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Work Experience

Assistant Professor, Northeastern University, Boston, MA — January 2025–Present
Affiliate Faculty, Berkeley National Lab, Berkeley, CA — August 2022 – Present
Visiting Scientist, Simons Institute for the Theory of Computing, Berkeley, CA — August 2025 – December 2025
Assistant Professor, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT — August 2022–December 2024
Research Scientist, VMware Research, Palo Alto, CA — August 2021–July 2022

Education

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, UC Berkeley/Berkeley Lab, Berkeley, CA — December 2019–July 2021
Advisors: Prof. Kathy Yelick & Prof. Aydin Buluc

Postdoctoral Associate, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA — December 2018–November 2019
Advisor: Prof. Carl Kingsford

Ph.D. Computer Science, Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY — August 2013–December 2018
Advisors: Prof. Michael Bender & Prof. Rob Johnson

Awards and Achievements

NSF Career Award — 2024
IEEE CS TCHPC Early Career Researchers Award for Excellence in HPC [SC 2023] — 2023
Catacosinos Fellowship for most impactful research at Stony Brook University — 2018
Best Paper Award FAST 2016 — 2016
Runner's Up to Best Paper FAST 2015 — 2015
Special CS Department Chair Fellowship, Stony Brook University — 2013
University Rank Holder, University of Pune (Ranked 1st in college, 7th in University 2000 students) — 2011
Academic Excellence Scholarship, University of Pune — 2009, 2010, 2011

Travel Fellowships

FAST 2015, FAST 2016, SIGMOD 2017, ISMB 2017, AlgoPARC 2017, RECOMB 2018, ESA 2018, Dagstuhl 2019

Funding (4 Grants, Total: $1.5M)

NSF: Elements: Real-Time, Incremental, and Sustainable Sequence Search over SRA — July 2025
Role: Solo PI, Amount: $600,000

NSF: CAREER: Practical Adaptive Filters and Applications — June 2024
Role: Solo PI, Amount: $607,746

One Utah Data Science Hub Seed Award — March 2024
Scalable and Information-Rich Sequence Search over SRA for Advanced Biological Analyses
Role: Solo PI, Amount: $50,000

DOE: Exascale Computing Project: High Performance GPU Filters — October 2022
Role: Utah PI (Joint with UC Berkeley/Lawrence Berkeley National Lab), Amount: $250,000

Conference Publications (32 Total)

To Adapt or Not to Adapt, That is the Ski Question — SIGMOD 2026 (Minor Revision.)
Yuvaraj Chesetti, **Prashant Pandey**

Aeris Filter: A Strongly and Monotonically Adaptive Range Filter — SIGMOD 2026
Yuvaraj Chesetti, Navid Eslami, Huanchen Zhang, Niv Dayan, **Prashant Pandey**

Breadcrumb Filters: Fast Fully Featured Filters — SIGMOD 2026
Andrew Krapivin, Aaditya Rangarajan, Alex Conway, Martin Farach-Colton, Rob Johnson, **Prashant Pandey**

WarpSpeed: A High-Performance Library for Concurrent GPU Hash Tables ALENEX 2026
Hunter McCoy, **Prashant Pandey**

FaSTCC: Fast Sparse Tensor Contractions on CPUs SC 2025
Saurabh Raje, Hunter McCoy, Atanas Rountev, **Prashant Pandey**, P. Sadayappan

A Locality-Optimized In-Memory B-Skiplist ICPP 2025
Yicong Luo, Senhe Hao, Brian Wheatman, **Prashant Pandey**, Helen Xu

Evaluating Learned Indexes for External-Memory Joins ACDA 2025
Yuvaraj Chesetti, **Prashant Pandey**

Zombie Hashing: Reanimating Tombstones in a Graveyard SIGMOD 2025
Yuvaraj Chesetti, Benwei Shi, Jeff M. Phillips, **Prashant Pandey**

Adaptive Quotient Filters SIGMOD 2025
Richard Wen, Hunter McCoy, David Tench, Guido Tagliavini, Michael A. Bender, Alex Conway, Martin Farach-Colton, Rob Johnson, **Prashant Pandey**

BYO: A Unified Framework for Benchmarking Large-Scale Graph Containers VLDB 2024
Brian Wheatman, Xiaojun Dong, Zheqi Shen, Laxman Dhulipala, Jakub Łącki, **Prashant Pandey**, Helen Xu

Beyond Bloom: A Tutorial on Future Feature-Rich Filters SIGMOD 2024
Prashant Pandey, Martin Farach-Colton, Niv Dayan, Huanchen Zhang

