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## Education

- 2008-2014 • **University of Maryland**, College Park, Maryland  
Ph.D. In Computer Science (GPA: 3.8/4.0)
- 2005-2007 • **Worcester Polytechnic Institute**, Worcester, Massachusetts  
M.S. In Computer Science (GPA: 3.8/4.0 overall, 4.0/4.0 in Computer Science)
- 2002-2005 • **Worcester Polytechnic Institute**, Worcester, Massachusetts  
B.S. In Computer Science (GPA: 4.0/4.0)

## Research/Work Experience

- 2010-present • **University of Maryland**, College Park, Maryland
- 2015-present • **Faculty Research Assistant** (postdoc)
  - *Probabilistic programming*: Developing techniques and tools for probabilistic inference for models written in a programming language, with emphasis on soundness relative to security concerns. The project aims to extend the work below with richer languages and more efficient inference.
- 2010-2014 • **Graduate Research Assistant**, supervised by Prof. Michael Hicks
  - *Information flow in dynamic systems*: I developed a model for measuring the information flow of systems with time-varying secrets against adversaries that have the ability to decide when they attack adaptively [1, 2].
  - *Knowledge in secure multi-party computation*: I developed and formalized techniques for knowledge inference to improve the efficiency of secure multi-party computation [4]. I analyzed and quantified the release of information in secure computations among multiple parties each protecting their secrets [5].
  - *Knowledge-based security policies*: I developed techniques for static analysis of information flow within programs using probabilistic abstract interpretation [6, 3]. This work included the design and implementation of a probabilistic abstract interpreter for a simple imperative language. The interpreter is composed of almost 10,000 lines of OCaml code.
- Summer 2012 • **IMDEA Software Institute**, Madrid, Spain
  - **Research intern**, supervised by Boris Köpf. I worked on the expression of information flow metrics as games among competing parties as opposed to purely information theoretic quantities. This work inspired the models I later developed for information flow for dynamic secrets and allowed such them to easily take into account important aspects of real-world scenarios that are beyond the scope of simple channels.
- 2005-2007 • **Worcester Polytechnic Institute**, Worcester, Massachusetts
  - M.S. research project, supervised by Prof. Daniel Dougherty:
    - “Noninterference in Concurrent Game Structures”: I designed a formulation of non-interference based on concurrent game structures and explored the benefits of such a formulation over existing works on noninterference with particular focus on non-transitive information flow policies. (pdf)
- 2004-2005 • **Worcester Polytechnic Institute**, Worcester, Massachusetts
  - B.S. research project, supervised by Prof. Carolina Ruiz:
    - “Improved Two-Dimensional Warping”: I analytically and experimentally studied a polynomial time approximation algorithm for 2-dimensional warping. I described a time complexity improvement of said algorithm from  $O(N^6)$  to  $O(N^4)$ . I developed an extension of the algorithm for 3D and potential higher-dimensional applications. (pdf)

## Research/Work Experience (Continued)

- 2002-2004 • **KIWI Computer Software Engineer**  
Developed official event software for the FIRST Robotics Competition. This software was used at 29 official competitions internationally and many other unofficial and off-season events. Project involved development of GUI, database storage of scoring and match information, automated upgrades and database/web-site synchronization, software to interface with field electronics, printed reports, real-time scoring, and animated graphical displays. Used FreeBSD, MySQL, Apache, Macromedia (now Adobe) Flash / Actionscript, GTK, unix shell scripting, and Perl.

