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Current Appointments

Associate Dean for Graduate Programs (Ph.D. and Master's), School of Engineering and Applied Science, University of Pennsylvania. Served as Associate Dean for Master's and Professional Programs for first 2.5 years	01/2018 – present
Faculty Director for Penn Engineering Online	01/2018 - present
Executive Advisor to CEO/CTO, Frontiir Inc (following Termaxia acquisition)	03/2020 - present
Director of Penn Distributed Systems Lab (DSL)	01/2019 - present
RCA Professor (primary), Computer and Information Science (CIS) Department, University of Pennsylvania	06/2017 – present
Professor (secondary), Electrical and Systems Engineering (ESE) Department, University of Pennsylvania	06-2017 – present

Previous Appointments

CIS Master's Chair and CIS Master's Program Director, University of Pennsylvania	07/2015 – 12/2018
Associate Professor (secondary), ESE Department, University of Pennsylvania	10/2015 – 06/2017
Co-founder and Chief Scientist of high-performance data storage company Termaxia. Acquired by Frontiir Inc.	01/2016 – 03/2020
Associate Professor (primary), CIS Department, University of Pennsylvania	07/2013 – 06/2017
Co-founder, founding CEO, and Lead Scientist of cloud analytics company Gencore (rebranded as Netsil). Acquired by public cloud company Nutanix Inc. (NTNX)	05/2013 – 03/2018
Assistant Professor, CIS Department, University of Pennsylvania	01/2007 – 06/2013
Post-doctoral Researcher, Microsoft Research Silicon Valley	07/2006 – 12/2006

Education

University of California at Berkeley Ph.D. in Computer Science Thesis: <i>The Design and Implementation of Declarative Networks</i> Advisors: Joseph M. Hellerstein and Ion Stoica. <i>Winner of the 2007 ACM-SIGMOD Dissertation Award</i> <i>Winner of the 2006 David J. Sakrison Memorial Prize (UC Berkeley)</i>	2006
Stanford University Master's of Science in Computer Science (MSCS). GPA: 4.11/4.0	2000
University of California at Berkeley B.S. (Highest Honors) Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. GPA: 4.0.	1999

University Services and Leadership

- Associate Dean of Graduate Programs (01/2018 -)
 - Oversees all 17 Master's programs in Penn Engineering, consisting of ~1500 on-campus students and ~2000 online students. Manages team of 10 staff in the Graduate Office of Academic Service (OAS) which handles all administrative affairs and admissions for graduate students in Penn Engineering. Faculty director for Penn Engineering Online Learning with ~25 staff members
 - Refer to "**Highlighted Achievements as Associate Dean of Graduate Programs (Penn Engineering)**" in next section
- Professor of Practice in Entrepreneurship Search Committee (2017)
 - Outcome: hiring of Prof. of Practice Dr. Vanessa Chan
- Jerome Fisher M&T Director Hiring Committee (2016) – Resulted in the hiring of Prof. Gad Allon as M&T Director
- CIS Masters Chair (07/2015 – 12/2017)
 - Overseeing all masters programs within the CIS department, and Program Director of the Master of Science in Engineering in CIS program
 - Revise sub-matriculation policies to streamline and standardize admissions for Computer Engineering (CMPE) and Networked & Social Systems (NETS) students into CIS master's program.
 - Revise rules for inter-master's program transfer and dual master's degree programs.
 - Created and promoted new classes in mobile communication systems, operations systems design and implementation, and software testing.
 - Led a team that developed data analytics program used in master's admissions to improve admissions decisions
 - Standardize master's thesis requirements across all CIS master's programs (CGGT, CIS, Embedded Systems, MCIT, Robotics)
 - Created social media presence on Facebook and LinkedIn for existing CIS master's students and alums.
 - Initiated the development of alumni database for CIS master's students for past 15 years as part of alumni outreach. Graduation gifts for CIS master's students and consolidation of post-graduation job and contact information as part of alumni outreach.
 - Started industrial talk series for CIS master's students
 - Created CIS Alumni panel, where alums from 2007-2012 were invited to Penn to meet current students.
 - Created and chaired three-person CIS master's admissions committee to oversee master's students admissions (>1200 applicants).
- Faculty adviser to Jerome Fisher M&T Innovation Fund for Penn student-led startups (2015 - 2020)
- Teaching and research faculty policy reevaluation committee (2015)
 - Outcome: the creation of Professor of Practice teaching track at Penn Engineering
- Lecturer search committee (2015, 2016); Systems faculty hiring committee (2015, 2016); Computer Engineering (CMPE) committee (2014 - present)
- Mentor for the National University of Singapore (NUS) College in Bio Valley, an undergraduate work-study exchange program between Penn Engineering and NUS. The program promotes startups and entrepreneurship by getting undergraduates to experience first-hand on working in a startup while taking classes at Penn (2008 - 2013)

Highlighted Achievements as Associate Dean of Graduate Programs (Penn Engineering)

New academic programming

- (2022) Launched **second online master's program in data science (MSE-DS)**
- (2021) Launched the **Bridge-to-Ph.D. Master's fellowship** program
- (2021) Standardize across the school and made **GRE optional** for all graduate programs
- (2020) Launched the **Dean's Doctoral Diversity fellowship** and the **Dean's Master's Fellowship** for underrepresented or low-income graduate students
- (2020) Launched the **Academic field studies track** in the master's programs to allow master's students to do 6 months internship during the academic year.
- (2020) Led the engineering school pivot to online learning due to the pandemic and facilitated international graduate students with visa delays to continue their educations from overseas.
- (2019) Introduced a **school-wide professional career development course** for all master's students. This class is taken once by master's students, and exposes them to seminars on career search, personal development and research. The first offering attracted 200+ master's students.
- (2019) **Accelerated master's** program for existing undergrads, where they have to complete undergraduate degree in 4 years and then begin a master's program with three courses overlapping. Replaces older submatriculation program.

Usher this program through all levels of university approval and held townhall meetings with undergrads to explain policy change.

- (2018) Launching of **MCIT online degree program** for Penn Engineering – finalize faculty compensation, marketing, platform selection, platform contracts, and evangelizing, recruiting faculty to teach courses, and getting the program approved at all levels of the university.

Improving graduate student welfare

- (2022) Created engineering faculty advising values document on good advising practices. Serves as a **code of conduct for faculty** when mentoring students and used in new faculty orientation.
- (2022) **Bridge funding** at school-level for doctoral students switching advisers
- (2022) **Increased Ph.D. stipends** by up to 8.6% while lowering PI tuition burden on grants by 50%. Introduce school funded dental insurance for Ph.D. students.
- (2022) Consolidate of **development funds** to offer \$3K bonuses to top Ph.D. recruits
- (2021) Launch annual **Ph.D. awards ceremony** and **graduate URM awards ceremony** to honor students for external awards and other academic milestones.
- (2020) Introduced **new wellness support programs** (bi-monthly support groups) for Ph.D. students led by external wellness consultant. Consultant also conducted wellness surveys and focused group discussions with doctoral students.
- (2019) Started **inter-program application transfer process** to allow master's programs to share applications for admissions and instituted waitlist admissions
- (2019) Started and installed **engineering-wide waitlist policy** for popular engineering courses, first implemented for course registration in Fall 2018.
- (2018) Student job outcomes: started **resume bank** for alums to contribute sample resumes, collecting resume keywords and list of companies from each program for career services, and organizing career service meetings with graduate coordinators.
- (2018) Launching of **annual master's students' awards** ceremony with awards in academic, research, service, and teaching.
- (2018) Relaunched J.P. Eckert Fellowship as a **Diversity fellowship** for underrepresented or low-income students

Student/alumni communications and outreach

- (2022) **Significant expansion on outreach** to doctoral students via Slack channel, twice-a-semester townhalls, and regular meetings with student leaders in Dean's Doctoral Advisory and Dean's Doctoral Diversity boards.
- (2019) **Organize several alumni events** in San Francisco Bay Area, Beijing, and Seattle at company headquarters (Amazon, Apple, Google) and at Penn Wharton China Center.
- (2019) Launching of **popular blog series** (#pennvoices) on social media, on stories written by current Penn students and alums on their experiences at Penn.
- (2019) Initiated **various student outreach programs**, including regular townhalls for master's students, swag for graduating master's students, doubling the number of alums on Facebook and significantly increasing that on LinkedIn, achieve >80% and response rates for data collection on post-graduation outcomes.