IONIA: Efficient Replication for SSD-based Write-Optimized KV Stores FAST 2024
Yi Xu, Henry Zhu, **Prashant Pandey**, Alex Conway, Rob Johnson, Ramnatthan Alagappan, Aishwarya Ganesan

Gallatin: A vEB Tree-Based GPU Memory Manager PPoPP 2024
Hunter McCoy, **Prashant Pandey**

BP-tree: Overcoming the Point-Range Operation Tradeoff for In-Memory B-trees VLDB 2023
Helen Xu, Amanda Li, Brian Wheatman, Manoj Marneni, **Prashant Pandey**

IcebergHT: High Performance Hash Tables Through Stability and Low Associativity SIGMOD 2023
Prashant Pandey, Michael Bender, Alex Conway, Martin Farach-Colton, William Kuszmaul, Guido Tagliavini, Rob Johnson

High-Performance Filters for GPUs PPoPP 2023
Hunter McCoy, Steven Hofmeyr, Katherine Yelick, **Prashant Pandey**

Communication Optimization for Distributed Execution of Graph Neural Networks IPDPS 2023
Süreyya Emre Kurt, Jinghua Yan, Aravind Sukumaran-Rajam, **Prashant Pandey**, P. Sadayappan

Singleton Sieving: Overcoming the Memory/Speed Trade-Off in Exascale k-mer Analysis ACDA 2023
Hunter McCoy, Steven Hofmeyr, Katherine Yelick, **Prashant Pandey**

Distance and Time Sensitive Filters for Similarity Search in Trajectory Datasets APOCS 2023
Madhav Narayan Bhat, Paul Cesaretti, Mayank Goswami, **Prashant Pandey**

Terrace: A Hierarchical Graph Container for Skewed Dynamic Graphs SIGMOD 2021
Prashant Pandey, Brian Wheatman, Helen Xu, Aydin Buluc

Vector Quotient Filters: Overcoming the Time/Space Trade-Off in Filter Design SIGMOD 2021
Prashant Pandey, Alex Conway, Joe Durie, Michael Bender, Martin Farach-Colton, Rob Johnson

Distributed-Memory k-mer Counting on GPUs IPDPS 2021
Israt Nisa, **Prashant Pandey**, Marquita Ellis, Leonid Oliker, Aydin Buluc, Katherine Yelick

Timely Reporting of Heavy Hitters using External Memory SIGMOD 2020
Prashant Pandey, Shikha Singh, Michael A. Bender, Jonathan W. Berry, Martin Farach-Colton, Rob Johnson, Thomas M. Kroeger, Cynthia A. Phillips

An Efficient, Scalable, and Exact Representation of High-Dimensional Color Information Enabled Using de Bruijn Graph Search RECOMB 2019
Fatemeh Almodaresi, **Prashant Pandey**, Michael Ferdman, Rob Johnson, Rob Patro

Locality Sensitive Hashing for the Edit Distance ISMB 2019
Guillaume Marçais, Dan DeBlasio, **Prashant Pandey**, and Carl Kingsford

Small Refinements to the DAM Can Have Big Consequences for Data-Structure Design* SPAA 2019
Michael A. Bender, Alex Conway, Martin Farach-Colton, William Jannen, Yizheng Jiao, Rob Johnson, Eric Knorr, Sara McAllister, Nirjhar Mukherjee, **Prashant Pandey**, Donald E. Porter, Jun Yuan, Yang Zhan
Author names in alphabetical order. I am lead author.

Buffered Count-Min Sketch on SSD: Theory and Experiments* ESA 2018
Mayank Goswami, Dzejla Medjedovic, Emina Mekic, **Prashant Pandey**
Author names in alphabetical order. I am lead author.

Mantis: A Fast, Small, and Exact Large-Scale Sequence-Search Index RECOMB 2018
Prashant Pandey, Fatemeh Almodaresi, Michael A. Bender, Michael Ferdman, Rob Johnson, and Rob Patro

deBGR: An Efficient and Near-Exact Representation of the Weighted de Bruijn Graph ISMB 2017
Prashant Pandey, Michael A. Bender, Rob Johnson, and Rob Patro

Rainbowfish: A Succinct Colored de Bruijn Graph Representation WABI 2017
Fatemeh Almodaresi, **Prashant Pandey**, and Rob Patro

A General-Purpose Counting Filter: Making Every Bit Count SIGMOD 2017
Prashant Pandey, Michael A. Bender, Rob Johnson, and Rob Patro
[Finalist: Most Reproducible Paper]

