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Current Appointments

Senior Associate Dean for Graduate Education and Global Initiatives, School of Engineering and Applied Science, University of Pennsylvania. Oversee all graduate and professional educational initiatives, including doctoral programs, on-campus and online professional master's programs, global initiatives, engineering entrepreneurship education, and professional development at all levels.	07/2024 - present
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 – 06/2024
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).	2000

GPA: 4.0 / 4.0

University of California at Berkeley
B.S. (Highest Honors) Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.
GPA: 4.0 / 4.0
9 A+s in technical courses (computer science, engineering, mathematics, and physical science)

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University Services and Leadership

- Senior Associate Dean for Graduate Education and Global Initiatives (07/2024 – present)
 - Oversee all graduate and professional educational initiatives, including doctoral programs, on-campus and online professional master's programs (5000 students), global initiatives, engineering entrepreneurship, and professional development at all levels. Oversees the academic operations of three offices (Office of Academic Services, Penn Engineering Online, Engineering Entrepreneurship) of approximately 50 staff members in total.
- Associate Dean of Graduate Programs (01/2018 - 06/2024)
 - Oversees all Ph.D. programs and master's programs in Penn Engineering, consisting of 900+ doctoral students, and approximately 4000 master's students. Oversees the academic operations of two offices of approximately 50 staff members in total.
- Master's Chair in the Computer and Information Science department (07/2015 – 12/2017)
 - As CIS Master's chair, oversees all CIS-affiliated master's program (Master of Computer and Information Technology, Computer and Information Science, Embedded Systems, Robotics, and Computer Graphics and Game Technology).
- University and school committees:
 - Penn Medicine Strategic Planning Committee (2023)
 - Penn School of Dental Medicine Master of Science in Oral Biology (MSBO) external reviewer (2023)
 - Teaching and research faculty policy reevaluation committee (2015). Outcome: the creation of Professor of Practice teaching track at Penn Engineering
- Curriculum steering committee:
 - Computer Engineering (CMPE) curriculum steering committee (2014 - present)
 - Jerome Fisher M&T Academic Steering Committee (2018 -)
- Organizer of Penn Engineering virtual research seminar in collaboration with Penn Wharton China Center on emerging research technologies, featuring engineering faculty (2022). Seminar attracted ~2000 audience per virtual event.
- Inter-school search committees:
 - Chair, Professor of Practice in Entrepreneurship Search (2024): hiring of Prof. of Practice Dr. Brian Halak
 - Professor of Practice in Entrepreneurship Search (2017): hiring of Prof. of Practice Dr. Vanessa Chan
 - Jerome Fisher M&T Director Hiring (2016) - hiring of Prof. Gad Allon as M&T Director
- Student entrepreneurship:
 - Faculty adviser to Jerome Fisher M&T Innovation Fund for Penn student-led startups (2015 - 2020)
 - Mentor for the National University of Singapore (NUS) College in Bio Valley, an undergraduate work-study exchange program between Penn Engineering and NUS. Promotes startups and entrepreneurship by getting undergraduates to experience first-hand on working in a startup while taking classes at Penn (2008 - 2013)

Key Highlights as Senior Associate Dean (2018 – today)

- **Graduate student growth, revenue generation, and research expansion.** Under my leadership, the professional master's programs at Penn Engineering grew from 1300 (2018) to approximately 5000 students (2024). Ph.D. student population grew from 600+ (2019) to close to 1000 (2024). Professional master's revenue growth supported several research and educational initiatives at Penn Engineering.
- **Engineering school-wide curriculum and academic innovations.** I led the conceptualization and creation of the following programs:
 - **Accelerated master's programs** for Penn undergrads, earning a Penn Engineering master's degree alongside the undergraduate degree.
 - **MCIT Online:** first online master's program in computer science among Ivy League universities, targeting learners with no computer science background.
 - **MSE-DS Online:** Data science online master's program, an interdisciplinary program involving Computer Science and Electrical and Systems Engineering faculty.

- **MSE-AI Online:** first online master's program in Artificial Intelligence among Ivy League universities, targeting learners with computer science background.
- **Academic field studies:** Program that allows 2nd-year master's students to do a 6-month internship in the industry as part of their training.
- **Professional development graduate course:** master's level course taken by 300+ professional master's students annually across all master's programs, where students learn about job search strategies, entrepreneurship, and exposure to research opportunities.
- **Online graduate certificate programs** in software fundamentals, data science, artificial intelligence, and software systems.
- **GSE – Penn Engineering dual online master's degree:** dual master's degree between the Graduate School of Education (GSE) Master's in Learning Analytics and Artificial Intelligence, and Penn Engineering's MCIT Online program. First inter-school dual online master's degree at Penn.
- **Combined master's / certificate online credentials:** Graduate Certificate in Computer Science Fundamentals for Perelman School of Medicine Health Care Innovation Master's Students, and Graduate Certificate in Health Care and Technology for MCIT Online students.
- **Alumni engagements and development funds stewardship.**
 - Regularly headline alumni events for Penn Engineering at various venues (SF Bay Area, Seattle, Beijing, Shanghai, Singapore, Shenzhen, Toronto, etc.) and at company sites (Amazon, Apple, Google, Microsoft).
 - Worked with the business office and development office to consolidate several development funds to provide scholarships for Ph.D. students, meet donors, and provide stewardship to several donor fellowships for graduate students.
 - Frequently interact with Penn Engineering Board of Advisers, Penn Engineering Online Board of Advisers, Penn Engineering Technology Innovation and Entrepreneurship Board, and the Penn Engineering Technology Advisory Board.
- **Stakeholder engagements.** I regularly interact with various stakeholders across the university and within the engineering school. These include:
 - **School leadership.** Regularly chairs the Graduate Administrative Committee (GAC), consisting of 6 graduate group chairs, and the Master's Administrative (MAC) Committee consisting of 17 master's program directors. Committee works involves determining all graduate policies and operations in our graduate programs.
 - **Graduate student leadership.** Regularly chair the Dean's Doctoral Advisory boards and the Engineering Master's Advisory Board (EMAB) to provide student representatives to shape school policies for graduate students.
 - **Liaison to university leadership.** Serves on the Council of Graduate Deans and Council of Professional Master's Deans, working with Vice-provost of Education on shaping university wide graduate policies and operations.
 - **Academic school staff management.** Manages a team of 20 staff in the Office of Academic Service (OAS) which handles all administrative affairs and admissions for graduate students in Penn Engineering and oversees around 30+ staff members in the Office of Graduate and Professional Education, and the Office of Learning Design and Technology. Manages the Director of Technology Innovation and Entrepreneurship, work with Engineering Entrepreneurship faculty members to define the strategic vision, and operationalize and direct Penn Engineering's technological innovation and entrepreneurship initiatives. In total, there are 50+ staff members under my purview.
 - **Faculty department chair duties.** Recruited over 30 Penn faculty members from across the engineering school, business school, school of medicine and industry to teach in the online master's programs as overload teaching. Serves the role of department chair, overseeing program directors, hiring and retention of faculty, rostering and oversight on course quality.
 - **Faculty search committee chair.** Led in 2024 a school-wide search committee to screen and interview candidates for Professor of Practice in Innovation and Entrepreneurship, in collaboration with departments. The search resulted in the hiring of Professor of Practice Brian Halak and part-time lecturers Liz Golden and Steven Weiner
- **Global Initiatives**
 - Developed new partnerships and strengthened existing collaborations with ShanghaiTech University, VinUniversity, Plaksha University, and Ashoka University to support educational initiatives such as 4+1 BS-to-Accelerated Master's programs.
- **Student well-being.**
 - Created the bridge master's-to-PhD program as a pathway program for outstanding master's students who have overcome adversity and/or lack of opportunity to a Ph.D. program.
 - Launched the Dean's Doctoral fellowship, and the Dean's Master's scholarships aimed at recruiting students who have overcome adversity and/or lack of opportunity into our graduate programs.
 - Hire a director of Graduate Student programming to support struggling graduate students aimed at improving academic outcomes and retention.
 - Launched graduate students' awards program to recognize outstanding master's and Ph.D. students.
 - Created research support plan to improve retention for Ph.D. students struggling with research.

