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EDUCATION

University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Ph.D., Computer Engineering, September, 2013 - Present

Dissertation: "Developing Novel Evaluation Methodologies for Assessing Multi-Threaded Ap-

plications"

Advisor: Natalie Enright Jerger

University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

M.A.Sc, Computer Engineering, January, 2014

Thesis: "Synthetic Traffic Models That Capture Cache Coherent Behaviour"

Advisor: Natalie Enright Jerger

University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

B.A.Sc, Electrical Engineering, May, 2011

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Many/multi-core architectures, cache coherence, interconnection networks, application modelling, machine learning, design space exploration.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Joshua San Miguel, **Mario Badr**, and Natalie Enright Jerger. Load Value Approximation. In Proceedings of the International Symposium on Microarchitecture (MICRO), to appear, December 2014. (acceptance rate: 19%)

Mario Badr and Natalie Enright Jerger. SynFull: Synthetic Traffic Models Capturing a Full Range of Cache Coherence Behaviour. In Proceedings of the International Symposium on Computer Architecture (ISCA), June 2014. (acceptance rate: 18%)

WORKSHOPS, PRESENTATIONS, AND POSTERS International Workshop on Parallelism in Mobile Platforms

Paper June, 2015

Ajaykumar Kannan, Mario Badr, Parisa Khadem Hamedani and Natalie Enright Jerger.

Offloading to the GPU: An Objective Approach

International Symposium on Microarchitecture

Poster December, 2014

Joshua San Miguel, Mario Badr, and Natalie Enright Jerger.

Load Value Approximation

International Symposium on Computer Architecture

Presentation June, 2014

Mario Badr and Natalie Enright Jerger.

SynFull: Traffic Models Capturing Cache Coherence Behaviour

Industry Experience

Qualcomm Research Silicon Valley, Santa Clara, California, USA

Intern

May, 2015 - August, 2015

Used the Multicore Asynchronous Runtime Environment (MARE) to develop a complex application, with domain-specific kernels in C++, openCL, and Hexagon. Provided feedback to the MARE team on performance issues and bottlenecks.

Environment Canada, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Intern

June, 2009 - August, 2010

Implemented new features and bug fixes for the NinJo workstation, a java-based tool for meteorologists. Notable projects include upgrading the visualization framework for lightning strikes to be faster and use significantly less memory, incorporating storm cell data for Canada, and helping to create a configurable view of weather data for a given storm cell.

Scholarships & Awards

Roberto Padovani Intern Scholarship - \$5,000

2015

Awarded to seven Qualcomm Research interns across the globe for outstanding technical contributions made during their internship.

Thomas Noakes & Queen Elizabeth II Graduate Scholarship - \$15,000

2015

Awarded for excellence in science and technology.

TA Teaching Excellence Award - \$200

2015

Awarded to four recipients across the three University of Toronto campuses based on nominations, references, and teaching philosophy.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Engineering Strategies and Practice, 1st Year Undergraduate

Teaching Assistant

Tutorials

Supervised students through the design process for a given project and provided feedback on written design documents, with a focus on stimulating an engineering methodology to design.

Computer Fundamentals, 1st Year Undergraduate

Teaching Assistant

Tutorials, Computer Lab

Taught the fundamentals of computer programming in C, including data structures, recursion, and sorting algorithms.

Computer Organization, 3rd Year Undergraduate

Teaching Assistant

Computer Lab

Supervised and helped students implement a simple von Neumann processor using verilog.

Computer Architecture, 4th Year Undergraduate & Graduate

Teaching Assistant

Tutorials, Computer Lab

Taught computer architecture concepts, including caches, pipelining, out-of-order cores, and cache coherence.

University Service

Appointed Graduate Representative

2015-2016

Executive Committee of Faculty Council - Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering

Graduate Representative

2015-2016

Faculty Council - Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering

President 2015-2016

Electrical and Computer Engineering Graduate Students' Society

Member January - April 2014

Bargaining Support Committee

Steward 2013-2014

Canadian Union of Public Employees

Social Event Coordinator

2012-2013

Electrical and Computer Engineering Graduate Students' Society

Professional Development

Prospective Professors in Training

Thirteen Seminars, One full-semester course

2014-2015

Began preparations for becoming a professor in academia, attending several seminars and preparing a preliminary teaching dossier and research statement. Also completed a course on Teaching Engineering in Higher Education.

Mini-MBA

Ten Classes 2015

Gained an understanding of fundamental business concepts and applied what I learned in a group-based case competition.

Oral Presentation Skills

Five Classes 2014

Examined presentation structure and the use of visual aids. Exchanged feedback with peers and the instructor on individual oral presentations.

Prewriting Strategies for Developing and Organizing Your Ideas

Four Classes 2014

Learned several new strategies for developing and organizing ideas before (and during) the writing process.

NSERC Proposal Workshop

Three Classes 2014

Examined features of good and bad proposal writing, and exchanged feedback with peers on our own NSERC proposals.

Teaching Fundamentals Certificate

Six Workshops 2012-2013

Improved my teaching skills with workshops on pedagogy, research, academic integrity, and students in difficulty.