Administrative processes

- (2021) Created a new position and hired a Director for Academic Programming to support underrepresented students
- (2020) Created new avenues of recruitment, including graduate admissions YouTube channel, live recorded webinars, and expansion of recruitment at domestic universities.
- (2020) Completed the reorganization of graduate Research and Academic Services to streamline academic and admissions operations to handle increased student population
- (2020) Created a new position and hired a new Associate Director for Professional Development and Networking to provide technology-driven solutions for career services and support online students
- (2020) Created a new position and hired a new Associate Director for Graduate Admissions Operations to lead graduate admissions team and recruitment efforts
- (2018) Administrative: standardize CPT regulations in collaboration with ISSS for students pursuing job opportunities in Spring/Fall semester and dual-degree masters students, clarify reduced course load policies, rework/refresh job scope of all reporting staff in graduate RAS, moving admissions deadline for master's program to single deadline, hiring of new staff at graduate RAS.

Research Overview

I lead the NetDB (<http://netdb.cis.upenn.edu>) research group at Penn. My research group applies data-centric techniques and formal methods to the design, analysis, and implementation of distributed systems. My primary interest lies in the development of new programming tools and analysis techniques that improve the process of designing, implementing, verifying, and securing large-scale distributed systems. I take an inter-disciplinary approach, combining ideas from databases, programming languages, and formal methods, with applications to networking, security, and systems in general. Given the inter-disciplinary nature of our work, my students and I have published across a wide range of conferences, including databases (SIGMOD, VLDB, CIDR, ICDE, SOCC), networking (SIGCOMM, NSDI, PODC, INFOCOM, IEEE/ACM Transactions on Networking, HotNets, CoNEXT, ICNP, COMSNET), security (NDSS, PETS), systems (SOSP, USENIX ATC, HPDC), programming languages (FSE), and formal methods (TACAS, PPDP, FMOODS, TPHOLs). We have received best paper awards or shortlisted as best papers in diverse venues, such as IEEE ICDE (databases), EDBT (databases), ACM HPDC (high-performance computing), and ACM ICAC (autonomic computing). My research work has also led to successful technology transfer. As an entrepreneur, I co-founded two companies: cloud analytics company Netsil (acquired by public cloud company Nutanix Inc.) and high-performance storage company Termaxia (acquired by Frontiir Inc., one of the largest internet-service-providers in Southeast Asia).

Research Funding

Current (as PI):

- **CNS Core: Small: Towards Internet-scale Permissioned Blockchain Infrastructure for the Mobile Internet**, NSF CNS Small (PI: Boon Thau Loo, co-PI: Mohammad Javad Amiri), \$500K, 10/01/2021 – 09/30/2024
- **Secure Handling of Isolated Executables without Leaking (SHIELD)**, under DARPA Guaranteed Architecture for Physical Security (GAPS) program. (Lead Penn PI: Boon Thau Loo, Nik Sultana). Subcontract to Perspecta Labs. \$600K as Penn portion. 09/19 – 02/24.
- **Accountable Protocol Customization, ONR TPCP**, Penn PI with Benjamin Pierce, Andre Scedrov and Steve Zdancewic. \$7.5M (Penn's portion is \$2.5M), subcontract to CMU, 2018 – 2022.

Current (as co-PI):

- **Collaborative Research: CNS Core: Medium: Movement of Computation and Data in Splitkernel-disaggregated, Data-intensive Systems**, NSF CNS Medium (PI: Vincent Liu, co-PI Boon Thau Loo and Sebastian Angel), \$900K, 2021-2024.
- **CCF: Medium: Enabling Real-Time Quantitative Decision Making over Streaming Data**, NSF CCF Medium (PI: Rajeev Alur, co-PIs Sanjeev Khanna, Zachary Ives, and Boon Thau Loo), \$1.2M, 2018-2022.
- **ASPIRE: Automatically Subsetting Protocol Implementations Reliably and Efficiently**, ONR TPCP, co-PI with Mayur Naik, Rajeev Alur, Insup Lee, and Oleg Sokolsky, \$6.1M, 2018 – 2022.
- **NeTS: Medium: Collaborative Research: Diagnosing Datacenter Networks with Quantitative Provenance**, co-PI with Andreas Haeberlen and Linh Phan, \$900K, 2017 – 2022.

Industry Gifts (as PI):

- **Dynamic Cost-Performance Optimizations in Multipath Video Delivery**. Google Research Award, \$73,500, 2016.
- AT&T Labs-Research University Gift, \$25K, 2014.

Completed:

- **CSR Nets: Medium: Network Functions Virtualization with Timing Guarantees**, NSF CSR Medium (PI: Linh Thi Xuan Phan, co-PI: Andreas Haeberlen, Boon Thau Loo), \$1.1 million, 09/16 – 08/21.
- **NeTS: Medium: Collaborative Research: DEFIND: Declarative Formal Interactive Network Design**, NSF NeTS Medium, (Penn PI: Boon Thau Loo, collaborative project with CMU and Georgetown University). \$1.2 million, 09/15 – 08/.
- **ProNet: Programmable Networks Enabled by Fast In-Path Analytics**. DARPA Dispersed Computing program, lead Penn PI, with Andre Dehon, Andreas Haeberlen, and Linh Thi Xuan Phan. Subcontract to Vencore, \$12.5M, 01/17 – 04/21.