- Engaged external wellness consultant to hold wellness workshops and support group discussions for all engineering Ph.D. students.
- Record growth in graduate students' recruitment and matriculation under my leadership.

Research Overview

At NetDB research group at Penn, I lead a team that employs data-centric techniques and formal methods to design, analyze, and implement distributed systems. Our work spans various areas of computer science, including databases, networking, security, operating systems, programming languages, and formal methods. We have received several best papers at prominent conferences like USENIX NSDI, IEEE ICDE, EDBT, ACM HPDC, and ACM ICAC. Our research is supported by the National Science Foundation (CISE IIS/CNS/CCF/TC, SBIR) and the Department of Defense. I co-founded two companies: Netsil, which was acquired by Nutanix, and Termasia, acquired by Frontiir Inc. Over the years, I have supervised 17 Ph.D. students, 3 postdoctoral researchers, and numerous undergraduate and master's students. My former students and postdocs have gone on to successful careers, including three who received tenure at Georgetown University and Temple University, five who are tenure-track assistant professors at the University of Toronto, Stony Brook University, Illinois Institute of Technology, Shanghai Tech University, City University of Hong Kong, and several who have received prestigious dissertation awards.

Research Funding

- **NSF IIS-2436080: EAGER: Synthesizing and Optimizing Declarative Smart Contracts**, (PI: Boon Thau Loo), \$150K, 01/01/2025-12/31/2025
- **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.
- **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.
- **Dynamic Cost-Performance Optimizations in Multipath Video Delivery**. Google Research Award, \$73,500, 2016.
- AT&T Labs-Research University Gift, \$25K, 2014.
- **NeTS: Medium: Collaborative Research: Diagnosing Datacenter Networks with Quantitative Provenance**, co-PI with Andreas Haeberlen and Linh Phan, \$900K, 2017 – 2023.
- **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, 2018-2023.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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, collaboration 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 Composible 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

- International Student Advocate of the Year (ISAY), presented by the University of Pennsylvania International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS), 2024.
- Outstanding paper award, 21st USENIX Symposium on Networked Systems Design and Implementation (NSDI '24)
- IEEE Senior Member, 2023
- 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. Sakrisson 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)
- Outstanding paper award, 21st USENIX Symposium on Networked Systems Design and Implementation (NSDI '24) – Chenyuan Wu
- Best paper award, 23rd International Conference on Extending Database Technology (EDBT), 2020 - Hui Lyu
- Runner-up award, ACM SIGCOMM 2020 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 Leadership

- Termaxia (10/2015 – 4/2020)
 - Founding Chief Scientist of exabyte-scale data storage platform company
 - 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 (4/2020 – present)**
- Gencore/Netsil Inc. (5/2013 – 3/2018)
 - Founding CEO and later, transitioned to Lead Scientist role on a cloud-based microservices analytics company, commercializing research (2007-2013) on declarative network analytics
 - Received National Science Foundation Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) funding as PI, seed round from City of Philadelphia (Startup PHL), angels and Series A institutional investors.
 - **Acquired by Nutanix Inc. in March 2018 for US\$74M**

Students and post-docs

Graduated Ph.D. Students and Postdocs

1. Dr. Chenyuan Wu

Assistant Professor at City University of Hong Kong (2025)

Thesis: AI-driven Adaptive Distributed Systems in Untrusted Environments, Dec 2024

2. Mohammad Java Amiri (postdoc from University of California at Santa Barbara)

Assistant Professor at Stony Brook University (2023)

3. Dr. Haoxian Chen

Assistant Professor at ShanghaiTech University (2023)

Thesis: Program Synthesis for Declarative Systems, Feb 2023

4. Dr. Qizhen Zhang (with Vincent Liu)

Assistant Professor at University of Toronto (2023)