Optimizing Every Operation in a Write-Optimized File System FAST 2016
Jun Yuan, Yang Zhan, William Jannen, **Prashant Pandey**, Amogh Akshintala, Kanchan Chandnani, Pooja Deo, Zardosht Kasheff, Michael Bender, Martin Farach-Colton, Rob Johnson, Bradley C. Kuszmaul, and Donald E. Porter **[Best Paper Award]**

BεtrFS: A Right-Optimized Write-Optimized File System FAST 2015
William Jannen, Jun Yuan, Yang Zhan, Amogh Akshintala, John Esmet, Yizheng Jiao, Ankur Mittal, **Prashant Pandey**, Phaneendra Reddy, Leif Walsh, Michael A. Bender, Martin Farach-Colton, Rob Johnson, Bradley C. Kuszmaul, and Donald E. Porter **[Runner up to Best Paper]**

Underlined - Direct student advisee

Journal Publications (12 Total)

Using Advanced Data Structures to Enable Responsive Security Monitoring Cluster Computing 2022
Janet Vorobyeva, Daniel R. Delayo, Michael A. Bender, Martin Farach-Colton, **Prashant Pandey**, Cynthia A. Phillips, Shikha Singh, Eric D. Thomas, Thomas M. Kroeger

An Incrementally-Updatable and Scalable System for Large-Scale Sequence Search using LSM-Trees BIOINFORMATICS 2022
Fatemeh Almodaresi, Jamshed Khan, Sergey Madaminov, Michael Ferdman, Rob Johnson, **Prashant Pandey**, and Rob Patro

VariantStore: an index for large-scale genomic variant search Genome Biology 2021
Prashant Pandey, Yinjie Gao, Carl Kingsford

External-Memory Dictionaries in the Affine and PDAM Models* TOPC 2021
Michael A. Bender, Alex Conway, Martin Farach-Colton, William Jannen, Yizheng Jiao, Rob Johnson, Eric Knorr, Sara McAllister, Nirjhar Mukherjee, **Prashant Pandey**, Donald E. Porter, Jun Yuan, Yang Zhan
Author names in alphabetical order. I am lead author.

Timely Reporting of Heavy Hitters using External Memory TODS 2021
Shikha Singh, **Prashant Pandey**, Michael A. Bender, Jonathan W. Berry, Martin Farach-Colton, Rob Johnson, Thomas M. Kroeger, Cynthia A. Phillips

An Efficient, Scalable, and Exact Representation of High-Dimensional Color Information Enabled Using de Bruijn Graph Search JCB 2020
Fatemeh Almodaresi, **Prashant Pandey**, Michael Ferdman, Rob Johnson, Rob Patro

Locality Sensitive Hashing for the Edit Distance BIOINFORMATICS 2019
Guillaume Marçais, Dan DeBlasio, **Prashant Pandey**, and Carl Kingsford

Mantis: A Fast, Small, and Exact Large-Scale Sequence-Search Index Cell Systems 2018
Prashant Pandey, Fatemeh Almodaresi, Michael A. Bender, Michael Ferdman, Rob Johnson, and Rob Patro

deBGR: An Efficient and Near-Exact Representation of the Weighted de Bruijn Graph BIOINFORMATICS 2017
Prashant Pandey, Michael A. Bender, Rob Johnson, and Rob Patro

Squeakr: An Exact and Approximate k-mer Counting System BIOINFORMATICS 2017
Prashant Pandey, Michael A. Bender, Rob Johnson, and Rob Patro

Writes Wrought Right, and Other Adventures in File System Optimization TOS 2016
Jun Yuan, Yang Zhan, William Jannen, **Prashant Pandey**, Amogh Akshintala, Kanchan Chandnani,

Pooja Deo, Zardosht Kasheff, Michael Bender, Martin Farach-Colton, Rob Johnson, Bradley C. Kuszmaul, and Donald E. Porter

BεtrFS: Write-Optimization in a Kernel File System TOS 2015
William Jannen, Jun Yuan, Yang Zhan, Amogh Akshintala, John Esmet, Yizheng Jiao, Ankur Mittal, **Prashant Pandey**, Phaneendra Reddy, Leif Walsh, Michael A. Bender, Martin Farach-Colton, Rob Johnson, Bradley C. Kuszmaul, and Donald E. Porter

Patents

Instructions that Facilitate the Implementation of the Fork System Call in Processes using Software Guard Extensions October 2018
https://patents.google.com/patent/US10089447B2/en
Prashant Pandey, Mona Vij, Somnath Chakrabarti, Krystof C. Zmudzinski