## Publications

- 2014 [1] • Piotr Mardziel, Mário S. Alvim, and Michael Hicks. “Adversary Gain vs Defender Loss in Quantified Information Flow”. In: *Workshop on Foundations of Computer Security (FCS)*. July 2014. ([pdf](#))
- [2] • Piotr Mardziel, Mario Alvim, Michael Hicks, and Michael Clarkson. “Quantifying Information Flow for Dynamic Secrets”. In: *Proceedings of the IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (S&P)*. May 2014. ([pdf](#))
- 2013 [3] • Piotr Mardziel, Stephen Magill, Michael Hicks, and Mudhakar Srivatsa. “Dynamic Enforcement of Knowledge-based Security Policies using Abstract Interpretation”. In: *Journal of Computer Security* 21.4 (Jan. 2013), pp. 463–532. ([pdf](#))
- [4] • Aseem Rastogi, Piotr Mardziel, Matthew Hammer, and Michael Hicks. “Knowledge Inference for Optimizing Secure Multi-party Computation”. In: *Proceedings of the ACM SIGPLAN Workshop on Programming Languages and Analysis for Security (PLAS)*. June 2013. ([pdf](#))
- 2012 [5] • Piotr Mardziel, Michael Hicks, Jonathan Katz, and Mudhakar Srivatsa. “Knowledge-Oriented Secure Multiparty Computation”. In: *Proceedings of the ACM SIGPLAN Workshop on Programming Languages and Analysis for Security (PLAS)*. June 2012. ([pdf](#))
- 2011 [6] • Piotr Mardziel, Stephen Magill, Michael Hicks, and Mudhakar Srivatsa. “Dynamic Enforcement of Knowledge-based Security Policies”. In: *Proceedings of the IEEE Computer Security Foundations Symposium (CSF)*. June 2011. ([pdf](#))

## Talks

- **Modeling, Measuring, and Limiting Adversary Knowledge**
  - presented at the Applied Communication Sciences, January 2015
  - presented for the Applied Logic and Security group at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, January 2015
  - presented at Microsoft Research, Cambridge UK, February 2015
  - presented at the JHU Applied Physics Laboratory, February 2015
- **Adversary Gain vs. Defender Loss in Quantified Information Flow**
  - presented at 2014 Workshop on Foundations of Computer Security, Vienna, Austria
- **Quantifying Information Flow for Dynamic Secrets**
  - presented at the 2014 IEEE Symposium on Security & Privacy, San Jose, CA
  - presented at the 2014 meeting of the International Technology Alliance, Cardiff, UK
- **Probabilistic Computation for Information Security**
  - presented at the 2012\*NIPS Workshop on Probabilistic Programming, Lake Tahoe, NV
- **Dynamic Enforcement of Knowledge-based Security Policies**
  - presented at the 2011 Symposium on Computer Security Foundations, Paris, France
  - presented at the April 2011 NJ Programming Languages and Systems Seminar, Princeton, NJ
  - presented at the George Washington University Computer Security Seminar

## Professional Activities

(sub)reviewer • CSF 2013, CSF 2014, POPL 2013, JCSS, S&P 2015

## Awards

- 2006 • **Provost's MQP Award**  
Top CS undergraduate thesis among 46 completed that year.
- 2005 • **Computer Science Outstanding Junior Award**  
Top CS junior of that year.

## Technology Experience

- Languages • OCaml, Perl; Familiar with: C, Haskell, Python, C++, Java, Javascript, Scheme
- Systems • OS X; Familiar with Linux, FreeBSD, Windows
- Media • Photoshop, Illustrator, Flash, 3D Studio MAX
- Other • MySQL, HTML,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , Actionscript, OpenGL

## Relevant Coursework

- PL • CMSC631 Program Analysis and Understanding ([website](#))
- Mathematics • MATH712 Mathematical Logic I ([syllabus](#)),  
MATH713 Mathematical Logic II ([syllabus](#))
- Theory • CMSC752 Concrete Complexity ([book](#)),  
CMSC754 Computational Geometry ([website](#)),  
CMSC858C Probabilistic Method ([website](#))
- AI • CMSC723 Computational Linguistics I ([website](#)),  
CMSC828D Introduction to Game Theory ([website](#))

## Other Activities

- 2001-2004 • **FIRST Robotics Team at WPI** (team 190)  
Led initial development of an inertial navigation system including micro-controller software and design which resulted, in part, in several awards presented to the team during competitions. Also was the main contributor of graphical materials (t-shirt designs, team web-site, etc.). Held the position of “Chief of Graphics” and was responsible for the team’s visual identity and web-site.

## Miscellaneous

- Languages • English (fluent), Polish (native)
- Citizenship • USA, Poland (EU)

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