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SUMMARY

Formal Methods Engineer • Research Engineer/Scientist • Programmer
Program Logics • Type Systems • Program Synthesis • Software Architecture
Systems Code Verification • Concurrent Separation Logic • Computer Security

EDUCATION

Max Planck Institute for Software Systems

Ph.D. Candidate

July 2012 – May 2020

Carnegie Mellon University

B.S. in Computer Science with a minor in Mathematical Sciences

August 2006 with University Honors

AWARDS

2023 Alonzo Church Award for Outstanding Contributions to Logic and Computation, for the design and implementation of [Iris](#), a higher-order concurrent separation logic framework.

PhD Scholarship, Microsoft Research, January 2014 – December 2016.

EXPERIENCE

BlueRock Security, Inc. — *Formal Methods Engineer*

Saarbrücken & Pittsburgh ♦ June 2020 – present (under [Gregory Malecha](#))

- Planned and led effort to specify and verify the [NOVA Hypervisor](#)
- Added (with Malecha) a logic for [C++ templates](#)
- Improved axiomatic semantics for C++
- Expanded and improved specification synthesis
- Contributed to proof automation

MPI-SWS — *Ph.D. Candidate*

Saarbrücken ♦ July 2012 – May 2020 (co-advised by [Derek Dreyer](#) and [Deepak Garg](#))

- Introduced (with others) the [Iris](#) separation logic framework
- Introduced [robust safety](#) to separation logic
- Developed a logic for the Firefox security membrane (unpublished)

CMU (CyLab) — *Principal Research Analyst*

Pittsburgh ♦ September 2006 – June 2012 (under [Lujo Bauer](#))

- Improved Grey, a *proof-carrying authorization* system deployed in CyLab and the University of North Carolina
- Introduced (with others) [delegation](#) across authorization logics
- Improved all Grey software

CMU (PoP Group) — *Senior Research Programmer, Research Programmer*
Pittsburgh ♦ June 1998 – August 2006 (under [Robert Harper](#))

- Improved [TILT](#), a compiler for Standard ML
- Introduced [separate compilation](#) to SML
- Improved [the FoxNet](#) and other software in the [ConCert](#) and [Fox](#) projects

CMU (CSD) — *Research Programmer, Research Assistant*
Pittsburgh ♦ August 1994 – May 1998 (under [Roger Dannenberg](#))

- Grew “Just-in-Time Lectures” to licensed software
- Optimized JITL production with a lecture compiler
- Added encryption to QuickTime
- Added curriculum analysis and a user-interface to the IDEAS system for intelligent tutors

Visual Symphony, Inc. — *Programmer*
Pittsburgh ♦ February 1993 – July 1994 (under Peter Capell)

- Led (with Capell) development of the award-winning Federal Railroad Administration FRALSS training software for CSX
- Added digital video support to Authorware
- Prototyped user interfaces

PUBLICATIONS

Conference and Workshop Publications

1. David Swasey, Deepak Garg, and Derek Dreyer. [Robust and compositional verification of object capability patterns](#). In *OOPSLA 2017: Proceedings of the ACM on Programming Languages*, Vol. 1, No. OOPSLA, pages 89:1–89:26, Vancouver, Canada, October 2017. Recipient of an [OOPSLA Distinguished Paper Award](#).
2. Ralf Jung, David Swasey, Filip Sieczkowski, Kasper Svendsen, Aaron Turon, Lars Birkedal, and Derek Dreyer. [Iris: Monoids and invariants as an orthogonal basis for concurrent reasoning](#). In *POPL 2015: 42nd ACM SIGPLAN-SIGACT Symposium on Principles of Programming Languages*, pages 637–650, Mumbai, India, January 2015.
3. Elli Fragkaki, Lujo Bauer, Limin Jia, and David Swasey. [Modeling and enhancing Android’s permission system](#). In *Computer Security — ESORICS 2012 — 17th European Symposium on Research in Computer Security*, pages 1–18, Pisa, Italy, September 2012. Springer LNCS 7459.

