Oliver Chang

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EDUCATION

Rice University, Houston, Texas, USA

 Ph.D. in Computer Science Advisor: Prof. Swarat Chaudhuri Aug 2016 – Mar 2018

University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida, USA

B.S. in Computer Science

Aug 2012 - May 2016

- 2nd Major: Geography; Minor: Mathematics
 - Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Undergraduate Certificate
 - Graduated Magna Cum Laude with General and Departmental Honors
 - Cumulative GPA: 3.8/4.0

RESEARCH **EXPERIENCE**

Rice University, McNair Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation

Graduate Student Assistant

May 2017 – Jan 2018

- Project: Verified and Reproducible US Patent Data
- · Supervisor: Dr. Edward Egan

Florida International University, Electrical & Computer Engineering Department

REU Student, Mobile, Pervasive, and Autonomous Technologies Lab

Oct 2015 - May 2016

- · Project: Localization via Signal Strength & Probe Requests on Android Devices
- Supervisor: Prof. Ismail Guvenc

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Department of Computer Science

• REU Student, Scientific Computing Group, Parallel Computing Institute

Jun 2015 – Aug 2015

- Project: Optimization Opportunities for nek5000 on the Blue Waters Supercomputer
- · Supervisor: Prof. Paul F. Fischer

National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Jet Propulsion Laboratory

Summer Intern, Physical Oceanography Distributed Active Archive Center

Jun 2014 – Aug 2014

- Project: Automating Metadata Compliance Checking
- · Supervisors: Edward M. Armstrong and George Chang

PUBLICATIONS

JOURNALS

[1] Ryan J. Bunting et al. "Spatial Patterns of Larceny and Aggravated Assault in Miami–Dade County, 2007–2015". In: The Professional Geographer (May 2017), pp. 1–13. ISSN: 1467-9272. DOI: 10. 1080/00330124.2017.1310622. URL: http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/00330124.2017.1310622.

POSTERS

- Oliver Chang. "GPS & WiFi Choke Point Analysis". In: University of Miami GIS Day. 2015.
- Oliver Chang, Michael Zoller, and Paul Fischer. "Analyzing the Scalability of Nek5000". In: Passionate on Parallel Poster Day. 2015.
- Oliver Chang, Edward M. Armstrong, and David Foster. "Improving Compliance for Earth Science Data Records". In: Fall Meeting of the American Geophysical Union. 2014.

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

CAV Student Fellowship

Jul 2017

Covered attendance costs to the 29th International Conference for Computer Aided Verification in Heidelberg, Germany

 Outstanding Computer Science Undergraduate, University of Miami Awarded by the faculty of the computer science department to a single graduating student. May 2016

National Merit Scholarship

Aug 2012 - May 2016

Supported by the National Merit Scholarship Program for four years

OUTREACH & MENTORSHIP

Houston Action Research Team (HART), Rice University

Graduate Project Supervisor

Aug 2017 – Dec 2017

- Supervised and led research focus for a group of four undergraduate students
- · Interfaced with local sponsors like the Memorial Park Conservancy to satisfy research goals

Graduate Student Association (GSA), Rice University

Social Programming Director

Apr 2017 – Apr 2018

- Planned and executed large picnics for the Rice graduate student community by interacting with food and entertainment vendors and university administration
- Co-designed 2017 Orientation events to introduce 607 new graduate students to a new campus and city
- Graduate-Undergraduate Mentor
 - Engaged upper-level undergraduate mentees with alternatives to careers in industry like work-study and masters programs

Designing with Rice Engineers—Achievement through Mentorship (DREAM), Rice University

Highschool Mentor

Jan 2017 – Apr 2017

- Led seven junior-level students in the application of the physics principles necessary to construct a simple catapult
- Taught a self-prepared lecture about scholarships, grants, federal & state funding using personal examples to demystify college affordability

Association for Computing Machinery, University of Miami

Vice President

Aug 2015 – May 2016

- Participated in 2016 ACM Southeast International Collegiate Programming Competition (ICPC)
- Sought to engage CS department faculty with their professional organization

Camner Academic Resource Center, University of Miami

Peer Tutor

Jan 2014 – May 2016

- Oversaw study groups of 1-6 students for introductory and intermediate level courses in computing
- Certified International Tutor by the College Reading & Learning Association
- Nominated for Sheila Dube Outstanding Tutor Award

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

REConsole, Inc., Fort Lauderdale, Florida

■ Software Engineering Intern

Jan 2016 – May 2016

- Investigated errors in Extract-Transform-Load (ETL) process to resolve geographical parsing errors.
- Bundled together ETL scripts with Spark, ElasticSearch, and PostgreSQL on Google Compute Engine nodes to automate a days worth of manual work.