- Microsoft Research postdoc (2022)
 Thesis: Hyperscale Data Processing with Network-centric Designs, Aug 2022
Morris and Dorothy Rubinoff Award for best computer science dissertation at the University of Pennsylvania
5. **Dr. Lei Shi (with Rajeev Alur)**
 Huawei (2022)
 Thesis: Practical Network Programming Automation, May 2022
 6. **Nicholai Sultana (postdoc from Cambridge University)**
 Assistant Professor at Illinois Institute of Technology (2021)
 7. **Max Demoulin (co-advise with Linh Phan)**
 Senior software engineer at Astronomer
 Early employee at DBOS Inc.
 Thesis: Service Boosters: Library Operating Systems for the Data Center, May 2022
 8. **Behnaz Arzani (co-advise with Roch Guerin).**
 First employment: Post-doctoral researcher at Microsoft Research (2017)
 Currently Principal Researcher at Microsoft Research
 Thesis: Improving Network Performance Through Endpoint Diagnostics and Multipath Communications, 2017
Morris and Dorothy Rubinoff Award for best computer science dissertation at the University of Pennsylvania
 9. **Chen Chen (co-advise with Limin Jia).**
 Researcher at Megagon Labs
 Thesis: Unifying Static and Runtime Analysis in Declarative Distributed Systems, 2017.
 10. **Yang Li (co-advise with Sanjeev Khanna).**
 Software engineer at Meta
 Thesis: Computing with Distributed Information, May 2017.
 11. **Yifei Yuan (co-advise 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.
 12. **Mengmeng Liu (co-advise with Zachary Ives)**
 Senior engineering manager at WalmartLabs
 Thesis: Incremental Processing and Optimization of Update Streams, May 2016.
 13. **Dong Lin**
 First employment as Software engineer at LinkedIn. Currently at Alibaba (2021).
 Thesis: Scalable Anonymous Group Communication, May 2015.
 14. **Alex Gurney (postdoc)**
 First employment: Senior software engineer at Comcast, 2014. Currently at WebFlow (2021)
 15. **Zhuoyao Zhang (co-advise 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
 16. **Anduo Wang (co-advise with Andre Scedrov)**
 Post-doctoral researcher at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (2013-2016)
 Tenured Associate Professor at Temple University (2023)
 Tenure-track Assistant Professor at Temple University (2016)
 Thesis: Automated Formal Analysis of Internet Routing Systems, Aug 2013.
 17. **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
 18. **Changbin Liu**
 First employment: AT&T Labs Research (2012-2015)
 Founding CEO/CTO of Termixia (acquired by Frontiir Inc.) (2015 – 2020)
 VP Engineering of Frontiir Inc. (2020)
 Thesis: Transactional Automated Cloud Resource Orchestration, Aug 2012
 19. **Micah Sherr (co-advise 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
 20. **Yun Mao (co-advise with Jonathan M. Smith)**
 AT&T Labs Research (2008-2012), Meta (2012)
 Thesis: A Unified Data-centric Approach towards an Extensible Internet Architecture, Aug 2008.

Current PhD Students:

- Alyssa Hwang (6th year) – graduating Dec 2025
- Zhen Ping Khor (1st year)
- Lan Lu (4rd year)
- Tao Luo (5th year)
- Bhavana Mehta (6th year) – graduating Dec 2025
- Heena Nagda (4th year) – graduating Oct 2025
- Gerald Whitters (5th year, Ashton and GEM Fellow)

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

- **2025** Zhenping Khor (Penn CIS PhD)
- **2024** Neelesh C A, Prashanth S Iyer, Zhenping Khor, and Brendan Massey.
- **2022** Shubhendra Pal Singhal (Georgia Tech Ph.D. student)
- **2021** Stephen Carrasquillo (Extron), Heena Nagda (Penn PhD student), Rakesh Nagda (Amazon), Saket Saket (6sense), Junyong Zhao (University of Arizona)
- **2020** Shivani Burad (Apple), Nishanth Shyamkumar (Frontiir Inc.), Henry Zhu (Amazon), Garvit Khandelwal (Microsoft), Manqiu Zhang (Amazon), Ritika Gupta (Meta), Ritvik Sadana (Qualcom), Hui Lyu (PwC Beijing)
- **2019** Nishant Prabhu (Nutanix), Deepika Vasudevan (Amazon), Shilpi Bose (VMware)
- **2018:** Akash Acharya, Shilpi Bose, Anirudh Chelluri (Meta), 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:

- Haoyun Qin (current student). CRA Outstanding Undergraduate Award honorable mention. 2005 John Grist Brainerd Award winner. Co-author of VLDB 2024 paper.(BSc. 2025 expected)
- Jared Asch (BSc. 2023) : Co-author of VLDB 2022 paper. CIS appreciation award.
- Andrew Zhao (BSc. 2023): Co-author of IEEE/ACM Transactions on Networking (ToN), 2022. CIS appreciation award. Currently Princeton University as Ph.D. student.
- Zhilei Zheng (BSc. + MSc. 2021): Co-autho of ACSAC 2022 and SIGMOD 2022 paper. 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). Co-author of SIGMOD 2019 paper. Ph.D. program in Computer Science at Stanford University (2019).
- Meryem Essaidi (BSc. 2016). Co-author of CIKM 2017 paper. 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.)
- 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). First author of NDSS 2010 paper_Ph.D. program in Computer Science at Harvard University (2009)
- William Marczak (B.Sc. 2009). First-author of SIGMOD 2010 and NDSS 2010 papers. 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 mentored

- 2023: 7 senior design teams (one winner of CS Impact award and one winner for Societal Impact award. One team chosen to represent CIS in school-wide competition)
- 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, finalist for M&T senior design competition, and runner-up for school-wide 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. Runner-up for school-wide 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 student academic advising

- As a faculty adviser, I primarily focus on advising undergraduate M&T students majoring in Wharton and Computer Science, and our Computer Engineering program. I am passionate about undergraduate advising, and take on many undergrad advisees, ranging round 40-60 students annually.

Dissertations /Thesis Committees

Chair of thesis committee:

- Xinyi Chen (advisor: Vincent Liu), 2025
- Liangcheng Yu (advisor: Vincent Liu), 2024
- Kelly Shiptoski (advisor: Joseph Devietti), 2022
- Nofel Yaseen (advisor: Vincent Liu), 2022
- 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:

- Nick Rioux (advisor: Steve Zdancewic), 2025
- Kelvin Ng (advisor: Vincent Liu), 2025
- Haoran Zhang (advisor: Sebastian Angel and Vincent Liu), 2024
- Serene Assi (advisor: Robert Mauck), 2024
- Ziliang Lai (advisor: Eric Lo from Chinese University of Hong Kong), 2023 – external committee member
- Jiachi Zhang (advisor: Wenchao Zhou from Georgetown University), 2023 – external committee member
- Yuanlong Xiao (advisor: Andre Dehon), 2023
- Jialiang Zhang (advisor: Jing Li), 2023
- Pardis Pashakhanloo (advisor: Mayur Naik), 2022
- Yi Zhang (advisor: Zachary Ives), 2022
- Yishuai Li (advisor: Benjamin Pierce), 2022
- Omar Navarro Leija (advisor: Joseph Devietti), 2022
- Joel Hypolite (advisor: Jonathan M. Smith), 2022
- Nan Zheng (advisor: Zachary Ives), 2021
- Bai Ran (advisor: Eric Lo from Hong Kong Polytechnic University), 2019 – external committee member
- Luke Valenta (advisor: Jonathan M. Smith and Nadia Heninger), 2019
- Nikos Vasilakis (advisor: Jonathan M. Smith), 2019
- Nan Zheng (advisor: Zachary Ives), 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 (research qualifier) committee:

- Karan Newatia, 2025 (Chair), Peizhi Wu, 2025 (Chair); Lan Lu, 2024; Yifan Cai, 2024; Bhavana Mehta, 2023; Gerald Whitters, 2023; Heena Nagda, 2023; Zhilei Zheng, 2023; Liangcheng Yu, 2022; 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 Singhanian, 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; Nicholas 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

- **CIS 4000 / 4010 – Senior Design** (Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2023)

- Average teaching evaluations for CIS 4000: 3.26/4 (course), 3.65/4 (instructor)
- Average teaching evaluations for CIS 4010: 3.37/4 (course), 3.74/4 (instructor)
- **CIT 5950 Online – Computer Systems Programming** (Summer 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Summer 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Summer 2023, Spring 2023, Summer 2022, Spring 2022, Fall 2021, Summer 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Summer 2020, Spring 2020, Fall 2019)
 - Average teaching evaluations: 2.90/4 (course), 3.31/4 (instructor)
- **CIS 5530 / TCOM 5120 Networked Systems** (Summer 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024, Summer 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Summer 2023, Fall 2022, Spring 2022, Spring 2013, Spring 2012, Fall 2010, Fall 2009, Fall 2008, Fall 2007)
 - Advanced undergraduate / master's level networking course
 - Course creator of on-campus version in 2007 and online version in 2022.
 - Average teaching evaluations: 3.12/4 (course), 3.25/4 (instructor)
- **CIS 5480 – Operating Systems Design and Implementation** (Spring 2023, Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2018, Spring 2017)
 - Graduate-level project intensive operating systems class
 - Average teaching evaluations: 3.47/4 (course), 3.58/4 (instructor)
- **CIS 3800 Operating Systems** (Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Fall 2013, Fall 2012, Fall 2011)
 - Required undergraduate junior/senior course in operating systems
 - Average teaching evaluations: 2.98/4 (course), 3.16/4 (instructor)
- **CIS 5050 Software Systems** (Spring 2016, Spring 2015, Spring 2011, Spring 2009, Spring 2008)
 - Core advanced undergraduate / master's level distributed systems course
- **CIS 8000 – 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 7000/005 Networking meets Databases** (Spring 2007)
 - Research seminar on topics at the intersection of databases and networking.
- **CIS 8000/003 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

URL: <https://boonloo.cis.upenn.edu/about/teaching/>

- **CIT 5950 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 8000: 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.
- **CIS 3800: 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).
- **CIS 5050: 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 5530 / TCOM 5120: 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. A new version of this course is developed for the MCIT Online program in 2022.
- **CIS 7000: 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 a wide range of areas including 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.
- **CIS 8000: 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.
- **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

- [Technically Philly article – Penn dean is a startup founder and ‘engineer at heart’ who loves the connection between education and business](#) (Oct 3, 2024).
- [University of Pennsylvania Almanac – Penn’s Ivy Plus Provost Leadership Fellows](#) (Sept 17, 2024).
- [Penn Engineering Blog - Innovation in Action: Penn Engineering’s 2024 Senior Design Project Competition](#) (July 18, 2024)
- [Penn Engineering Online Blog - Boon Thau Loo: Senior Associate Dean for Education and Global Initiatives](#) (Jul 2, 2024).
- [Penn Engineering GRASP Blog - The 2024 SEAS Graduate Awards Ceremony Shines a Spotlight on GRASP Student Achievements](#) (May 28, 2024)
- [Wharton Business Daily podcast - UPenn Impact of Tech/AI in the online/digital learning landscape](#) (May 2024)
- [Penn Engineering Blog – Opening Doors and Changing Lives: Five Years of Penn Engineering Online Master’s Degrees](#) (March 25, 2024).
- [Penn Engineering Graduate Education Blog – The University of Pennsylvania hosts 2023 DEEPenn STEM Event](#) (Nov 6, 2023)
- [Penn Engineering Graduate Admissions Blog – Penn Engineering Celebrates Annual Meyerhoff Day](#) (June 21, 2023)
- [Penn CIS Blog – DSL and SIG lab Renovations: Out with the Old, In with the New](#) (Oct 6, 2022)
- [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 Termoxia, 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).
- [Penn Today – A cybersecurity boot camp to grow Philadelphia’s digital workforce](#) (Aug 23, 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).
- [Termoxia Medium.com – Termoxia Powers Leading Asia ISP’s Cloud-based IPTV Service](#) (Mar 2, 2019).
- [Tech Target – Storage startup Termoxia 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).
- [University of Pennsylvania Almanac – SEAS Team: Naval Research Grant](#) (Oct 16, 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 - Taking Penn Engineering Technology to Market](#) (Apr 16, 2018)
- [Technical.ly Philly - One of StartUp PHL’s original investments is finally out of stealth mode](#) (Feb 8, 2018)

