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EDUCATION

Harvard University <i>Master of Science, Computational Science and Engineering</i>	2020 - 2021 Cambridge, MA
University of Colorado <i>Bachelor of Arts, Computer Science & Bachelor of Arts, Mathematics</i>	2015 - 2020 Boulder, CO
University of Oxford <i>Visiting Student, Mansfield College</i>	2018 Oxford, UK

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

EconCS Group, Harvard University <i>Research Assistant supervised by Dr. David C. Parkes</i>	August 2019 - August 2021 Cambridge, MA
Santa Fe Institute <i>Undergraduate Research Fellow: Summer 2018 REU</i>	June 2018 - August 2018 Santa Fe, NM
Bradley Lab, University of Colorado <i>Research Assistant supervised by Dr. Elizabeth Bradley</i>	April 2017 - August 2021 Boulder, CO
Mozer Lab, University of Colorado <i>Research Assistant supervised by Dr. Michael Mozer</i>	March 2017 - May 2019 Boulder, CO

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

The Ethereum Foundation <i>Researcher – Applied Research Group (ARG)</i>	March 2023 - Present New York, NY
Google <i>Software Engineer (L3 → L4) – Cloud Storage</i>	August 2020 - March 2021 (Cambridge, MA)
<i>Software Engineering Intern – Network Infrastructure</i>	Summer 2020 (remote)
<i>Software Engineering Intern – Flights</i>	Summer 2019 (Cambridge, MA)
<i>Software Engineering Intern – Mobile Device Management</i>	Fall 2018 (Sunnyvale, CA)
Lockheed Martin & LASP¹ <i>Software Engineering Intern</i>	Feb 2017 - Oct 2017 Boulder, CO

PUBLICATIONS & CORRESPONDING TALKS (REVERSE CHRONOLOGICAL)

- (1) **M. Neuder**, M. Pai, and M. Resnick, “Optimizing Exit Queues for Proof-of-Stake Blockchains: A Mechanism Design Approach,” (2024) *ACM Conference on Advances in Financial Technologies (AFT)*.
<https://arxiv.org/abs/2406.05124>.
- (2) Z. Fan, F. Marmolejo-Cossio, D. J. Moroz, **M. Neuder**, R. Rao, and D. C. Parkes, “Strategic Liquidity Provision in Uniswap v3,” (2023) *ACM Conference on Advances in Financial Technologies (AFT)*.
<https://doi.org/10.4230/LIPIcs.AFT.2023.25>.
- (3) **M. Neuder**, E. Bradley, E. Dlugokencky, J. W. C. White, J. Garland, “Detection of Local Mixing in Time Series using Permutation Entropy,” (2021) *Physical Review E* 103. <https://doi.org/10.1103/PhysRevE.103.022217>.
– [Poster Presentation](#). 2021 European Geosciences Union General Assembly. April 13, 2021.

¹Laboratory of Atmospheric and Space Physics: <https://lasp.colorado.edu/home/>.

- (4) **M. Neuder**, D. J. Moroz, R. Rao, D. C. Parkes, “Low-cost attacks on Ethereum 2.0 by sub-1/3 stakeholders,” (2020) *Workshop on Game Theory in Blockchain, Conference on Web and Internet Economics (WINE)*. https://econcs.pku.edu.cn/wine2020/wine2020/Workshop/GTiB20_paper_8.pdf.
– [Conference talk](#). December 8, 2020.
- (5) **M. Neuder**, D. J. Moroz, R. Rao, D. C. Parkes, “Defending Against Malicious Reorgs in Tezos Proof-of-Stake,” (2020) *ACM Conference on Advances in Financial Technologies (AFT)*. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3419614.3423265>.
– [Conference talk](#). October 21, 2020.
- (6) **M. Neuder**, D. J. Moroz, R. Rao, D. C. Parkes, “Selfish Behavior in the Tezos Proof-of-Stake Protocol,” (2020) *Cryptoeconomic Systems (CES) Conference*. <https://arxiv.org/pdf/1912.02954.pdf>.
– [Conference talk](#). March 7, 2020.
- (7) J. Garland, T. Jones, **M. Neuder**, J. W. C. White, E. Bradley, “An information-theoretic approach to extracting climate signals from deep polar ice cores,” (2019) *Chaos: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Nonlinear Science* 29:101105. <https://doi.org/10.1063/1.5127211>.
- (8) J. Garland, T. Jones, **M. Neuder**, V. Morris, J. W. C. White, E. Bradley, “Anomaly Detection in Paleoclimate Records using Information Theory,” (2018) *Entropy* 20(12):931. <https://doi.org/10.3390/e20120931>.