Apparatus and Method For Implementing a Forked System Call in a System with a Protected Region January 2018
https://patents.google.com/patent/US9870467B2/en
Prashant Pandey, Mona Vij, Somnath Chakrabarti, Krystof C. Zmudzinski

Press Articles on Research

Northeastern Global News interviewed me for the recent NSF Elements award September 2025
Link: https://news.northeastern.edu/2025/09/17/dna-database-search-engine-research/
Dangling Pointers Blog covered ZombieHT paper from SIGMOD 2025 August 2025
Link: https://shorturl.at/UE0JN
NSF Career award was recently covered by Khoury News March 2025
Link: https://shorturl.at/Ze7aO
Our IcebergHT paper from SIGMOD 2023 featured in Quanta Magazine February 2024
Link: https://shorturl.at/dyAYZ
A general purpose counting filter: making every bit count. The Morning Paper. August 2017
Link: https://goo.gl/nReGcF
Scaling Computational Biology at VMware. Link: https://shorturl.at/lpLR6 April 2018
Finding a Needle in a Field of Haystacks. Cell Systems publishes research on Mantis July 2018
Link: https://goo.gl/LJopwR

Invited Talks (23 Total, Including 2 Keynotes)

Zombie hashing August 2025
"Software Performance Engineering", Dagstuhl, Germany 2025

Vector Search for Large-Scale Genomic Discovery July 2025
Invited Keynote at the 1st Workshop on Vector Databases (VecDB) at ICML 2025

From Hash Tables to B-trees: Rethinking Core Data Structures for Scalable Performance May 2025
IISc Bangalore

From Hash Tables to B-trees: Rethinking Core Data Structures for Scalable Performance May 2025
AMD Research India

Data Systems at Scale: Scaling Up by Scaling Down and Out March 2025
Computer Science Department Colloquium, Williams College, MA

Parallel Graph Processing and Future Challenges March 2025
Invited Keynote at Principles and Practice of Parallel Programming (PPoPP) 2025, Las Vegas US

Fusing Theory and Practice of Graph Algorithms February 2025
The Institute for Computational and Experimental Research in Mathematics, Brown University, US

Adaptive Quotient Filters July 2024
Theoretical Foundations of Nonvolatile Memory, Shonan Japan

Designing High-Performance In-Memory Indexes February 2024
Northwest Database Society Annual Meeting, Google Kirkland

Designing High-Performance In-Memory Indexes October 2023
Database Seminar Series, Georgia Tech

IcebergHT: High Performance Hash Tables Through Stability and Low Associativity February 2023
"From Big Data Theory to Big Data Practice", Dagstuhl, Germany

High-Performance and Feature Rich GPU Filters For Exascale Computing September 2022
"Joint PNNL-Utah Weekly HPC Seminar"

Scalability Challenges in Large-Scale Sequence Search September 2022
"Utah Center of Data Science (UCDS) Seminar Series"

Vector Quotient Filters: Overcoming the Time/Space Trade-Off in Filter Design September 2022
"Applied and Computational Discrete Algorithms (ACDA)", Aussois, France

Time to Change Your Filter February 2022
Boston University

Locality Sensitive Hashing for the Edit Distance February 2021
Northeastern University

MetaGNN: Binning Metagenomic Contigs using GNN and Taxonomic Labelling July 2020
"Workshop on DL for (Meta)Genomic Sequence Data", Lawrence Berkeley National Lab

Timely Reporting of Heavy Hitters using External Memory October 2019
University of Maryland, College Park, MD

Timely Reporting of Heavy Hitters using External Memory September 2019
IT University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark

Timely Reporting of Heavy Hitters using External Memory March 2019
"Theoretical Foundations of Storage Systems", Dagstuhl, Germany

Scheduling Problems in Write-Optimized Key-Value Stores March 2018
"New Challenges in Scheduling Theory", Aussois, France

Compact Representation of Annotated de Bruijn Graphs January 2018
Lawrence Berkeley Lab, Berkeley CA

deBGR: An Efficient Representation of the Weighted de Bruijn Graph September 2017
Google Research, NY

deBGR: An Efficient Representation of the Weighted de Bruijn Graph August 2017
VMware Research, Palo Alto CA

Intel Software Guard Extensions (SGX) August 2015
Sandia National Laboratories, Livermore CA

Conference Talks (10 Major Venues)