- **DeDOS: Declarative Dispersion-Oriented Software, DARPA Extreme DDoS Defense (XD3)**, (PI: Boon Thau Loo, co-PI: Andreas Haeberlen, Linh T.X. Phan, Micah Sherr, Clay Shields, Wenchao Zhou), \$3.5 million with \$800K options approved, 04/16 – 08/20.
- **DEDUCE: Distributed Enclave Defense Using Configurable Edges**. Joint project with ACS, Apogee Research, MIT, and Texas A&M university, DARPA EdgeCT, \$1.17M, 07/2015-06/2018.
- **I-Corps: NetEgg: Toolkit for Programming Network Policies by Examples**, NSF IIP-1564730 (PI: Boon Thau Loo), \$50K, 11/01/2015 – 04/30/2018.
- **Collaborative Research: Expeditions in Computer Augmented Program Engineering (ExCAPE): Harnessing Synthesis for Software Design**, NSF Expedition, with Rajeev Alur, Milo Martin, George Pappas, Steve Zdancewic (Penn) and several others, \$3.75 million (Penn), 04/01/2012-03/31/2018.
- **Probological Hybrid Defense (PHD)**. Office of Naval Research (ONR) grant, Jonathan M. Smith (PI), \$1.09M, Rajeev Alur, Andre Dehon, Sampath Kannan, Boon Thau Loo, A. Rahklin, Andre Scedrov, Oleg Soloksky (co-Pis), 10/2014 – 09/2017.
- **NeTS: Small: Routing Design and Analysis with Incomplete Information**, NSF CNS-1218066, Boon Thau Loo (PI). \$400K, 9/12-8/2017.
- **CSR: Small: Resource Management for Real-time Cloud Computing**, with Linh P.X. Phan and Insup Lee, \$450K, 09/01/2011 – 08/31/2016.
- **TC: Medium: Collaborative Research: Tracking Adversarial Behavior in Distributed Systems with Secure Networked Provenance**, NSF TC-1065130, (PI: Andreas Haeberlen, Co-PI: Zachary Ives, Boon Thau Loo, Micah Sherr), \$1.2 million, 09/01/2011 – 08/31/2016.
- **TC:Small: Collaborative Research: Towards a Formal Framework for Analyzing and Implementing Secure Routing Protocols**, with Limin Jia (CMU) and Wenchao Zhou, \$499K, 3 years. 09/01/2011 – 08/31/2016.
- **CAREER: Towards a Unified Declarative Platform for Composable Verifiable Networks**, NSF CNS-0845552, (PI: Boon Thau Loo), \$450,000, 06/01/2009 – 05/31/2016.
- **A Unified Algebraic and Logic-based Framework towards Safe Routing Implementations**. Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR) Young Investigator Program (YIP) award, \$360K, 6/2012 – 6/2015.
- **SBIR Phase 1: Declarative Platform for Software-defined Networking Applications**. NSF IIP- 1345294, \$150K (1/2014-12/2014). Technology transfer from NetDB@Penn research.
- **FIA: Collaborative Research: NEBULA: A Future Internet That Supports Trustworthy Cloud Computing**, NSF Future Internet Architecture, (PI: Jonathan M. Smith, Co-Pis from various universities), \$1.47 million (Penn's award), 09/01/2010 – 31/08/2014.
- **Collaborative Research: Scalable Knowledge-based Middleware for Networked and Mobile Systems**, NSF CCF-0820208/0819845 (PI: Boon Thau Loo, Co-PI: William Regli from Drexel University), \$499,866, 09/01/2008-08/31/2012.
- **AFOSR MURI: Collaborative Policies and Assured Information Sharing**, AFOSR grant number FA9550-08-1-0352, (Penn PI: Andre Scedrov, Co-PI: Boon Thau Loo), \$850K (Penn's award), (2008-2013).
- **Selectable Anonymity for Enabling SAFER Telecommunications**, part of the DARPA SAFER program, (PI: Jonathan M. Smith, Co-PI: Matthew Blaze, Boon Thau Loo, Micah Sherr, Clay Shields), \$3.3 million, 10/2011 – 09/2014.
- **CSR-EHCS(CPS) TM: Robust Composition and Interoperability of CPS Components**, NSF CSR-0834524. (PI: Insup Lee, Co-PI: Oleg Sokolsky, Boon Thau Loo, and Rahul Mangharam), \$950,000, 09/01/2008-08/31/2011.
- **NGNI-Small: Declarative Secure Networked Information Systems**, NSF IIS-0812270 (PI: Boon Thau Loo), \$450,000, 09/01/2008 – 08/31/2014.
- **Amazon Web Services (AWS) in Education** grant, 2011-2012.
- **Network Opposing Botnets (NoBot)**, ONR N00014-09-1-0770, (PI: Jonathan M. Smith, Co-Pis from Princeton University and Harvard University, \$2.2 million for three years, 2009 – 2012.
- **CT-S: Application-Aware Anonymity (A3) for the Masses**, NSF CNS-0831376. (PI: Boon Thau Loo, Co-PI: Matthew Blaze), \$400,000, 09/01/2008-08/31/2011.
- **Policy-based Information centric Reliable Ad hoc Network (PIRANA)**, part of the Wireless Network After Next Program, sponsored by DARPA-STO AFRL #FA8750-07-C-0169, \$245,391 (Penn's subcontract total), (10/2007 – 12/2008)
- **FIND: Wireless Knowledge Infrastructure (WiKI)**, NSF CNS-0721845, (PI: Boon Thau Loo, Co-Pis: Zachary Ives and Jonathan M. Smith), \$235,300, (08/01/2007 – 07/31/2009).

Selected Awards and Honors

- Lindback Award for distinguished teaching, 2022
- Ruth and Joel Spira award for excellence in teaching, 2021
- Best paper award, 23rd International Conference on Extending Database Technology (EDBT), 2020
- RCA Professor of Computer and Information Science, 2019
- Penn emerging inventor of the year award, 2018.
- Google Research Award, 2016.
- One of five papers nominated for the best paper award at ACM CoNEXT 2015.
- Selected best papers of the 22nd ACM High Performance and Distributed Computing (HPDC), 2013.
- Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR) Young Investigator Program (YIP) award, 2012.
- Honorable mention for best demonstration competition in SIGMOD 2009.
- Selected best papers of the 25th International Conference on Data Engineering (ICDE), 2009
- NSF's Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Award, 2009
- ACM SIGMOD Dissertation Award, 2007.
- UC Berkeley David J. Sakrison Award made annually to a graduate student who has completed what is deemed by a faculty committee to be a truly outstanding piece of research, 2006.
- Computing Research Association (CRA) Outstanding Undergraduate Awards (Honorable mention), 1999.

Selected Award and Honors (by my doctoral students while at Penn)

- Morris and Dorothy Rubinoff Award for best dissertation in the CIS department at the University of Pennsylvania
 - Qizhen Zhang (2022)
 - Benhaz Arzani (2017)
 - Micah Sherr (2009)
- Runner-up award, ACM SIGCOMM 2020 Networking Networking Women Professional Development Workshop (N2Women), Aug 2020. – Heena Nagda
- 1st prize at ACM Student Research Competition at SIGCOMM'17 – Henri Max Demoulin
- Honorable Mention for SPEC Distinguished Dissertation Award (2014) – Zhuoyao Zhang
- Honorable Mention for SIGMOD Jim Gray Doctoral Dissertation Award (2013) – Wenchao Zhou.
- Best student paper award, 9th ACM International Conference on Autonomic Computing (ICAC), 2012. – Zhuoyao Zhang
- Runner-up at ACM Student Research Competition at SIGCOMM'11 – Wenchao Zhou

Technology Transfer and Entrepreneurship

- Frontiir Inc (2020 – present)
 - Executive adviser to CEO and CTO at Frontiir Inc., following acquisition of Termaxia.
 - Established Philadelphia R&D office for Frontiir Inc focusing on cloud and data center technologies for developing countries. Filed 3 patents related to high-performance networked storage devices.
- Termaxia (2016 - 2020)
 - Founding Chief Scientist of big data storage platform company
 - Received funding from City of Philadelphia (Startup PHL)
 - Raised seed round from City of Philadelphia (Startup PHL), Ben Franklin Technology Partners and angel investors.
 - Enterprise customers in US, China, and Southeast Asia.
 - **Acquired by Frontiir Inc, one of the fastest growing technology companies in Southeast Asia. Continue serving as executive adviser to CEO and CTO at Frontiir Inc.**
- NetEgg (2015 - 2016)
 - Participating in the National Science Foundation Innovation Corps (I-Corps) program, 2015.
 - Filed and granted patent on NetEgg (HotNets 2014, CoNEXT 2015) through Penn Center of Innovation.
- Gencore/Netsil Inc. (2013 - 2018)
 - Founding CEO and later, transitioned to Lead Scientist role.
 - Assembled founding team from Master's students, undergraduates, and staff programmer in research team.
 - Commercialized early research (2007-2013) on the Scalalytics declarative analytics engine.
 - Received National Science Foundation Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) funding as PI.
 - Raised seed round from City of Philadelphia (Startup PHL), angels and institutional investors.
 - Company relocated to SF Bay area with funding from Silicon Valley investors. Rebranded as Netsil Inc.