4. Lujo Bauer, Limin Jia, Michael K. Reiter, and David Swasey. [xDomain: Cross-border proofs of access](#). In *Proceedings of the 14th ACM Symposium on Access Control Models and Technologies*, pages 43–52, Stresa, Italy, June 2009.
5. David Swasey, Tom Murphy VII, Karl Crary, and Robert Harper. [A separate compilation extension to Standard ML](#). In *Proceedings of the 2006 ACM SIGPLAN Workshop on ML*, pages 32–42, Portland, Oregon, September 2006.

Technical Reports

6. Elli Fragkaki, Lujo Bauer, Limin Jia, and David Swasey. [Modeling and enhancing Android's permission system](#). Technical Report CMU-CyLab-11-020, CyLab, Carnegie Mellon University, April 2012. Extended version of [3].
7. Lujo Bauer, Limin Jia, Michael K. Reiter, and David Swasey. [xDomain: Cross-border proofs of access](#). Technical Report CMU-CyLab-09-005, CyLab, Carnegie Mellon University, March 2009. Extended version of [4].
8. David Swasey, Tom Murphy VII, Karl Crary, and Robert Harper. [A separate compilation extension to Standard ML \(revised and expanded\)](#). Technical Report CMU-CS-06-104R, School of Computer Science, Carnegie Mellon University, September 2006. Extended version of [5].
9. David Swasey, Tom Murphy VII, Karl Crary, and Robert Harper. [A separate compilation extension to Standard ML \(working draft\)](#). Technical Report CMU-CS-06-104, School of Computer Science, Carnegie Mellon University, January 2006. Superseded by [8].

Electronic copies the papers cited above are available online at swasey.github.io.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

External reviewer, POPL 2017, CSF 2015, ESOP 2015, SBMF 2015, ICFP 2014, AsiaCCS 2013, Oakland 2013, TDSC 2012, PPDP 2000.

Artifact Evaluation Committee, POPL 2019.

Technical support, ICFP 2002 and PPDP 2002, Pittsburgh, PA, October 3–8, 2002.

Local organizer, CADE-17, Pittsburgh, PA, June 17–20, 2000.

Technical support, ICFP 1999, Paris, France, September 27–29, 1999.

Attendee, TYPES Summer School, *Theory and Practice of Formal Proofs*, Giens, France, August 30–September 10, 1999.

Teaching

TA, core graduate course *Semantics* (taught by Derek Dreyer and Gert Smolka), MPI-SWS & Saarland University, Winter Semester 2017–2018.

TA, advanced graduate course *Parametricity and Modular Reasoning* (taught by Derek Dreyer), MPI-SWS & Saarland University, Winter Semester 2012–2013.

JITL presentation, United States Army, Combined Arms Support Command, Fort Lee, VA, March 24–27, 1997.

Guest lecturer, graduate course 15–820B *Advanced Topics in HCI: User Interface Software*, Carnegie Mellon University, 1996.

Lectures on JITL Production

Singapore, February 16–19, 1998.

Schaumburg, IL, November 10–14, 1997.

Schaumburg, April 22–24, 1997.

Schaumburg, December 1–6, 1996.

Scottsdale, AZ, 1996.

Poster Sessions

Meeting of the MPI-SWS Scientific Advisory Board, September 2015 & December 2013.

Carnegie Mellon CyLab Partners Conference, Pittsburgh, PA, October 2009 & 2008.

SALT Interactive Multimedia Conference, Arlington, VA, August 1997.

10th Annual Expanding Your Horizons In Science and Mathematics Conference, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA, March 15, 1997.

56th Annual ERAPPA Meeting and Educational Conference, October 1996.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

ACM & ACM SIGPLAN, January 1999 – December 2013.

ACM SIGACT, January 1999 – December 2000.

Society for Applied Learning Technology (SALT), August 1997 – August 1998.

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