AWARDS

- 2020** Computer Science Discovery Learning Award (University of Colorado).
2019 Sieglinde Talbott Haller Scholarship in Mathematics (University of Colorado).
2019 Honorable Mention: Computing Research Assoc. Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher. [link](#).
2017 Phi Beta Kappa (University of Colorado). [link](#).
2015-2020 President Joseph A. Sewall Esteemed Scholar Award (University of Colorado). [link](#).
2015-2020 Dean’s List. (University of Colorado). [link](#).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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| 2023 & 2024 Columbia CryptoEconomics Workshop (CCE). | <i>Organizing Committee.</i> link . |
| 2024 The Latest in DeFi Research (TLDR) Conference. | <i>Program Committee.</i> link . |
| 2024 Crypto Academic Summer School at Edge City. | <i>Organizing Committee.</i> link . |
| 2023 dYdX MEV Committee. | <i>Member.</i> link . |

BLOCKCHAIN ARTICLES (NON-PEER REVIEWED) (BY TOPIC)

Proof-of-Stake

Ethereum Consensus

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| ○ Issuance Issues – Tertiary Treatise. | link . tweet . |
| ○ Issuance Issues – Subsequent Soliloquy. | link . tweet . |
| ○ Issuance Issues – Initial Issue. | link . tweet . |
| ○ Concurrent Block Proposers in Ethereum, <i>with Max Resnick</i> . | link . tweet . |
| ○ Rollup-Centric Roadmap (2024 version), <i>with Alex Stokes</i> . | link . tweet . |
| ○ A set-theoretic view of Ethereum coteries. | link . tweet . |
| ○ Time, slots, and the ordering of events in Ethereum, <i>with Georgios Konstantopoulos</i> . | link . tweet . |

EIP-7251 ([link](#)) – Increase the MAX_EFFECTIVE_BALANCE

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| ○ A modest proposal, <i>with Francesco D’Amato, Aditya Asgaonkar, Justin Drake</i> . | link . tweet . |
| ○ Slashing penalty analysis; EIP-7251, <i>with Barnabe Monot</i> . | link . tweet . |
| ○ Validator consolidation in EIP-7251, <i>with Francesco D’Amato, Mikhail Kalinin</i> . | link . tweet . |
| ○ FAQ on EIP-7251, <i>with Francesco D’Amato, Mikhail Kalinin, dAppLion</i> . | link . tweet . |

EIP-7547 ([link](#)) – Inclusion Lists

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| ○ No free lunch – a new inclusion list design, <i>with Vitalik Buterin</i> . | link . tweet . |
| ○ Unconditional inclusion lists, <i>with Toni Wahrstatter</i> . | link . tweet . |
| ○ Resistance is not futile; CR in mev-boost. | link . tweet . |

- Inclusion lists: execution, consensus, & engine spec overview.
- Inclusion Lists PoC Specification.
- The Case for ILECTRA.

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Liquid staking & restaking

- The Risks of LRTs, *with Tarun Chitra*.
- Musings on “two-tiered” staking, a native Liquid Staking Token design.
- Magnitude and direction of Lido attack vectors.

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Maximal Extractable Value (MEV)

Enshrined Proposer-Builder Separation (ePBS)

- Why enshrine Proposer-Builder Separation, *with Justin Drake*.
- Payload-timeliness committee (PTC), *with Francesco D’Amato*.
- Equivocation attacks in mev-boost and ePBS, *with Francesco D’Amato*.
- Relays in a post-ePBS world, *with Jon, Hasu, Tomasz, Chris, Toni*.
- ePBS – the infinite buffet.
- Consider the ePBS.

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Relays

- Optimistic Relay Proposal, *with Justin Drake*.
- An optimistic weekend.
- Towards enshrined PBS – an optimistic roadmap.
- Optimistic relays and where to find them, *with Ankit Chiplunkar*.
- Bid cancellations considered harmful, *with Thomas Thiery*.

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Miscellanea

- On block-space distribution mechanisms, *with Pranav Garimidi, Tim Roughgarden*.
- Execution Tickets, *with Justin Drake*.
- How I learned to stop worrying and love mev-burn, *with Justin Drake, Toni Wahrstatter*.
- Timing Games: Implications and Possible Mitigations, *with Caspar Schwarz-Schilling*.