- Cloud-based application performance analytics platform running in production at several companies.
- Featured in several press releases, and form partnerships with Juniper Networks and NEC.
- **Acquired by Nutanix Inc. in March 2018 for US\$74M**

Students and post-docs (*female or minority students in italics*)

Graduated Ph.D. Students and Postdocs

- Dr. Qizhen Zhang (with Vincent Liu)
Assistant Professor at University of Toronto (2023)
Microsoft Research postdoc (2022)
Morris and Dorothy Rubinoff Award for best computer science dissertation at the University of Pennsylvania
- Dr. Lei Shi (with Rajeev Alur)
Huawei (2022)
- Nicholai Sultana (postdoc)
Assistant Professor at Illinois Institute of Technology
- Max Demoulin (co-advise with Linh Phan)
Senior software engineer at Astronomer
Thesis: Service Boosters: Library Operating Systems for the Data Center
- *Behnaz Arzani* (co-advise with Roch Guerin).
Post-doctoral researcher at Microsoft Research
Thesis: Improving Network Performance Through Endpoint Diagnostics and Multipath Communications
Morris and Dorothy Rubinoff Award for best computer science dissertation at the University of Pennsylvania
- Chen Chen (co-advise with Limin Jia).
Researcher at Megagon Labs
Thesis: Unifying Static and Runtime Analysis in Declarative Distributed Systems, 2017.
- Yang Li (co-advise with Sanjeev Khanna).
Software engineer at Facebook
Thesis: Computing with Distributed Information, May 2017.
- Yifei Yuan (co-advised with Rajeev Alur)
First employment: Post-doctoral researcher at Carnegie-Mellon University. Currently at Alibaba.
Thesis: High-level Abstractions for Programming Network Policies, Aug 2016.
- *Mengmeng Liu* (co-advised with Zachary Ives)
Senior engineering manager at WalmartLabs
Thesis: Incremental Processing and Optimization of Update Streams, May 2016.
- Dong Lin
First employment as Software engineer at LinkedIn. Currently at Alibaba (2021).
Thesis: Scalable Anonymous Group Communication, May 2015.
- Alex Gurney (postdoc)
First employment: Senior software engineer at Comcast, 2014. Currently at WebFlow (2021)
- *Zhuoyao Zhang* (co-advised with Insup Lee)
Software engineer at Google.
Thesis: Performance Modeling and Resource Management for MapReduce Applications, May 2014.
SPEC Distinguished Dissertation Award (Runner-up), 2014 for “outstanding doctoral dissertation in the field of computer benchmarking, performance evaluation, and experimental system analysis in general.”

- *Anduo Wang* (co-advised with Andre Scedrov)
Post-doctoral researcher at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (2013-2016)
Tenure-track Assistant Professor at Temple University (2016)
Thesis: Automated Formal Analysis of Internet Routing Systems, Aug 2013.
- Wenchao Zhou
Tenured Associate Professor at Georgetown University. Currently at Alibaba (2021)
Thesis: Secure Time-aware Provenance towards Forensics in Distributed Systems, Aug 2012.
Jim Gray SIGMOD Doctoral Dissertation Award (Runner-up), 2013 for “excellent research by doctoral candidates in the database field.”
- Changbin Liu
First employment: AT&T Labs Research (2012-2015)
Founding CEO/CTO of Termaxia (acquired by Frontiir Inc.) (2015 – 2020)
VP Engineering of Frontiir Inc. (2020)
Thesis: Transactional Automated Cloud Resource Orchestration, Aug 2012
- Micah Sherr (co-advised with Matt Blaze)
Callahan Family Professor at Georgetown University.
Thesis: Coordinate-Based Routing for High Performance Anonymity, Aug 2009.
Morris and Dorothy Rubinoff Award for best computer science dissertation at the University of Pennsylvania
- Yun Mao (co-advised with Jonathan M. Smith)
AT&T Labs Research (2008-2012), Facebook (2012)
Thesis: A Unified Data-centric Approach towards an Extensible Internet Architecture, Aug 2008.

Current PhD Students:

- Haoxian Chen (5th year)
- *Lan Lu* (1st year)
- *Heena Nagda* (1st year)
- *Gerald Whitters* (1st year, Ashton Fellow)
- Chenyuan Wu (3rd year)

Current post-doctoral researchers

- Dr. Mohammad Java Amiri from University of California at Santa Barbara. 06/2020 – present.

Highlighted Master’s Research Students (several with publications):

- **2022** Shubhendra Pal Singhal
- **2021** Stephen Carrasquillo, Heena Nagda, Rakesh Nagda, Saket Saket, Junyong Zhao
- **2020** *Shivani Burad* (Apple), Nishanth Shyamkumar (Frontiir Inc.), Henry Zhu (Amazon), Garvit Khandelwal (Microsoft), *Manqiu Zhang* (Amazon), *Ritika Gupta* (Facebook), Ritvik Sadana (Qualcom), *Hui Lyu* (PwC Beijing)
- **2019** Nishant Prabhu (Nutanix), Deepika Vasudevan (Amazon), Shilpi Bose (VMware)
- **2018:** Akash Acharya, *Shilpi Bose*, Anirudh Chelluri (Facebook), Mark Lippincott (Netflix), Nishant Prabhu, *Achala Rao* (Bloomberg), Bowen Wang.
- **2017:** Anupam Alur (Bloomberg), *Siri Anil* (Bloomberg), Robert Dimaiolo (Cognescent), Harshal Lehri (Google), Sajal Marwaha, Chirag Shah (Real time Innovations), *Hitali Sheth*, Akshay Sriraman (Bloomberg), Prahalad Venkataramanan, Harsh Verma.
- **2016:** Jitesh Gupta, Nicholas Iodice (Audible), Ankit Mishra (MSc. 2016, Microsoft), Sudarshan Muralidhar (MSc. 2016, Igneous), Prithvi Kapara (MSc. 2016), Anand Sriramalu (Oracle), *Shanni Xi* (Qualcomm)
- **2015:** Jatin Sharma (Taser Inc.), Nikhilesh Behera (Taser Inc.), Sibi Vijayakumar (GitStar), Rahul Nafde (ColdLight), *Sonal Ektaa* (Goldman Sachs),
- **2014:** *Sitian Cheng* (Box Inc.), Tanveer Gill (Netsil), Bo Li (Google), *Anh Nguyen* (Netsil), Eric Xiang (Yahoo Inc.),
- **2013:** Shuotian Cheng (Amazon), Sanchit Aggrawal (Microsoft), Harjot Gill (Netsil), Xianglong Han (Oracle), Lohit Sarna (Intel), Hao Xu (Google), Yuankai Zhang (Ph.D. program at Georgetown University)
- **2012:** *Yiqing Ren* (Georgetown University), Suyog Mapara (Microsoft). Saravana Soundararajan (Oracle), *Sangeetha A Jyothi* (UIUC Ph.D. in Computer Science),

- **2011:** Ren Lu (Bank of America), Taher Saeed (DramaFever), *Qiong Fei* (Amazon), Qi Zheng (Microsoft),
- **2010:** Saumya Jain (Microsoft), Xiaozhou Li (Princeton Ph.D. in Computer Science, Barefoot Networks), Shivkumar Muthukumar (Amazon), *Tao Tao* (Microsoft),
- **2008:** *Ricardo Correa* (Google)

Highlighted Undergraduate Research Students:

- Jared Asch (junior), Andrew Zhao (junior)
- Zhilei Zheng (BSc. + MSc. 2021)
 - Ph.D. program in Computer and Information Science at University of Pennsylvania (2021)
- *Liana Patel* (BSc. 2021)
 - Ph.D. program in Computer Science at Stanford University (2021).
- Henry Zhu (MSc. 2020, BSc. 2019)
 - Ph.D. program in Computer Science at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2022)
 - Winner of Master's Outstanding Research award (2020)
- *Simran Arora* (BSc. 2019)
 - Ph.D. program in Computer Science at Stanford University (2019).
- *Meryem Essaidi* (BSc. 2016)
 - Ph.D. program in Computer Science at Princeton University (2017).
- Jinyan Cao (B.Sc. 2014).
 - Participated in ACM SIGCOMM'12 demonstration.
- Kenton Lee (B.Sc. 2014).
 - Ph.D. program in Computer Science at University of Washington-Seattle (2014).
 - Participated in ACM SIGCOMM'12 demonstration.
- Robert Mead (B.Sc. 2014)
 - Participated in ACM SIGCOMM'12 demonstration.
- *Trisha Kothari* (B.Sc. 2014)
 - Co-author of DAMP (POPL) 2012 workshop paper.
 - Winner of the Microsoft Undergraduate Scholarship, 2012-2013.
- *Sandy Shengzhi Sun* (B.Sc. 2013).
 - Co-author of SIGMOD 2011 demonstration.
 - Winner of the Microsoft Undergraduate Scholarship, 2011-2012.
- *Cam Nguyen* (B.Sc. 2012)
 - Co-author on Scalalytics paper at HPDC 2012
 - Co-founder at Gencore/Netsil, spinoff from NetDB@Penn research group (acquired by Nutanix Inc.)
 - Staff programmer in NetDB@Penn research group
- Cheng Luo (B.Sc. and MSc 2012).
 - Co-author of FORTE 2014
 - Ph.D. program at Harvard University in Finance (2012)
- Andrew Quishi Mao (B.Sc. 2009)
 - Ph.D. program in Computer Science at Harvard University (2009)
- William Marczak (B.Sc. 2009)
 - Honorable mention for the CRA Outstanding Undergraduate 2009.
 - University of Pennsylvania SEAS Computer Science Academic Award, 2009.
 - Ph.D. program in Computer Science at the University of California-Berkeley (2009)

