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EDUCATION

University of Maryland, College Park, MD

Expected May 2020

- **M.S.** in Computer Science
- **Advisor:** Jonathan Katz

GPA: 3.7/4.0

Reed College, Portland, OR

May 2018

- **B.A.** in Mathematics-Computer Science
- **Honors:** Phi Beta Kappa, Commendation for Excellence in Scholarship
- **Thesis:** Bridging Natural Language and SMT Solvers, from Grammatical Framework to SBV

GPA: 3.6/4.0

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant

University of Maryland, 2019-Present

- Developing communication-efficient protocols for threshold private set intersection.
- Investigating theoretical guarantees for pool-based active learning in adversarial setting.
- Designing a scalable content determination system (in collaboration with Facebook Research).
- **Focus:** Cryptography, security, privacy, adversarial machine learning, secure multiparty computation.

Undergraduate Researcher, REU-CAAR

University of Maryland, 2017

- Designed and implemented a self-interactive model trained on Quiz Bowl Clues with PyTorch.
- Investigated questions such as information retrieval and efficacy of different loss models.
- **Advisor:** Hal Daumé III
- **Focus:** Machine learning, query generation and reformulation, modeling conversation history.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant

University of Maryland, 2018-2019

- Assistant for Algorithms and Cryptology; hosted office hours and graded assignments and examinations.

Web Development Intern

Wieden & Kennedy, 2018

- Began transitioning W&K internal sites from .NET framework to Angular. Completed debugging tasks.

Teaching Assistant and Individual Tutor

Reed College, 2016-2018

- Assistant for Algorithms and Data Structures, Computability and Complexity, Computer Science II, and Introduction to Computer Science.
- Directed lab sections for Computer Science I & II.

LEADERSHIP

Cryptography Reading Group Organizer

UMIACS, 2019-Present

Advisory Committee Member

Iribe Initiative for Diversity in Computing, 2018-Present

- Enacting plans for increasing minority enrollment and creating a more inclusive department.

Individual and Group Mentor

Maryland Center for Women in Computing, 2018-Present

- Working with women undergrads, fostering an inclusive community in the Computer Science Department.

AWARDS AND HONORS

AISES Intel Growing the Legacy Scholarship

Intel, 2019-2020

AISES VGT Scholarship

VGT an Aristocrat Company, 2019-2020

Dean's Fellowship

University of Maryland, 2018-2020

Japanese Critical Language Scholarship

U.S. State Department, 2016

National Science Foundation S-STEM Scholar

Reed College, 2015-2018

SKILLS

Programming Languages: Proficient in *Python*, *R*. Prior experience in *Haskell*, *C++*, *C*, *Go*, *Java*

Foreign Languages: Japanese (intermediate), Hawaiian (novice)

Qualities: self-motivated, critical thinker, unafraid of asking questions, excited to learn, empathetic listener