- Penn Engineering Medium.com - Penn Engineers Receive \$6.1 Million Grant from Office of Naval Research to Reduce Software Complexity (Feb 7, 2018)
- Ben Franklin Technology Partners - Ben Franklin Approved \$2.9M for 13 Early Stage Companies (Aug 18, 2016)
- Technical.ly Philly - This stealth-mode company nabbed \$100K from StartUp PHL (July 20, 2016):
- PIDCPhila blog - Startup PHL initiative achieves success supporting entrepreneurs and startups in Philadelphia (July 20, 2016)
- The Daily Pennsylvanian - \$1.9 million in government grants awarded to Penn researchers by National Science Foundation (June 13, 2016).
- Penn Engineering news - Penn's Distributed Systems Lab Receives \$3.5M to Developing Innovative Defense (05/23/2016)
- NJ Tech Weekly - Juniper's OpenLab in Bridgewater Having Worldwide Impact (07/22/15).
- Network Computing - Lab Carries SDN-Based Software From Concept To Reality (06/01/15).
- The Daily Pennsylvanian article - Faculty startup raises \$100K (04/07/2015).
- Technical.ly (Philly) article: Penn startup raises \$100K from city's Startup PHL fund (03/27/2015).
- City of Philadelphia press release - Mayor Nutter announces Startup PHL Angel Fund Investment in Gencore Systems (03/27/2015).
- Philadelphia Business Journal - Penn startup raises \$100K from Startup PHL Angel Fund (03/26/2015).
- The Daily Pennsylvanian - Penn researchers develop technology to improve computer networks (07/28/2014).
- Technical.ly (Philly) article - Meet one of the first faculty startups from Penn's Comp. Sci. department (Nov 6, 2013).
- Juniper networks press release - Juniper Networks launches production-ready Software-defined Networking Solution to Bring Networking into Cloud Era (Sept 16, 2013).
- Press releases on NSF Expeditions on Program Synthesis - Penn to Lead \$10 Million Project on Computer-assisted Programming (Apr 3, 2013).
- Technical.ly Philly - A Penn startup gets a \$150,000 National Science Foundation grant (Dec 4, 2013)
- Penn Current - Penn engineers participate in two \$10 million projects (Apr 5, 2013).
- Technical.ly Philly - ExCAPE: Penn researchers will lead 5 yr, \$10M project to program with talking computers (April 12, 2012).
- Penn engineering press release - Boon Thau Loo Receives AFOSR Young Investigator Award (2/12/2012).
- Press release on Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR) Young Investigator Program - AFOSR awards grants to 48 scientists and engineers through its Young Investigator Research Program (11 Jan 2012).

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), 2009-2011

Selected Program Committees:

- ACM SIGMOD, 2011, 2012, 2017 (demo), 2018, 2020, 2022 (Associate Editor), 2025 (Associate Editor)
- ACM SIGCOMM 2022
- 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.

Funding Review Panels:

- Ministry of Education (Singapore) Tier-3 proposal whitepaper review, 2024
- Singapore Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR) Advanced Manufacturing Engineering – Programmatic (AME Programmatic) funding initiative review panel, Jan 2023.
- USA National Science Foundation panelist (approximately 1 panel a year on average). Participated in several program reviews including CISE (CNS, CRS, NETS, SATC, FMitF), NRT, SBIR, etc.
- Ministry of Education (Singapore) Tier-2 proposal panel reviews (2017 – present). Twice a year review panels to determine research proposals for funding in Singapore

Other Activities:

- Ivy Plus Provost Fellows program, 2024-2025
- 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.
- DARPA Information Science and Technology Study Group (ISAT) on Engineering Ensemble Effects, 2007.
- GENI project office proposal reviewer, 2008.
- Journal Reviewer: reviewer of several journals including 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

- **Transforming Learning: The Story of Penn Engineering Online.** Provost's Conversation on Online Learning (PCoOL), Columbia University, Jan 2025
- **Towards Full-Stack Adaptivity in Permissioned Blockchain Systems.** Institute of Infocom Research Singapore, Nanyang Technological University, National University of Singapore, Aug 2024
- **Towards Full-Stack Adaptivity in Permissioned Blockchain Systems.** University of California, Irvine, Oct 2023
- **Towards Full-Stack Adaptivity in Permissioned Blockchain Systems.** University of Delaware, Sept 2023
- **Towards Full-Stack Adaptivity in Permissioned Blockchain Systems.** Shanghai Tech University, Sept 2023
- **Declarative Programming in Software-defined Networks: Past, Present, and Future.** Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, and Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Jul 2019.
- **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.** National University of Singapore, Nanyang Technological University, 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

Invited Panels

- **Penn China Engagement Forum (Jan 2024).** Participated in a panel with Deans from Graduate School of Education, Wharton, and Weitzman School of Design on academic collaborations and engagement with China.
- **Penn Global / GSE conference on the Future of Global Higher Education (Mar 2023).** Participated in a panel on future research collaborations.

- **Penn and Mellon Fellows Leadership panel (Feb 2023).** Participated in a panel with two other Associate Deans, discussing leadership roles at the University with Penn and Mellon Fellows.

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.
- **Datalog and Recursive Query Processing.**
Todd J. Green, Shan Shan Huang, Boon Thau Loo, and Wenchao Zhou.
Foundations and Trends in Databases, Nov, 2013.
- **Declarative Networking.**
Boon Thau Loo, and Wenchao Zhou.
Morgan & Claypool's Synthesis Lectures on Data Management, 2012.

Journal Publications

- **Towards Truly Adaptive Byzantine Fault-Tolerant Consensus.** Chenyuan Wu, Haoyun Qin, Mohammad Javad Amiri, Boon Thau Loo, Dahlia Malkhi, and Ryan Marcus. ACM SIGOPS Operating Systems Review, Volume 58, Issue 1, 2024.
- **Synthesizing Formal Network Specifications from Input-Output Examples.**
Haoxian Chen, Chenyuan Wu, Andrew Zhao, Mukund Raghothaman, Mayur Naik, and Boon Thau Loo.
IEEE/ACM Transactions on Networking (ToN), Sept 2022.
- **The Use of Crowdfunding and Social Media Platforms in Strategic Start-up Communication: A Big-data Analysis.**
Sun-Young Park and Boon Thau Loo.
International Journal of Strategic Communication 16 (2), 313-331, Mar 2022
- **NetEgg: A Scenario-based Programming Toolkit for SDN Policies.**
Yifei Yuan, Dong Lin, Anil Siri, Harsh Verma, Anirudh Chelluri, Rajeev Alur, and Boon Thau Loo.
ACM/IEEE Transactions on Networking (ToN), 2018.
- **Data Center Diagnostics with Network Provenance**^{[1][SEP]}
Ang Chen, Chen Chen, Lay Kuan Loh, Yang Wu, Andreas Haeberlen, Limin Jia, Boon Thau Loo, Wenchao Zhou.^{[1][SEP]} IEEE Data Eng. Bull. 41(1): 74-85 (2018)
- **Scalable and Anonymous Group Communication with MTor**
Dong Lin, Micah Sherr, and Boon Thau Loo.
Proceedings on Privacy Enhancing Technologies (PoPETS), 2016
- **A Program Logic for Verifying Secure Routing Protocols.**
Chen Chen, Limin Jia, Hao Xu, Cheng Luo, Wenchao Zhou, and Boon Thau Loo.
Logical Methods in Computer Science Journal, 2015.
- **Exploiting Cloud Heterogeneity to Optimize Performance and Cost of MapReduce Processing.**
Zhuoyao Zhang, Lucy Cherkasova, and Boon Thau Loo.
ACM SIGMETRICS Performance Evaluation Review, (PER), Special Issue on Performance and Resource Management in Big Data Applications, March, 2015, Pages 38-50.
- **Private and Verifiable Interdomain Routing Decisions.**
Mingchen Zhao, Wenchao Zhou, Alexander J. T. Gurney, Andreas Haeberlen, Micah Sherr, and Boon Thau Loo
IEEE/ACM Transactions on Networking (ToN), 2014, Pages 383-394.
- **A Brief Overview of the NEBULA Future Internet Architecture.**
The Nebula FIA team.
ACM SIGCOMM Computer Communication Review, 2014, Pages 81-86.
- **Declarative Platform for High-Performance Network Traffic Analytics.**
Harjot Gill, Dong Lin, Cam Nguyen, Tanveer Gill, and Boon Thau Loo.
Cluster Computing journal, 2014, Pages 1121-1137.
Special Issue on selected best papers of HPDC 2013.
- **Parameterizable Benchmarking Framework for Designing a MapReduce Performance Model.**
Zhuoyao Zhang, Ludmila Cherkasova, and Boon Thau Loo.
Concurrency and Computation: Practice and Experience journal, 2014, Pages 2005-2026. ICPE 2013 special issue.