Undergraduate senior projects and capstone projects supervised

- 2022: 1 capstone and 6 senior design teams (one winner for most technically challenging project)
- 2021: 2 senior design teams (one winner of best creativity award)
- 2020: 3 BAS capstone projects, and 1 senior design team (winner of alumni's choice award)
- 2019: 2 capstone projects, and 2 senior design teams (honorable mention for senior design competition)
- 2018: 5 senior design teams, including first prize for senior design competition, honorable mention for senior design competition, and finalist for M&T senior design competition.
- 2017: 2 capstone projects, and 3 senior design teams, including one honorable mention for senior design competition.

- 2016: 2 capstone projects, and 2 senior design teams (1st and 2nd place for CIS senior design competition)
- 2015: 2 senior design teams (honorable mention for CIS senior design competition)
- 2014: on sabbatical leave and did not supervise any teams
- 2013: 7 senior design teams (1st prize and honorable mention for CIS senior design competition)
- 2012: 3 senior design teams (3rd prize and honorable mention for CIS design competition)
- 2011: 1 senior design team (honorable mention for senior design project competition)
- 2010: 1 senior design team
- 2009: 3 senior design teams, including SIGMOD 2010 and NDSS 2010 papers, and 3rd prize for senior design project competition (project directly contributed toward a SIGCOMM 2009 demonstration.)

Undergraduate and master's student academic advising

- Number of academic advisees:
 - Spring 2022: 58 students, Fall 2021: 58 students, Spring 2021: 68 students, Fall 2020: 76 students, Spring 2020: 89 students, Fall 2019: 85 students, Spring 2019: 83 students, Fall 2018: 74 students, Spring 2018: 89 students, Fall 2017: 87 students, Spring 2017: 77 students, Fall 2016: 53 students, Spring 2016: 47 students, Fall 2015: 33 students, Spring 2015: 22 students, Fall 2014: 19 students, Spring 2014: 22 students, Fall 2013: 30 students, Spring 2013: 40 students, Fall 2012: 35 students, Spring 2012: 37 students, Fall 2012: 43 students, Spring 2011: 45 students, Fall 2010: 39 students, Spring 2010: 33 students, Fall 2009: 37 students, Spring 2009: 22 students, Fall 2008: 24 students, Spring 2008: 9 students, Fall 2007: 8 students

Dissertations /Thesis Committees

Chair of thesis committee:

- Nofel Yaseen (advisor: Vincent Liu)
- Shaanan Cohny (advisor: Jonathan M. Smith and Nadia Heninger), 2019
- Alex Marder (advisor: Jonathan M. Smith), 2019
- John Sonchack (advisor: Jonathan M. Smith), 2019
- Ang Chen (advisor: Andreas Haeberlen), 2017
- Antonis Papadimitriou (advisor: Andreas Haeberlen), 2017
- Yang Wu (advisor: Andreas Haeberlen), 2017
- Bongho Kim (advisor: Insup Lee), 2016
- Mingchen Zhao (advisor: Andreas Haeberlen), 2016
- Shaohui Wang (advisor: Insup Lee and Oleg Sokolsky), 2015
- Arjun Ravi Narayan (advisor: Andreas Haeberlen), 2015
- Jian Chang (advisor: Insup Lee and Sampath Kannan), 2013
- Svilen Mihaylov (advisor: Zachary Ives), 2012
- Adam Aviv (advisor: Jonathan M. Smith and Matt Blaze), 2012
- Nicholas Taylor (advisor: Zachary Ives), 2010
- Grigoris Karvounarakis (advisors: Zachary Ives and Val Tannen), 2009

Member of PhD. thesis committee:

- Yi Zhang (advisor: Zachary Ives)
- Yishuai Li (advisor: Benjamin Pierce)
- Omar Navarro Lejia (advisor: Joseph Devietti)
- Joel Hypolite (advisor: Jonathan M. Smith)
- Nan Zheng (advisor: Zachary Ives), 2021
- Luke Valenta (advisor: Jonathan M. Smith and Nadia Heninger), 2019
- Nikos Vasilakis (advisor: Jonathan M. Smith), 2019
- Nan Zheng, 2019.
- Yuankai Zhang (advisor: Wenchao Zhou), 2019
- Tavish Vaidya (advisor: Micah Sherr), 2018
- Christian DeLozier (advisor: Joseph Devietti), 2018
- Gaurav Shah (advisor: Matthew Blaze), 2009

- Arvind Easwaran (advisors: Insup Lee and Oleg Sokolsky), 2008

Member/chair of WPE-II (qualifying) committee:

- Xinyi Chen, 2022; Chenyuan Wu, 2021; Soonbo Han, 2021; Phillip Hilliard, 2021; Liangcheng Yu, 2021 (Chair); Edo Roth, 2019 (Chair); Omar Navarro Leija, 2019 (Chair); Haoxian Chen, 2019; Joel Hypolite, 2016 (Chair); Kyle Super, 2016 (Chair); Antonis Papadimitriou, 2016 (Chair); John Sonchack, 2014 (Chair); Yang Wu, 2014 (Chair); Nimit Singhania, 2014 ; Mingchen Zhao, 2014 (Chair); Shaohui Wang, 2012.; Zhuoyao Zhang, 2012; Jian Chang, 2011; Changbin Liu, 2009; Svilen Mihaylov, 2009 (Chair); Eric Cronin, 2009; Rafi Rubin, 2009; Karl Mazurak, 2008; Nichoas Taylor, 2008. (Chair); Gaurav Shah, 2008; Aaron Bohannon, 2008; Micah Sherr, 2007.

Master's thesis supervision:

- Sanchit Aggrawal, 2013 (advisor); Dhruv Arya, 2013 (committee member); Yuankai Zhang, 2013 (advisor); Dong Lin, 2012 (advisor); Saravana Soundararajan, 2012 (advisor); Prakashkumar Thiagarajan (committee member); Sumanth Mysore Sathyanarayana, 2012 (committee member); Geetika Vasudeo, 2011 (committee member); Ruchir Jha, 2010 (committee member).

Teaching Experience

- **CIT 595 – Computer Systems Programming** (Summer 2022, Spring 2022, Fall 2021, Summer 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Summer 2020, Spring 2020, Fall 2019)
- **CIS 548 – Operating Systems Design and Implementation** (Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2018, Spring 2017)
 - Graduate-level project intensive operating systems class
- **CIS 800 – Software Defined Data Centers** (Fall 2015)
 - Graduate-level seminar class on Software-defined Networking, Network Functions Virtualization, and virtualization techniques for storage and compute.
 - Reviewed and discussed papers from networking and systems conferences.
 - Invited guest speakers from Brocade, Comcast, and Juniper Networks.
- **PREC 712.001 Introduction to Computer Science and Entrepreneurship** (Fall 2015, Fall 2014)
 - Preceptorial seminar to Penn engineering and Wharton business school students on computer science startups.
 - Educate undergraduates interested in doing startups on fund raising, go-to-market strategy, customer discovery, and lean startup development methodologies.
- **CIS 380 Operating Systems** (Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2013, Fall 2012, Fall 2011)
 - Core advanced undergraduate in operating systems
- **CIS 505 Software Systems** (Spring 2016, Spring 2015, Spring 2011, Spring 2009, Spring 2008)
 - Core advanced undergraduate / masters level distributed systems course
- **CIS 553 / TCOM 512 Networked Systems** (Spring 2022, Spring 2013, Spring 2012, Fall 2010, Fall 2009, Fall 2008, Fall 2007)
 - Advanced undergraduate / masters level networking course
 - Course creator of on-campus version in 2007 and online version in 2022.
- **CIS 700/005 Networking meets Databases** (Spring 2007)
 - Research seminar on topics at the intersection of databases and networking.
- **CIS 800/003 Rigorous Internet Protocol Engineering** (Fall 2011)
 - Research seminar on topics at the intersection of formal methods and networking.
- **CIS 19X: Mini-courses in programming** (Fall 2009 – Fall 2013)

