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Employment History

2023 – Present 📌 **Assistant Professor.** Department of Computer Science. Colorado School of Mines.

Education


- 2017 – 2023 📌 **Ph.D. Computer Science, University of Maryland**
Thesis title: *Understanding and Improving Secure Development from a Human-Centered Perspective*
- 2017 – 2019 📌 **M.Sc. Computer Science, University of Maryland**
- 2013 – 2017 📌 **B.Sc. Computer Science and Mathematics, Millersville University of Pennsylvania**

Peer-Reviewed Publications





Conference Proceedings

- 1 **K. R. Fulton**, J. Lewis, N. Malkin, and M. L. Mazurek, “Write, Read, or Fix? Exploring Alternative Methods for Secure Development Studies,” in *Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security*, 2024. 🔗 URL: <https://www.usenix.org/conference/soups2024/presentation/fulton>.
- 2 S. Katcher, L. Wang, C. Yang, *et al.*, “A Survey of Cybersecurity Professionals’ Perceptions and Experiences of Safety and Belonging in the Community,” in *Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security*, 2024. 🔗 URL: <https://www.usenix.org/conference/soups2024/presentation/katcher>.
- 3 **K. R. Fulton**, S. Katcher, K. Song, *et al.*, “Vulnerability Discovery for All: Experiences of Marginalization in Vulnerability Discovery,” in *IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy*, 2023. 🔗 URL: <https://doi.ieeecomputersociety.org/10.1109/SP46215.2023.10179478>.
- 4 **K. R. Fulton**, D. Votipka, D. Abrokwa, M. L. Mazurek, M. Hicks, and J. Parker, “Understanding the How and the Why: Exploring Secure Development Practices through a Course Competition,” in *ACM SIGSAC Conference on Computer and Communications Security*, 2022. 🔗 URL: <https://dl.acm.org/doi/abs/10.1145/3548606.3560569>.
- 5 **K. R. Fulton**, A. Chan, D. Votipka, M. Hicks, and M. L. Mazurek, “Benefits and Drawbacks of Adopting a Secure Programming Language: Rust as a Case Study,” in *Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security*, 2021. 🔗 URL: <https://www.usenix.org/conference/soups2021/presentation/fulton>.
- 6 D. Votipka, **K. R. Fulton**, J. Parker, M. Hou, M. L. Mazurek, and M. Hicks, “Understanding security mistakes developers make: Qualitative analysis from Build It, Break It, Fix It,” in *USENIX Security Symposium*, 2020. 🔗 URL: <https://www.usenix.org/conference/usenixsecurity20/presentation/votipka-understanding>, **Distinguished paper award winner.**
- 7 **K. R. Fulton**, R. Gelles, A. McKay, Y. Abdi, R. Roberts, and M. L. Mazurek, “The Effect of Entertainment Media on Mental Models of Computer Security,” in *Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security*, 2019. 🔗 URL: <https://www.usenix.org/conference/soups2019/presentation/fulton>.






Journals

- 1 J. Parker, M. Hicks, A. Ruef, *et al.*, “Build It, Break It, Fix It: Contesting Secure Development,” *ACM Transactions on Privacy and Security*, vol. 23, no. 2, pp. 1–36, 2020.  URL: <https://dl.acm.org/doi/abs/10.1145/3383773>.

Peer-Reviewed Workshops and Posters




- 1 J. Lewis and **K. R. Fulton**, *NERDS: A Non-invasive Environment for Remote Developer Studies*, 2024.  URL: <https://dl.acm.org/doi/10.1145/3675741.3675750>.
- 2 **K. R. Fulton**, S. Katcher, K. Song, *et al.*, *Vulnerability Discovery for All: Experiences of Marginalization in Vulnerability Discovery*, 2022.  URL: <https://www.usenix.org/conference/soups2022/presentation/fulton-poster>.
- 3 **K. R. Fulton**, D. Votipka, D. Abrokwa, M. L. Mazurek, M. Hicks, and J. Parker, *Understanding the How and the Why: Exploring Secure Development Practices through a Course Competition*, 2022.  URL: <https://www.usenix.org/conference/soups2022/presentation/fulton-poster-0>.
- 4 **K. R. Fulton**, Y. Abdi, C. Neidhart, M. L. Mazurek, and M. Hicks, *Studying the Costs and Benefits of Rust, Compared to C*, 2019.  URL: <https://wsiw2019.sec.uni-hannover.de/downloads/Studying%20the%20Cost%20and%20Benefits%20of%20Rust%20Compared%20to%20C.pdf>.
- 5 R. Gelles, **K. R. Fulton**, R. Walter, and D. Levin, *Detecting IoT Malware with Power Measurements*, 2018.

Awards and Honors











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| 2024 |  Distinguished Reviewer Award , USENIX Security |
| 2023 |  Noteworthy Reviewer Award , USENIX Security |
| |  John Karat Usable Security and Privacy Student Research Award |
| 2020 |  Distinguished Paper Award , USENIX Security |
| 2016 |  Student of Academic Distinction , Millersville University of Pennsylvania |

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Organizing Committee

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| 2024 |  Workshops Co-Chair , Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security (SOUPS) |
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External Reviews

2024	📖 ACM CHI
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	📖 ACM TOPS
	📖 HFES
2020	📖 COSE
	📖 ACM CHI Late Breaking Works

Research Mentoring

2024 – Present	📖 Morgan Steele, Undergraduate researcher B.Sc. Computer science, Colorado School of Mines
2023 – Present	📖 Max Ketter, Undergraduate researcher B.Sc. Computer science, Colorado School of Mines
2021 – 2024	📖 Joe Lewis, Undergraduate researcher B.Sc. Computer science, University of Maryland