- **PUMA: Policy-based Unified Multi-radio Architecture for Agile Mesh Networking.**
Changbin Liu, Ricardo Correa, Harjot Gill, Tanveer Gill, Xiaozhou Li, Shivkumar Muthukumar, Taher Saeed, Boon Thau Loo, and Prithwish Basu.
IEEE/ACM Transactions on Networking (ToN), 2013, Pages 1897-1910,
- **The Design and Implementation of the A3 Application-Aware Anonymity Platform.**
Micah Sherr, Harjot Gill, Taher Aquil Saeed, Andrew Mao, William R. Marczak, Saravana Soundararajan, Wenchao Zhou, Boon Thau Loo, and Matt Blaze.
Computer Networks (COMNET), Elsevier Publishing, 2013, Pages 206-227.
- **Performance Modeling and Optimization of Deadline-Driven Pig Programs.**
Zhuoyao Zhang, Ludmila Cherkasova, and Boon Thau Loo.
ACM Transactions on Autonomous and Adaptive Systems (TAAS), 2013.
Journal version of ACM ICAC'12 best student paper award.
- **The NEBULA Future Internet Architecture.**
The NSF NEBULA FIA Team.
The Future Internet, Springer Berlin Heidelberg publisher, 2013.
- **Declarative Secure Distributed Information Systems.**
Wenchao Zhou, Tao Tao, Boon Thau Loo, and Yun Mao
Computer Languages, Systems & Structures (COMLAN), Elsevier Publishing, 2012, Pages 1-24.
- **Experiences in Teaching an Educational User-Level Operating Systems Implementation Project.**
Adam J. Aviv, Vin Mannino, Thanat Owlarn, Seth Shannin, Kevin Xu, and Boon Thau Loo
Operating Systems Review (OSR) journal, 2012, Pages 80-86.
- **AS-CRED: Reputation and Alert Service for Inter-domain Routing.**
Jian Chang, Krishna Venkatasubramanian, Andrew West, Sampath Kannan, Insup Lee, Boon Thau Loo, and Oleg Sokolsky.
IEEE Systems Journal (Special Issue on Security and Privacy of Complex Systems), 2012.
- **Maintaining Distributed Logic Programs Incrementally.**
Vivek Nigam, Limin Jia, Boon Thau Loo and Andre Scedrov.
Computer Languages, Systems & Structures (COMLAN), Elsevier Publishing, 2012, Pages 158-180.
- **MOSAIC: Declarative Platform for Dynamic Overlay Composition.**
Yun Mao, Boon Thau Loo, Zachary Ives and Jonathan M. Smith
Computer Networks (COMNET), Elsevier Publishing, Pages 64-84, 2012.
- **FSR: Formal Analysis a Implementation Toolkit for Safe Inter-domain Routing**
Anduo Wang, Limin Jia, Wenchao Zhou, Yiqing Ren, Boon Thau Loo, Jennifer Rexford, Vivek Nigam, Andre Scedrov, Carolyn L. Talcott.
IEEE/ACM Transactions on Networking (ToN), 2012.
- **Declarative Policy-based Adaptive Mobile Ad Hoc Networking.**
Changbin Liu, Ricardo Correa, Xiaozhou Li, Prithwish Basu, Boon Thau Loo, Yun Mao.
IEEE/ACM Transactions on Networking (ToN), 2012, Pages 770-783.
- **SmartCIS: Integrating Digital and Physical.**
Mengmeng Liu, Svilen R. Mihaylov, Zhuowei Bao, Marie Jacob, Zachary G. Ives, Boon Thau Loo, and Sudipto Guha.
ACM SIGMOD Record, Mar 2010. Pages 48-53.
- **5th International Workshop on Networking Meets Databases (NetDB 2009)**
Boon Thau Loo, and Stefan Saroiu
ACM SIGMOD Record and the ACM Operating Systems Review (OSR), Dec 2009.
- **Declarative Networking**
Boon Thau Loo, Tyson Condie, Minos Garofalakis, David E. Gay, Joseph M. Hellerstein, Petros Maniatis, Raghu Ramakrishnan, Timothy Roscoe, Ion Stoica
Communications of the ACM, 2009. Pages 87-95.
- **Maintaining Recursive Views of Regions and Connectivity in Networks**
Mengmeng Liu, Nicholas E. Taylor, Wenchao Zhou, Zachary Ives, and Boon Thau Loo.
IEEE Transactions of Knowledge and Data Engineering (TKDE) Journal, 2009. Pages 1126-1141.
Special Issue on Best papers of the 25th International Conference on Data Engineering (ICDE), 2009