- Organizer of the popular CIS mini-courses in C#, C++, Haskell, Python, Unix, iPhone, Ruby-on-Rails, etc. (Fall 2009 – Fall 2013)

Coursework Development

- **CIT 595 Online: Computer Systems Programming.** This course introduces students to fundamental concepts in computing systems. The course is divided into two parts. The first 75% of the course introduces concepts in modern operating systems: processes, threads, inter-process communication, traps, interrupt-handling, scheduling, virtual memory, and file systems. The final 25% of the course provides an introduction to networked systems, the Internet, and network programming. The course will use the C program language, and will develop your knowledge on C system calls, and libraries for process/thread creation and manipulation, signal handling, and network communication. This course is offered as one of the core classes for the MCIT Online Program.
- **CIS 800: Software-defined Data Centers.** Developed a new graduate level seminar on the building blocks behind Software-defined Data Centers, in particular, recent innovations in Software-defined Networking (SDN), Network Functions Virtualization (NFV), and virtualization technologies for storage and compute. This course includes paper readings, discussions, programming assignment, and a project. The final project will use open-source SDN/NFV platforms to develop software-based automation solutions for data centers. The reading list consists of research papers from networking and systems conferences. Invited speakers from industry (Brocade, Comcast, and Juniper Networks) will brainstorm practical use cases in the industry.
URL: <http://www.cis.upenn.edu/~boonloo/cis700a-sp17/>
- **CIS 380. Operating Systems.** Required core class for our CIS undergraduates. Created a new project sequence based on *PennOS*, in which students develop a full-fledged operating system in user-space. Paper describing PennOS has been published at the ACM SIGOPS Operating Systems Review (OSR) journal. The course/instructor ratings and enrollment are the highest in the past three years (since the CIS 381 lab component was removed).
URL: <http://www.cis.upenn.edu/~cis380/>
- **CIS 505: Distributed software systems:** In Spring 2008, overhauled a required core course for advanced undergraduates and first-year graduate students. In addition to fundamentals in distributed computing, introduced contemporary topics that apply these fundamentals to large-scale data management in cloud computing platforms and data centers. For the final project, students work in teams to build a mail client/server based on the POP3 and SMTP RFC specifications, and then extend their implementations to enable fault tolerance and distribution. The project provides students with the experience of implementing systems from RFCs, and extending their implementations based on concepts they learnt in class. In Spring 2015, the projects have been evolved into a distributed chat server implementation. The head TA for the course received the outstanding teaching assistant award for 2008-2009.
URL: <http://www.cis.upenn.edu/~cis505/>
- **CIS 553 / TCOM 512: Networked systems.** Started a new advanced undergraduate / graduate level networking course in Fall 2007, cross-listed between CIS and TCOM (part of our Electrical and Systems Engineering department). In this course, students work in teams to develop routing protocols and the Chord Distributed Hash Table which they have to demonstrate working on a cluster of machines, developed using the open-source network simulator 3 (ns-3). To provide students with the valuable experience of building a system after synthesizing the concepts from a publication, students develop the Chord protocol based on the Chord SIGCOMM paper. Moreover, the Chord DHT has to work as a layer above their own routing protocol implementation, and a p2p keyword search engine has to function as a layer above their Chord implementation. A paper describing PennSearch was presented at the SIGCOMM Education workshop. To the best of our knowledge, we are one of the first (in 2010) to attempt using the ns-3 platform for course projects that span network and application-layer protocols in a large class setting. The course enrollment has grown steadily, from 34 students in Spring 2008 since the course was started, to 107 in Spring 2012.
- **CIS 700: Networking-meets-Databases.** Created new course in Spring 2007 which introduces students to current research at the intersection of databases and networking. The class was attended by several doctoral students in diverse areas of networking, databases, and security. As indication of its success, in its first offering, papers that emerged from final projects led by students have been published in security, peer-to-peer, networked data management, and mobile networking workshops, with a number of follow-up conference paper submissions.
URL: <http://www.cis.upenn.edu/~boonloo/cis700-sp07/>

- **CIS 800: Rigorous Internet Protocol Engineering.** Created a new course in Fall 2011 that introduces students to current research on the rigorous design, implementation, and analysis of network protocols. The topics covered in this course include formal mathematical models of Internet protocols, domain specific languages (declarative, functional, or logic-based) for specifying protocols with high-assurance, and verification techniques to prove correctness and security properties of protocols. Case studies are drawn traditional IP protocols, BGP policy configurations, secure BGP, transport protocols, application-layer overlay networks, and protocols developed using emerging platforms such as OpenFlow. Through these case studies, students acquire knowledge into formal modeling of protocols, and apply well-known verification techniques such as model checking and automated theorem proving into the analysis of network protocols.
URL: <http://netdb.cis.upenn.edu/cis800-fall1/>
- **CIS 19X: Undergraduate mini-course series:** Administrator for the CIS department's popular mini-courses, a series of half-credit programming courses (C++, C#, Python, and Unix/Linux) offered to undergraduates. These courses each typically have an enrollment of 30 undergraduates, and have enjoyed good course/instructor reviews. The Unix/Linux course peaks at 90 students. The courses are taught once a week, and each lecture is conducted by graduate students. These mini-courses offer a win-win situation, where graduate students get to hone and cultivate their teaching skills, while undergraduates benefit immensely from practical skills obtained from these courses. Milestones from 2010-2012 include: (1) significant increase in enrollments, (2) new courses in Haskell, iPhone programming, and Ruby on Rails, (3) engaging part-time lecturers from entrepreneurs and technical professionals in Philadelphia, (4) offerings in Fall and Spring semester, as opposed to only in the Spring semester), (5) departmental awards for several mini-course instructors and undergraduate TAs.

