

## Education

- **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign** Urbana, IL  
*Advisor: Andrew Miller, Master of Science in ECE, GPA: 4.0* 2016 - Present
  - Focus on cryptocurrencies, decentralized systems, security
- **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign** Urbana, IL  
*Bachelor of Science in ECE* 2012-2016
  - Coursework: distributed systems, OS design, algorithms, computer architecture

## Research and Experience

- **Graduate Researcher at Decentralized Systems Lab** Urbana  
*Advisor: Andrew Miller* 2016 - Present
  - Measurement of Bitcoin topology and influential miners
  - Decentralized systems security, smart contracts
- **CS 374 - Algorithms and Theory of Computation**  
*Undergraduate TA* 2016
  - Lead discussion section with grad TA and homeworks
- **ExoWear**  
*Software Engineer* 2016
  - Start-up in medical technology that provides a Bluetooth device to help monitor physical rehabilitation.
  - Worked on developing the core product and managed other engineers.
- **Undergraduate Researcher at Depend Research Group** Urbana  
*Undergraduate Researcher, Advisor: Zbigniew Kalbarczyk* 2015-2016
  - Attack testbed that simulates different attacks from web applications to DDoS, remote code execution, SSL vulns.
- **Akuna Capital** Champaign, IL  
*Software Developer Intern* 2015
  - C++ gateways that send buys/sells to exchange and handle book keeping

## Publications

- **TwistedPair: Towards Practical Anonymity in the Bitcoin P2P Network**  
*Currently In Submission at IEEE S&P 2018* 2017

## Projects - Github: <https://github.com/sbaks0820>

- **hackthiscontract.io** 2017  
*Solidity, Smart Contract Security*
  - Interactive challenges for hacking vulnerable smart contracts and ERC20 tokens.
  - Creating games where layered vulnerabilities allows adversaries to fix the outcome.
- **Dandelion++** 2017  
*Fork of Bitcoin Core and BIP*
  - Implementation of Dandelion++ protocol that adds privacy at the p2p level of Bitcoin.
  - Article about it on CoinDesk, a BIP-proposal on the Bitcoin Dec mailing list and a paper submission coming soon.
- **Python-Bitcoinlib** 2017  
*Contributor, Bitcoin, Privacy*
  - Contribution for segwit support in popular Python Bitcoin library managed by Peter Todd.
- **Fair Lottery Smart Contract** 2016  
*Serpent Programming Language, Ethereum*
  - Smart contract that implements a cryptographically fair lottery with a python simulator.
- **Echo Dot Permissions Model** 2016  
*Java, Python Flask, AWS, Alexa Skills*
  - Interacts with Alexa Skills and Microsoft Cognitive API to provide access control based on speaker recognition
- **Attack Testbed** 2015  
*Python, JavaScript, Docker*
  - Docker testbed that allows easy creation, simulation, monitoring and replaying of attacks ranging from the application layer down to the network layer
  - Abstract paper: "Security Testbed: Scalable Infrastructure for Interactive Attack Replay and Testing of Security Monitoring Tools"
- **Galapagos** 2015  
*C, x86 assembly*
  - ch into better off chain payment networks on
  - Light Linux-based operation system that runs on x86 assembly with a virtual memory support, scheduling, system calls, multiple terminals, drivers
- **5-Stage Pipelined Processor** 2016  
*Verilog*
  - Pipeline processor with branch prediction, multi-layered LRU caches, leap-frogging
- **FPGA Brick Breaker** 2015  
*System Verilog, C*
  - FPGA brick breaker with verilog vga monitor, keyboard driver support