Highly Selective Conference Publications

- **DAG of DAGs: Order-Fairness Made Practical.** Heena Nagda, Sidharth Sankhe, Sakshi Sinha, Keon Attarha, Mohammad Javad Amiri, and Boon Thau Loo. SIGMOD International Conference on Management of Data, 2026.
- **Adaptive Sharding in Untrusted Environments.** Bhavana Mehta, Nupur Baghel, Mohammad Javad Amiri, Boon Thau Loo, and Ryan Marcus. SIGMOD International Conference on Management of Data, 2026.
- **On the Automated Verification of BGP Convergence.** Haoyun Qin (*), Gerald Whitters (*), Boon Thau Loo, and Carolyn Talcott. Principles and Practice of Declarative Programming (PPDP), Sept 2025. We gratefully acknowledge Vivek Nigam’s significant contributions to the development of this work. (*) Joint first authors with equal contributions.
- **BFTBrain: Adaptive BFT Consensus with Reinforcement Learning.** Chenyuan Wu, Haoyun Qin, Mohammad Javad Amiri, Boon Thau Loo, Dahlia Malkhi, and Ryan Marcus. USENIX Symposium on Networked Systems Design and Implementation (NSDI), April 2025.
- **Practical Declarative Smart Contracts Optimization.** Lan Lu, Tao Luo, Jingui Li, Hongxun Ding, Brendan Massey, Haoxian Chen, and Boon Thau Loo. Sixth International Workshop on Foundations and Applications of Blockchain (co-located with VLDB), 2024.
- **BFTGym: An Interactive Playground for BFT Protocols.** Haoyun Qin, Chenyuan Wu, Mohammad Javad Amiri, Ryan Marcus, and Boon Thau Loo. 50th International Conference on Very Large Databases (VLDB) Demo, 2024.
- **Rashnu: Data-Dependent Order-Fairness.** Heena Nagda, Shubhendra Pal Signal, Mohammad Javad Amiri, and Boon Thau Loo. 50th International Conference on Very Large Databases (VLDB), 2024.
- **Towards Full Stack Adaptivity in Permissioned Blockchains [Vision Paper].** Chenyuan Wu, Mohammad Javad Amiri, Haoyun Qin, Bhavana Mehta, Ryan Marcus, and Boon Thau Loo. 50th International Conference on Very Large Databases (VLDB), 2024.
- **Verifying Declarative Smart Contracts.** Haoxian Chen, Lan Lu, Brendan Massey, Yuepeng Wang, Boon Thau Loo. 46th International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE), April, 2024.
- **The Bedrock of Byzantine Fault Tolerance: A Unified Platform for BFT Protocols Analysis, Implementation, and Experimentation.** Mohammad Javad Amiri, Chenyuan Wu, Divyakant Agrawal, Amr El Abbadi, Boon Thau Loo, and Mohammad Sadoghi. USENIX Symposium on Networked Systems Design and Implementation (NSDI), April 2024.
- **AdaChain: A Learned Adaptive Blockchain.** Chenyuan Wu, Bhavana Mehta, Mohammad Javad Amiri, Ryan Marcus, and Boon Thau Loo. 49th conference on Very Large Databases (VLDB), Aug 2023.
- **FlexChain: An Elastic Disaggregated Blockchain.** Chenyuan Wu, Mohammad Javad Amiri, Jared Asch, Heena Nagda, Qizhen Zhang, and Boon Thau Loo. 49th conference on Very Large Databases (VLDB), Aug 2023.
- **Saguaro: An Edge Computing-enabled Hierarchical Permissioned Blockchain.** Mohammad Javad Amiri, Ziliang Lai, Liana Patel, Boon Thau Loo, Eric Lo, and Wenchao Zhou. 39th IEEE International Conference on Data Engineering (ICDE), Apr 2023.
- **Templating Shuffles.** Qizhen Zhang, Jiacheng Wu, Ang Chen, Vincent Liu, and Boon Thau Loo. Conference on Innovative Data Systems Research (CIDR), Jan 2023.
- **Towards Practical Application-level Support for Privilege Separation.** Nik Sultana, Henry Zhu, Ke Zhong, Zhilei Zheng, Ruijie Mao, Digvijay Chauhan, Stephen Carrasquillo, Junyong Zhao, Lei Shi, Nikos Vasilaki, and Boon Thau Loo. Annual Computer Security Applications Conference (ACSAC), Dec 2022.
- **Declarative Smart Contracts.** Haoxian Chen, Gerald Whitters, Mohammad Javad Amiri, Yuepeng Wang, and Boon Thau Loo. 21st ACM Joint European Software Engineering Conference and Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering (ESEC/FSE), Nov 2022.
- **Qanaat: A Scalable Multi-Enterprise Permissioned Blockchain System with Confidentiality Guarantees.** Mohammad Javad Amiri, Boon Thau Loo, Divy Agrawal, and Amr El Abbadi, 48th conference on Very Large Databases (VLDB), Aug 2022.
- **Optimizing Data-intensive Systems in Disaggregated Data Centers with TELEPORT.** Qizhen Zhang, Xinyi Chen, Sidharth Sankhe, Zhilei Zheng, Ke Zhong, Sebastian Angel, Ang Chen, Vincent Liu, and Boon Thau Loo. ACM SIGMOD International Conference on Management of Data, June 2022.
- **Automatic Repair for Network Programs.**

Lei Shi, Yuepeng Wang, Boon Thau Loo and Rajeev Alur.

International Conference on Tools and Algorithms for the Construction and Analysis of Systems (TACAS), Apr 2022.