Press Coverage and Interviews

- Penn Engineering Online Blog – [Boon Thau Loo and Amish Patel Receive Lindback Teaching Awards](#) (Apr 6, 2022).
- The Daily Pennsylvanian – [Over 150 Penn faculty rebuke U.S. government for racial profiling of Chinese academics](#) (Feb 11, 2022).
- Penn Engineering Online Blog – [Expanding Our Reach – Introducing Scholarships](#) (Dec 8, 2021)
- Penn SEAS Blog – [The 2021 Ruth and Joel Spira Award for Excellence in Teaching: Professors Susan Davidson and Boon Thau Loo](#) (Sept 3, 2021)
- PR Newswire – [Myanmar's Frontiir acquires Termaxia, cloud storage high-tech firm in the US](#) (Mar 6, 2020)
- Online Education – [The rise of MOOC-based Master's Degrees at Elite Universities](#) (Sept 17, 2019).
- Penn Engineering Medium – [Penn Engineering announces four new scholarly chairs.](#) (Aug 29, 2019).
- Technically Philly article – [Penn is launching a 24-week cybersecurity bootcamp](#) (Aug 14, 2019).
- Penn LPS press release – [Penn LPS and Penn Engineering launch Cybersecurity bootcamp to grow Philadelphia's digital workforce](#) (Aug 7, 2019).
- Penn Engineering Online article – [Why Boon Thau Loo says that Teaching Online is an opportunity of a lifetime](#) (Jul 22, 2019).
- Coursera blog – [Stories from Penn Engineering's MCIT Alumni and Faculty](#) (July 3, 2019)
- The Daily Pennsylvanian – [Penn Engineering sub-matriculants must now complete undergraduate degree in 4 years](#) (Feb 28, 2019).
- Termaxia Medium.com – [Termaxia Powers Leading Asia ISP's Cloud-based IPTV Service](#) (Mar 2, 2019).
- Tech Target – [Storage startup Termaxia stares at clouds](#) (Jan 21, 2019).
- Penn Today – [PCI event recognizes faculty trailblazers](#) (Nov 27, 2018).
- Penn Engineering Medium.com – [Computer Science Names 2018 J.P. Eckert Master's Fellows](#) (Oct 12, 2018).
- Penn Engineering Medium.com – [Reducing Complexity to Increase Security](#) (Sept 24, 2018).
- PWCC News – [Summer Networking Event at PWCC Connects Chinese Students and Alumni](#) (Sept 11, 2018).
- Technical.ly Philly – [How I crossed the academic chasm and entered the startup life](#) (Aug 31, 2018).
- Technical.ly Philly – [Penn Engineering launches its first online-only master's program on Coursera](#) (July 25, 2018).
- Philadelphia Inquirer – [University of Pennsylvania to offer fully-online master's program in computer science](#) (July 25, 2018).
- Penn Engineering Medium.com (Apr 16, 2018) - [Taking Penn Engineering Technology to Market](#)
- Technical.ly Philly (Feb 8, 2018) - [One of StartUp PHL's original investments is finally out of stealth mode](#)
- Penn Engineering Medium.com (Feb 7, 2018) - [Penn Engineers Receive \\$6.1 Million Grant from Office of Naval Research to Reduce Software Complexity.](#)
- Ben Franklin Technology Partners (Aug 18, 2016): [Ben Franklin Approved \\$2.9M for 13 Early Stage Companies](#)
- Technical.ly Philly (July 20, 2016): [This stealth-mode company nabbed \\$100K from StartUp PHL](#)

- PIDCPhila blog (July 20, 2016): [Startup PHL initiative achieves success supporting entrepreneurs and startups in Philadelphia.](#)
- The Daily Pennsylvanian (June 13, 2016): [\\$1.9 million in government grants awarded to Penn researchers by National Science Foundation.](#)
- Penn Engineering news (05/23/2016): “Penn’s Distributed Systems Lab Receives \$3.5M to Developing Innovative Defense
- NJ Tech Weekly (07/22/15): [Juniper’s OpenLab in Bridgewater Having Worldwide Impact](#)
- Network Computing (06/01/15): [Lab Carries SDN-Based Software From Concept To Reality](#)
- The Daily Pennsylvanian article (04/07/2015): [Faculty startup raises \\$100K](#)
- City of Philadelphia press release (03/27/2015): [Mayor Nutter announces Startup PHL Angel Fund Investment in Gencore Systems](#)
- Philadelphia Business Journal (03/26/2015): [Penn startup raises \\$100K from Startup PHL Angel Fund](#)
- Technical.ly (Philly) article: [Penn startup raises \\$100K from city’s Startup PHL fund](#)
- The Daily Pennsylvanian (07/28/2014): [Penn researchers develop technology to improve computer networks](#)
- Technical.ly (Philly) article (Nov 6, 2013): [Meet one of the first faculty startups from Penn’s Comp. Sci. department](#)
- Juniper networks press release (Sept 16, 2013): [Juniper Networks launches production-ready Software-defined Networking Solution to Bring Networking into Cloud Era](#)
- Press releases on NSF Expeditions on Program Synthesis (Apr 3, 2013): Penn to Lead \$10 Million Project on Computer-assisted Programming
- Penn engineering press release (2/12/2012): Boon Thau Loo Receives AFOSR Young Investigator Award
- Press release on Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR) Young Investigator Program (11 Jan 2012): [AFOSR awards grants to 48 scientists and engineers through its Young Investigator Research Program](#)

Professional Activities

Organizational Activities:

- **Best paper award selection committee chair**, Symposium on SDN Research (SOSR), 2017.
- **Program co-chair**, 1st International Workshop on Rigorous Protocol Engineering (WRiPE), co-located with ICNP 2011.
- **Local arrangements chair**, 6th International Conference on emerging Networking EXperiments and Technologies (CoNEXT), 2010
- **Program co-chair**, 5th International Workshop on Networking meets Databases (NetDB), co-located with SOSP, 2009.
- **Program co-chair**, 4th International Conference on emerging Networking EXperiments and Technologies (CoNEXT) Student Workshop, 2008
- **Steering committee**, International Workshop on Networking-meets-Databases (NetDB).

Selected Program Committees:

- ACM SIGCOMM 2022
- ACM SIGMOD, 2011, 2012, 2017 (demo), 2018, 2020, 2022 (Associate Editor)
- ACM International Conference on emerging Networking EXperiments and Technologies (ACM CoNEXT), 2009, 2020, 2021
- 2nd ACM Symposium on Cloud Computing (SOCC), 2011, 2014, 2020.
- European Conference on Computer Systems (Eurosys), 2019.
- Asia-Pacific Workshop on Networking (APNet), 2018, 2019.
- USENIX Symposium on Networked Systems Design and Implementation (NSDI), 2017, 2018.
- 25th International Conference on Data Engineering (ICDE), 2009, 2010, 2012, 2017.
- Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM), 2017.
- 17th Privacy Preserving Technologies Symposium (PETS), 2017.
- Symposium on SDN Research (SOSR), 2016, 2017.
- Symposium on Operating Systems Design and Implementation (OSDI), 2016.
- Database Systems for Advanced Applications (DASFAA), 2014.
- Usenix Annual Technical Conference (ATC), 2013.
- 27th International Conference on Logic Programming (ICLP), 2012.
- WWW (Data and Content management track), 2012.
- ACM Symposium on Principle of Database Systems (PODS), 2012.

- ACM SIGMOD Dissertation Award, 2010.
- 34th Conference on Very Large Databases (VLDB), 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013.
- 4th Biennial Conference on Innovative Data Systems Research (CIDR), 2009, 2011.
- Conference on Computer Communications (IEEE INFOCOM), 2009.
- International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems (ICDCS) Operating Systems and Middleware track, 2007.

External Review Committee:

- Engineering for Professional division, John Hopkins University Whiting School of Engineering, 2019.

Other Activities:

- NSF grant panelist (approximately one panel a year on average)
- Ministry of Education (Singapore) Tier-2 proposal panel reviews (2017 – present)
- AI.SG (major research initiative in Singapore on artificial intelligence and machine learning) research proposal reviews (2018)
- Milken-Penn GSE Education Business Plan Competition, 2016.
- Workshop on Hot Topics in Middleboxes and Network Function Virtualization (HotMiddlebox), co-located with SIGCOMM, 2016.
- ACM CoNEXT Cloud-Assisted Networking (CAN) workshop, 2016.
- Program Committee, SIGMOD/PODS PhD Workshop, 2012.
- Program Committee, Datalog 2.0 workshop, 2012.
- Program Committee, Usenix Workshop on Hot Topics in Management of Internet, Cloud, and Enterprise Networks and Services (Hot-ICE), 2012.
- Program Committee, Off the Beaten Track (OBT): Underrepresented Problems for Programming Language Researchers (co-located with POPL), 2012.
- DARPA Information Science and Technology Study Group (ISAT) on Programming Functional Networks, 2012.
- DARPA Information Science and Technology Study Group (ISAT) on Program Synthesis, 2011.
- Program Committee, Workshop on Programmable Routers for Extensible Services of Tomorrow (PRESTO), 2010.
- Program Committee, IEEE International Symposium on Policies for Distributed Systems and Networks (POLICY), 2010.
- Program Committee, 6th International Workshop on P2P Systems (IPTPS), 2007, 2009, 2010.
- Program Committee, 3rd International Workshop on Networking meets Databases (NetDB), 2007, 2008.
- Program Committee, 2nd SIGMOD PhD Workshop on Innovative Database Research (IDAR) 2008.
- Program Committee, VLDB PhD Workshop, 2008
- Program Committee, 9th International Workshop on Web Information and Data Management (WIDM), 2007.
- NSF grant panelist, 2007 (1 panel), 2010 (1 panel), 2014 (4 panels), 2015 (6 panels), 2017 (1 panel).
- DARPA Information Science and Technology Study Group (ISAT) on Engineering Ensemble Effects, 2007.
- GENI project office proposal reviewer, 2008.
- Journal Reviewer, VLDB Journal, ACM Transactions of Programming Languages and Systems (TPLS), ACM Transactions of Parallel and Distributed Databases (TPDS), IEEE/ACM Transactions on Networking (ToN), International Journal for Information Technology (IJIT), IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering (TKDE), ACM Transaction of Computer Systems (TOCS), Distributed and Parallel Databases (Springer), ACM Transactions on Databases Systems (TODS), ...