IcebergHT: High Performance Hash Tables Through Stability and Low Associativity	SIGMOD 2023
Terrace: A Hierarchical Graph Container for Skewed Dynamic Graphs	SIGMOD 2021
Vector Quotient Filters: Overcoming the Time/Space Trade-Off in Filter Design	SIGMOD 2021
VariantStore: A Space-Efficient and Fast Variant Search Index	ISMB 2020
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deBGR: An Efficient Representation of the Weighted de Bruijn Graph	ISMB 2017
A General-Purpose Counting Filter: Making Every Bit Count	SIGMOD 2017

Teaching

CS 7270/4973: Adv. Database Systems Seminar	Fall 2025
CS 7280/4973: Data Str & Alg for Scalable Comp	Spring 2025
CS 6530: Adv. Database Systems	Fall 2024
CS 6530: Adv. Database Systems	Fall 2023
CS 6968/5968: Data Str & Alg for Scalable Comp	Spring 2023
CS 6530: Adv. Database Systems	Fall 2022

Students (1 Postdoc, 3 Current Ph.D., 6 MS, 1 BS)

Advising

Jamshed Khan	Started Fall 2025
Zikun Wang Ph.D. CS	Started Fall 2025
Yuvaraj Chesetti Ph.D. CS	Started Fall 2023
Hunter McCoy Ph.D. CS	Started Fall 2022
Aaditya Rangarajan MS CS (Independent Study)	Started Spring 2024
Ang Li MS CS (Independent Study)	Started Spring 2024
Benwei Shi Ph.D. CS (Co-advise with Prof. Jeff)	Spring 2023–Fall 2023
Jinghua Yan Ph.D. CS (Co-advise with Prof. Saday)	Started Fall 2023
Susmitha Raja MS CS (Research Assistant)	Fall 2022–Summer 2023
Medha Kalkur MS CS (Research Assistant)	Fall 2022–Summer 2023
Manoj Marneni MS CS (Research Assistant)	Fall 2022–Spring 2023
Pranjal Patil MS CS (Independent Study)	Spring 2023
Alex Tokita BS CS (UROP Scholar)	Fall 2022

Committee Member

Jinghua Yan Ph.D. CS
Saurabh Raje Ph.D. CS
Ankit Bhardwaj Ph.D. CS
Sayef Azad Sakin Ph.D. CS
Mahesh Lakshminarasimhan Ph.D. CS
AnanthKrishna Prasad Ph.D. CS
Amit Samanta Ph.D. CS
LeAnn Lindsey Ph.D. CS
Chris Harker Ph.D. CS
Todd Thornley M.S CS

Professional Service (PC Member: 30+ Conferences, 7+ Journals)

Program Committee

SIGMOD, VLDB,	2027
SIGMOD, VLDB, ICDE, SC, SPAA, ALENEX	2026
SIGMOD, VLDB, EDBT, ICDE, PPoPP, ACM ICS, ACDA	2025
SIGMOD, VLDB, PPoPP, IPDPS, IEEE BigData	2024
VLDB, SIGMOD ARC, SPAA, IPDPS, ESA, IEEE BigData	2023
IEEE BigData, ACM BCB, APOCS, IPDPS	2022
ACDA, RECOMB-Seq, IPDPS, ALENEX	2021
EURO-PAR, RECOMB-Seq	2020
ESA	2019

Workshop Chair

Workshop on Filter Data Structures SPAA (FCRC 2023)	2023

Journals

Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems (TPDS)	2020
Transactions on Databases (TODS)	2018
Journal of Experimental Algorithms (JEA)	2019
IEEE Access	2019, 2021
Oxford BIOINFORMATICS	2018, 2019, 2020
Journal of Computational Biology (JCB)	2021, 2022, 2023
Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering (TKDE)	2021, 2022

Subreviewer

SODA	2024
SC, SODA	2024

FAST	2022
ISMB, STACS	2021
RECOMB	2020
WABI, CIAC	2019

Other Service

Session chair: SIGMOD 2024, PPOPP 2024, VLDV 2023, ALENEX 2021
Judge: Poster session RECOMB 2019

Department Service

PhD and Postdoc Mentoring Committee	Fall 2025–
Director: Data Science Graduate Certificate Program	Spring 2023–Fall 2024
Organizer: Utah Center for Data Science Lecture Series	Fall 2023–Fall 2024
Organizer: KSoC Annual Sports Event	Spring 2023–Fall 2024
Graduate Admissions Committee	2023, 2024
Organizer KSoC Colloquium Series	Fall 2022–Fall 2024