

# Noah T. Curran

PHD CANDIDATE · COMPUTER SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

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## Education

### University of Michigan

PHD COMPUTER SCIENCE & ENGINEERING · GPA: 4.0

- Advisor: Kang G. Shin

Ann Arbor, Michigan

Aug. 2020 - present

### University of Michigan

MS COMPUTER SCIENCE & ENGINEERING · GPA: 4.0

- Advisor: Kang G. Shin

Ann Arbor, Michigan

Aug. 2020 - Dec. 2021

### Purdue University

BS COMPUTER SCIENCE (HONS.) · BS MATHEMATICS · GPA: 3.74

- Advisors: Yung-Hsiang Lu (Purdue), George Thiruvathukal (Loyola Chicago), and Felix Lin (Purdue, now at UVA)
- Most Outstanding Senior in Computer Science

West Lafayette, Indiana

Aug. 2017 - May 2020

## Professional Experience

### University of Michigan, Dept. of Computer Science and Engineering

GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH ASSISTANT

- Investigated the security and reliability of semi-autonomous vehicles (SAVs); focusing on answering the question of who to trust when autonomous and manual control of SAVs are in conflict.
- Conducted research to utilize smartphone sensors to validate the correctness of vehicle sensors even when the smartphone sensing data is noisy from physical use. Accepted for presentation at CNS '23.
- Discovered inconsistencies in the Boeing 737-MAX MCAS that may allow dangerous control and devised an alternative, safer method for commanding the pitch control of an aircraft. Accepted for presentation at EMSOFT '24.

Ann Arbor, MI

Aug. 2020 - present

### Meta

SOFTWARE ENGINEERING INTERN

- Worked in the integrity organization responsible for detecting content which violates the Meta platform policies.
- Assessed Vision Language Model (VLM) performance for detecting the suitability of content to be used for future matching, demonstrating a 44% absolute improvement in the precision of detecting such content.
- Built the infrastructure for automatically utilizing Vision-Language Models (VLMs) in actioning on violating content, scaled to assess thousands of pieces of content per day.

Bellevue, WA

May 2025 - Aug. 2025

### Toyota Research Institute of North American, Future Research Division

CYBER-PHYSICAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INTERN

- Devised a solution for optimizing the locations of sensors on an autonomous vehicle to maximize chosen metrics, such as safety or cost.
- Further details withheld due to an ongoing patenting process.

Ann Arbor, MI

May 2023 - Aug. 2023

### Lear Corporation, Cybersecurity Division

CYBERSECURITY RESEARCH INTERN

- Developed an anti-dooring function for vehicles that passively uses pedestrian BLE devices.
- Published and presented research at VehicleSec '23, winning Best Short/WIP Paper Runner-Up.

Ann Arbor, MI

May 2022 - Jan. 2023

### Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, NARAC

SOFTWARE ENGINEERING INTERN

- Developed a front-end platform for atmospheric scientists at NARAC to perform dispersion model calculations for particles (e.g., smoke, radioactive, aerosol) released into the atmosphere.
- Used Angular and Node.js to modernize existing Java-based applications.

Livermore, CA

May 2018 - Aug. 2018

## Publications

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Equal contribution denoted with \*

**Noah T. Curran**, Thomas W. Kennings, and Kang G. Shin. 2024. *Analysis and Prevention of MCAS-Induced Crashes*. ACM SIGBED International Conference on Embedded Software (EMSOFT '24).  
(Acceptance rate: 28/129 = 21.7%) · [\[Best Paper Finalist\]](#) · [\[PDF\]](#) · [\[Code\]](#)

**Noah T. Curran**, Minkyung Cho, Ryan Feng, Liangkai Liu, Brian Jay Tang, Pedram MohajerAnsari, Alkim Domeke, Mert D. Pesé, and Kang G. Shin. 2024. *Achieving the Safety and Security of the End-to-End AV Pipeline*. 1st Cyber Security in Cars Workshop (CSCS '24).  
[\[Co-Located with CCS '24\]](#) · [\[PDF\]](#)

**Noah T. Curran\***, Arun Ganesan\*, Mert D. Pesé, Kang G. Shin. 2023. *Using Phone Sensors to Augment Vehicle Reliability*. IEEE Conference on Communications and Network Security (CNS '23).  
(Acceptance rate: 32/112 = 28.6%) · [\[PDF\]](#)

**Noah T. Curran**, William Hass, Kang G. Shin, Lars Wolleschensky, Rekha Singoria, Isaac Snellgrove, Ran Tao. 2023. *WIP: Augmenting Vehicle Safety With Passive BLE*. ISOC Symposium on Vehicle Security and Privacy (VehicleSec '23).  
(Acceptance rate: 6/16 = 37.5%) · [\[Best WIP Paper Runner-Up\]](#) · [\[PDF\]](#)

Isha Ghodgaonkar, Abhinav Goel, Fischer Bordwell, Caleb Tung, Sara Aghajanzadeh, **Noah T. Curran**, Ryan Chen, Kaiwen Yu, Sneha Mahapatra, Vishnu Banna, Gore Kao, Kate Lee, Xiao Hu, Nick Eliopolous, Akhil Chinnakotla, Damini Rijhwani, Ashley Kim, Aditya Chakraborty, Mark Daniel Ward, Yung-Hsiang Lu, George K. Thiruvathukal. 2020. *Observing Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic using Worldwide Network Cameras*. arXiv preprint arXiv:2005.09091.  
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## Awards, Fellowships, & Grants

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2024	<b>Student Travel Grant</b> , ESWEEK 2024	\$ 1,500
	<b>Student Travel Grant</b> , Rackham, University of Michigan	\$ 900
	<b>Best Paper Finalist</b> , EMSOFT 2024	
2023	<b>Student Travel Grant</b> , CNS 2023	\$ 1,200
	<b>Best WIP Paper Runner-Up</b> , VehicleSec 2023	
	<b>Student Travel Grant</b> , VehicleSec 2023	\$ 650
	<b>Student Travel Grant</b> , Rackham, University of Michigan	\$ 900
2022	<b>NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program Honorable Mention</b> , NSF	
2020	<b>Most Outstanding Senior</b> , Dept. of Computer Science, Purdue University	\$ 500
2019	<b>NSF SaTC PI Meeting Student Travel Grant</b> , NSF	\$ 1,500
	<b>NSF REU</b> , Purdue University	\$ 5,000
2017	<b>Presidential Scholarship</b> , Purdue University	\$ 5,000 / yr.

## Mentoring

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2025	<b>Moneeb Zuberi</b> , Undergrad, University of Michigan
2024	<b>Katelyn Abellera</b> , Undergrad, University of Michigan
2024	<b>Porvesh Balasubramanian</b> , Undergrad, University of Michigan
2023	<b>Yinghui He</b> , Undergrad, University of Michigan → <a href="#">Princeton PhD</a>
2022-2023	<b>Thomas Kennings</b> , Undergrad, University of Michigan → <a href="#">NASA Glenn Research Center</a>
2022	<b>Liuqing Yang</b> , Undergrad, University of Michigan → <a href="#">Splunk SWE</a>