Invited Keynotes

- **Programming Network Policies by Examples: Platform, Abstraction, and User Studies.** Invited talk at the Third Workshop on Networking and Programming Languages (NetPL), collocated with ACM SIGCOMM 2017.
- **A Declarative Perspective on Programmable Networking.** Invited keynote speaker at the Workshop on Software Defined Networking (SDN), co-located with the IEEE International Conference on Communications (ICC), 2012.
- **Recent Advances in Declarative Networking.** Invited keynote speaker at the 14th International Symposium on Practical Aspects of Declarative Languages (PADL), co-located with ACM SIGPLAN-SIGACT Symposium on Principles of Programming Languages, Jan 2012.
- **Declarative Policy-based Networking.** Invited keynote speaker at the IEEE International Symposium on Policies for Distributed Systems and Networks (POLICY), Jul 2010.

Invited Seminars

- **Declarative Programming in Software-defined Networks: Past, Present, and Future (July 2019)**
 - Chinese University of Hong Kong,
 - Hong Kong Baptist University,
 - Hong Kong Polytechnic University, and
 - Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- **Declarative Dispersion-Oriented Software.**
National University of Singapore, July 2017.
- **Data Provenance at Internet Scale: Architecture, Experiences and the Road Ahead**
Conference on Innovative Data Systems Research (CIDR), 2017.
- **Scenario-based Programming for SDN Policies.**
Nanyang Technological University, July 2016.
- **Scenario-based Programming for SDN Policies.**
National University of Singapore, July 2016.
- **Cloud: What's Next?**
Wharton Technology Conference (panel moderator), Nov 2015.
- **Scenario-based Programming for SDN Policies.**
Open Networking User Group (ONUG), Nov 2015.
- **Declarative Cloud Performance Analytics.**
2015 Informs Annual Meeting -- Big Data in the Cloud Track, Nov 2015.
- **Declarative Network Programming: Implementation, Verification and Synthesis.**
University of Pennsylvania ESE Colloquia, Sept 2015.
- **Automated Analysis and Actuation for Software Defined Infrastructure.**
Software Defined Networking Symposium for Defense and National Security, Dec 2014.
- **Data Center, Co-location, Hosted Solutions - What is Best for my Business?**
New Jersey Technical Council Data Summit and Expo (panel moderator), Dec 2014.
- **Faculty Start-Up Companies.**
Penn Center for Innovation (PCI) Seminar, Nov 2014.
- **Declarative Networking.**
Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Aug 2014.
- **Building a Start-Up in a Marketplace Ripe For Disruption.**
National University of Singapore, Aug 2014.
- **Perspectives on University Technology Transfer.**
National University of Singapore iLEAD guest lecture (held at the University of Pennsylvania), Jul 2014.
- **Declarative Networking.**
Air Force Research Laboratory, Jul 2014.
AFOSR Young Investigator Meeting, Jun 2014.
- **Innovation Process and Core Methodology.**
Comcast Innovation Summit, Sept 2013.
- **Automated Formal Analysis of Internet Routing Configurations.**
National University of Singapore, 2013.
- **Declarative Networking.** Harvard University, Fall 2012 (Invited).
- **Declarative Constraint Optimizations in Distributed Systems.** New England Database Society, Sept 2012.
- **Declarative Networking.** Temple University, Sept 2012.
- **Declarative Networking.** Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Aug 2012.
- **Declarative Networking.** Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD), Aug 2012.
- **Declarative Constraint Optimizations in Distributed Systems.** National University of Singapore, Aug 2012.
- **Declarative Constraint Optimizations in Distributed Systems.** University of California Davis, May 2012
- **Declarative Distributed Constraint Optimization Platform.** Cornell University, Apr 2012.
- **Evolving the Internet with Declarative Networking.** Carnegie Mellon University, Feb 2012.
- **Evolving the Internet with Declarative Networking.** University of Washington-Seattle, Oct 2011.
- **Evolving the Internet with Declarative Networking.** University of California Berkeley, Sept 2011.
- **Evolving the Internet with Declarative Networking.** Rutgers University, Sept 2011.

- **Declarative Secure Distributed Systems.** Singapore Management University, Jul 2011.
- **Declarative Networking: Present and Future.** National University of Singapore, Jul 2011.
- **Secure Time-aware Provenance for Distributed Systems.** Advanced Digital Sciences Center, Singapore, Jun 2011.
- **Declarative Networking: Present and Future.** Advanced Digital Sciences Center, Singapore, Jun 2011.
- **Declarative Secure Distributed Systems.** University of California San Diego Database Seminar, Dec 2010.
- **Declarative Policy-based Networking.** NEC Labs Princeton, Aug 2010.
- **Declarative Policy-based Networking.** Keynote speaker at IEEE POLICY, Jul 2010,
- **Declarative Networking.** Lockheed Martin Advanced Technologies Laboratory (ATL), Apr 2010.
- **Declarative Secure Distributed Systems.** Stanford University, Security seminar, March 2010.
- **Declarative Techniques for Secure Network Routing.** DIMACS Workshop on Secure Routing, Rutgers University, March 2010.
- **Declarative Networking.** Telcordia Technologies, Mar 2010.
- **Datalog and Its Application to Network Routing Design.** Princeton University Research Seminar on *Formal Methods in Networking*, Feb 2010.
- **DS2: Declarative Secure Distributed Systems.** University of California-Berkeley Database Seminar, Dec 2009.
- **Applying PL and Database Techniques to Networking.** DIMACS Workshop on Designing Networks for Manageability, Rutgers University, Nov 2009.
- **DS2: Declarative Secure Distributed Systems.** University of Waterloo Database seminar, June 2009.
- **Declarative DSL: A Declarative Networking Perspective.** Panelist, ICDE 2008 panel on Declarative domain-specific languages.
- **Boon Thau Loo Speaks Out.** ACM SIGMOD Record (Sept 2007 edition)
- **The Design and Implementation of Declarative Networks.** AT&T Labs Research, New Jersey, Jul 2007.
- **The Design and Implementation of Declarative Networks.** National University of Singapore, June 2007.
- **The Design and Implementation of Declarative Networks.** ACM SIGMOD dissertation award presentation, Beijing, China, Jun 2007.
- **The Design and Implementation of Declarative Networks.** AT&T Labs Research, New Jersey, Jul 2007. BBN Technologies, Boston, Apr 2007.
- **Declarative Networking: Extensible Networks with Declarative Queries.** UC Santa Cruz Database Seminar, June 2006.
- **Declarative Networking: Extensible Networks with Declarative Queries.** Academic Job Talk, [Yale University, California Institute of Technology, University of Pennsylvania, University of Toronto, IBM Almaden, Cornell University, Microsoft Research Silicon Valley, Duke University, University of Texas-Austin, ETH Zurich, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, University of California at Los Angeles], Feb-Apr 2006

Books

- **Logic, Language, and Security: Essays Dedicated to Andre Scedrov on the Occasion of His 65th Birthday**, Edited by Vivek Nigam, Tanjanan Ban Kirigin, Carolyn Talcott, Joshua Guttman, Stepan Kuznetsov, Boon Thau Loo, and Mitsuhiro Okada, Lecture Notes in Computer Science, 12300, Springer International Publishing, Oct 2020.
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