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BLOCKCHAIN PRESENTATIONS, PANELS, & PODCASTS

Presentations

- Postmodern Staking – 9th Annual IC3 Blockchain Camp. June 2024.
- Is restaking the new staking? – CBER Forum Annual Conference. May 2024.
- State of the Ethereum Union (1/N perspective) – ETHBoston. April 2024.
- No Free Lunch – Columbia CryptoEconomics Working Session. December 2023.
- Enshrining PBS – Center for Digital Finance & Technologies. December 2023.
- Why it’s hard to enshrine PBS – Archetype MEV Lunch. November 2023.
- Reorgs in PoS – MEV Roast; Reorg Edition. August 2021.

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ETHDenver (March 2024)

- Execution Tickets – *Beyond the Block (Titan Builder & Hashkey Capital)*.
- The Risks of LRTs – *Research Day (SevenX Ventures)*.

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DevConnect (November 2023)

- Increase the MAX.EFFECTIVE_BALANCE – *EthStaker Staking Gathering*.
- A set theoretic view of Ethereum coteries – *LidoConnect*.

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EthCC (Community Conference) (July 2023)

- Towards Enshrined Proposer-Builder Separation – *EthCC main event*.
- Ethereum PBS R&D Roadmap – *Modular Summit*.
- Increase the MAX.EFFECTIVE_BALANCE – *Kiln Rendez-vous*.

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Panels

- Decentralization Panel – *Espresson Beyond the Baselayar. March 2024*.
- Decentralize or Bust – *bloXroute & ETHStaker. March 2024*.
- Alignment Panel – *EignenLayer Restaking Summit. November 2023*.

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◦ PBS & Beyond – *MEVDay Paris. July 2023.*

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Podcasts

- ETH Insights: Discussing MaxEB – *Coinbase Webinar. April 2024.*
- PeepAnEIP : EIP-7547 – *Ethereum Cat Herders. April 2024.*
- Endgame 2.0: A Guide to Vitalik’s Ethereum Roadmap – *Bankless. February 2024.*
- We’re Pretty Sure Mike and Max Can Fix MEV – *The Gwart Show. February 2024.*
- PeepAnEIP : EIP-7251 – *Ethereum Cat Herders. February 2024.*
- Eigenlayer In 2024 (co-host) – *Bankless. December 2023.*
- An Incomplete Guide to PBS – *Uncommon Core 2. September 2023.*

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OPEN SOURCE CONTRIBUTIONS

EIP-7547: Inclusion Lists (python) (repo)

- EIP (Ethereum Improvement Proposal).
- Spec Overview (Consensus, Execution, and Engine API specifications).
- Proof-of-Concept Specification.
- Compilation of Related Work.

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EIP-7251: Increase the MAX_EFFECTIVE_BALANCE (python) (repo)

- EIP (Ethereum Improvement Proposal).
- Minimal Spec Change (Consensus specifications).
- Compilation of Related Work.

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MEV-boost Relay: Optimistic Processing (golang) (repo)

- Main pull request & design documentation.
- Header-only parsing optimization.
- Pull request list.
- Proposal.
- Builder Onboarding.

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Erigon (Ethereum Execution Layer Client) (golang) (repo)

- Refactored req/resp domain network encoding.
- Consensus spec implementation.
- Pull request list.

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Prysm (Ethereum Consensus Layer Client) (golang) (repo)

- Keymanager code-health refactor.
- Pull request list.

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STRUMPACK (High-performance matrix math package) (C++) (repo)

- Mixed-precision (float64 & float32) iterative refinement.
- Pull request list.
- Write-up.

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OptRBC (Optimal solutions in 2D Rayleigh-Benard Convection) (FORTAN) (repo)

- Multiprocessor implementation using [openmp](#).
- Write-up.

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Image quality convolutional neural networks. (python) (repo)

- Write-up.
- Example network.

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MISCELLANEA: FUN WRITING & SOFTWARE

Writing

- Tattoo probabilistic analysis.
- Solo-staking rig.
- NBA draft probabilistic analysis.
- Shakespeare Zipf-ian analysis.

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Software

- Monte Carlo numerical demonstrations. (**python**)
- Connect Four PyQT application. (**python**)
- Terminal implementation of games. (**perl**)
- Rubik's cube solver. (**C++**)

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