculty Development Center, 2024
4. CSUF Leadership Development Program, 2023
5. Blended/Flipped Design Certificate Program, CSUF Online Education and Training, Spring 2022
6. Equitable Pedagogy Module, CSUF Faculty Development Center, 2021-2022
7. POGIL Activity Writing Workshop, The POGIL Project, 2021
8. Fundamentals of POGIL Virtual Workshop, The POGIL Project, 2021
9. Teaching Remotely: Intermediate Level (Canvas), CSUF Faculty Development Center, 2020
10. Teaching Remotely: Beginner Level (Canvas), CSUF Faculty Development Center, 2020
11. Mindfulness in Teaching Certificate, CSUF Faculty Development Center, 2020
12. Intentional and Meaningful Pedagogy to Achieve Classroom Transformations (IMPACT), CSUF Faculty Development Center, 2018

Workshops and Roundtables

1. *Issues in Educating Veteran Engineers: A Multi-Institution Workshop Exploring Best Practices in Educating Veterans,* University of San Diego, June 15, 2010
2. *Department of Defense Roundtable: A Hispanic Engineering, Science, and Technology Week (HESTEC) 2009 Activity,* University of Texas Pan-American, September 29, 2009

Media Coverage

1. Orange County Register, Animation opens pathway for CSUF computer science grad to blend science, art, April 16, 2020
2. Orange County Register, CSUF computer science grad says her goal is to make technology secure, April 16, 2020
3. Orange County Register, Titan Voice: Computer science student inspires next generation of tech women, December 5, 2018
4. The Pollak Library Blog, Dr. Wortman's top resources for trends in Computer Science,

invited guest post, December 2, 2010

Technical Committee, CCWC 2021

Reviewer, CSCSU 2025, CCWC 2022, CCWC 2021, CCWC 2020, SIGCSE 2020, 2013 ACM-ICPC North America Qualifier Contest, *Open Data Structures* (textbook), IEEE Transactions on Education

External Reviewer, Scheme R7RS Working Group 2, J. Algorithms, ACM TALG, ISAAC 2008

Associated Graduate Students, UC Irvine, Council Representative, School of Information and Computer Science, AY 2004-2005 and AY 2006-2007

Awards

ECS Commencement Faculty Marshal, 2024

Best Software, CSUF ECS Student Projects Showcase and Awards, for poster P- 1, sponsored by Raytheon, 2019

Faculty Advisor of Distinction, CSU Fullerton, March 2018

Faculty Recognition: Outstanding Teaching, CSU Fullerton, March 2014

Faculty Recognition: Scholarly & Creative Activity, CSU Fullerton, March 2013

Outstanding Educator of the Year (College of ECS), Associated Students Inc., AY 2012-2013

Carol Barnes Excellence in Teaching Award Nominee, February 2011

Faculty Recognition: Scholarly & Creative Activity, CSU Fullerton, April 2010

Best Paper Award, Algorithms and Data Structures Symposium (WADS) 2009, for *Optimal embedding into star metrics;* Sponsored by Springer Verlag

Graduate Assistance In Areas Of National Need (GAANN) Fellow, 2004-2005 academic year

UMass Amherst Computer Science Talent Advancement Program, 1998-1999 academic year

Affiliations

Association of Computing Machinery (ACM)

Technical Skills

Programming Languages

- Expert: C++, LaTeX, Python, Scheme
- Proficient: C, C#, Haskell, Java
- Familiar: BASIC, Bash, Common Lisp, Eiffel, F#, i386 Assembly, Javascript, OpenCL, Reason ML, Rust, Swift, Z80 Assembly