- **Optimizing Data-intensive Systems in Disaggregated Data Centers with TELEPORT.**
Qizhen Zhang, Xinyi Chen, Sidharth Sankhe, Zhilei Zheng, Ke Zhong, Sebastian Angel, Ang Chen, Vincent Liu, Boon Thau Loo.
ACM SIGMOD International Conference on Management of Data, June, 2022.
- **CompuCache: Remote Computable Caching with Spot VMs.**
Qizhen Zhang, Philip Bernstein, Daniel Berger, Badrish Chandramouli, Vincent Liu, and Boon Thau Loo.
Conference on Innovative Data Systems Research (CIDR), 2022.
- **When Idling is Ideal: Optimizing Tail-Latency for Highly-Dispersed Datacenter Workloads with Perséphone.**
Max Demoulin, Josh Fried, Issac Pedisich, Marios Kogias, Boon Thau Loo, Linh Thi Xuan Phan, and Irene Zhang.
28th ACM Symposium on Operating Systems Principles (SOSP), October 2021.
- **Network Traffic Classification by Program Synthesis.**
Lei Shi, Yahui Li, Boon Thau Loo and Rajeev Alur.
International Conference on Tools and Algorithms for the Construction and Analysis of Systems (TACAS), 2021.
- **Flightplan: Automatic Disaggregation and Placement for P4 Programs.**
Nik Sultana, John Sonchack, Hans Giesen, Isaac Pedisich, Zhaoyang Han, Nishanth Shyamkumar, Shivani Burad, Andre Dehon, and Boon Thau Loo.
USENIX Symposium on Networked Systems Design and Implementation (NSDI), 2021.
- **Understanding the Effect of Data Center Resource Disaggregation on Production DBMSs.**
Qizhen Zhang, Yifan Cai, Xinyi Chen, Sebastian Angel, Ang Chen, Vincent Liu, and Boon Thau Loo
46th conference on Very Large Databases (VLDB), Aug 2020.
- **Provenance for Probabilistic Logic Programs.**
Shaobo Wang, Hui Lyu, Jiachi Zhang, Chenyuan Wu, Xinyi Chen, Wenchao Zhou, Boon Thau Loo, Susan B. Davidson and Chen Chen.
23rd International Conference on Extending Database Technology, (EDBT), Apr 2020. **Best paper award.**
- **Rethinking Data Management Systems for Disaggregated Data Centers.**
Qizhen Zhang, Yifan Cai, Sebastian Angel, Ang Chen, Vincent Liu, and Boon Thau Loo.
Conference on Innovative Data Systems Research (CIDR), Jan, 2020.
- **Detecting Application-layer Denial-of-Service Attacks with FineLame.**
Henri Maxime Demoulin, Isaac Pedisich, Nikos Vasilakis. Vincent Liu, Boon Thau Loo, Linh Thi Xuan Phan.
2019 USENIX Annual Technical Conference (USENIX ATC), July 2019.
- **DeDoS: Defusing DoS with Dispersion Oriented Software.**
Henri Maxime Demoulin*, Tavish Vaidya*, Isaac Pedisich, Bob Dimaiolo, Jingyu Qian, Chirag Shah, Yuankai Zhang, Ang Chen, Andreas Haeberlen, Boon Loo, Linh Phan, Micah Sherr, Clay Shields and Wenchao Zhou.
Annual Computer Security Applications Conference (ACSAC), 2018. **Lead students are listed alphabetically.*
- **Optimizing Declarative Graph Queries at Large Scale.**
Qizhen Zhang, Akash Acharya, Hongzhi Chen, Simran Arora, Ang Chen, Vincent Liu, and Boon Thau Loo.
ACM SIGMOD International Conference on Management of Data, June, 2019.
- **An Extensible Evaluation System for DoS Research.**
Nik Sultana, Shilpi Bose, and Boon Thau Loo.
11th International Conference on COMMunication Systems & NETworkS (COMSNETS), Dec, 2019.
- **007: Democratically Finding The Cause of Packet Drops.**
Behnaz Arzani, Selim Ciraci, Luiz Chamon, Yibo Zhu, Hongqiang Liu, Jitu Padhye, Geoff Outhred, and Boon Thau Loo. ^[17]_[SEP]
15th USENIX Symposium on Networked Systems Design and Implementation (NSDI), Apr, 2018.
- **Predicting Startup Crowdfunding Success through Longitudinal Social Engagement Analysis.**
Qizhen Zhang, Tengyuan Ye, Meryem Essaidi, Shivani Agarwal, Vincent Liu and Boon Thau Loo ^[17]_[SEP]
International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM), Nov 2017.
- **Architectural Implications on the Performance and Cost of Graph Analytics Systems** ^[17]_[SEP] Qizhen Zhang, Hongzhi Chen, Da Yan, James Cheng, Boon Thau Loo, and Purushotham Bangalore ^[17]_[SEP]
ACM Symposium on Cloud Computing (SoCC), Sept, 2017.
- **Quantitative Network Monitoring with NetQRE**
Yifei Yuan, Dong Lin, Ankit Mishra, Sajal Marwaha, Rajeev Alur, and Boon Thau Loo
ACM SIGCOMM Conference on Data Communication, Aug, 2017.
- **Distributed Provenance Compression**
Chen Chen, Harshal Lehri, Lay Kuan Loh, Anupam Alur, Limin Jia, Boon Thau Loo, and Wenchao Zhou
ACM SIGMOD International Conference on Management of Data, June, 2017.

- **One Primitive to Diagnose Them All: Architectural Support for Internet Diagnostics**
Ang Chen, Andreas Haeberlen, Wenchao Zhou, and Boon Thau Loo
EuroSys, Apr, 2017.
- **Automated Bug Removal for Software-Defined Networks**
Yang Wu, Ang Chen, Andreas Haeberlen, Wenchao Zhou, and Boon Thau Loo.
14th USENIX Symposium on Networked Systems Design and Implementation (NSDI), Apr, 2017.
- **Data Provenance at Internet Scale: Architecture, Experiences, and the Road Ahead**
Ang Chen, Yang Wu, Andreas Haeberlen, Boon Thau Loo, and Wenchao Zhou.
8th Biennial Conference on Innovative Data Systems Research (CIDR) Proceedings Track, 2017.
- **The Good, the Bad, and the Differences: Better Network Diagnostics with Differential Provenance**
Ang Chen, Yang Wu, Andreas Haeberlen, Wenchao Zhou, and Boon Thau Loo.
ACM SIGCOMM Conference on Data Communication, Aug, 2016.
- **Taking the Blame Game out of Data Centers Operations with NetPoirot**
Behnaz Arzani, Selim Ciraci, Boon Thau Loo, Assaf Schuster, and Geoff Outhred.
ACM SIGCOMM Conference on Data Communication, Aug, 2016
- **Enabling Incremental Query Re-Optimization**
Mengmeng Liu, Zachary Ives, and Boon Thau Loo.
ACM SIGMOD International Conference on Management of Data, June, 2016.
- **Network Functions Virtualization with Soft Real-Time Guarantees**
Yang Li, Linh T.X. Phan, and Boon Thau Loo.
IEEE International Conference on Computer Communications (INFOCOM), 2016.
- **Scenario-based Programming for SDN Policies.**
Yifei Yuan, Dong Lin, Rajeev Alur, and Boon Thau Loo.
11th Conference on emerging Networking EXperiments and Technologies (ACM CoNEXT), Heidelberg, Germany, Dec 2015.
- **Automated Verification of Safety Properties in Declarative Networking Programs.**
Chen Chen, Lay Kuan Loh, Limin Jia, Wenchao Zhou, and Boon Thau Loo.
17th International ACM SIGPLAN Symposium on Principles and Practice of Declarative Programming (PPDP), July, 2015.
- **A Scalable Multi-Datacenter Layer-2 Network Architecture.**
Chen Chen, Changbin Liu, Pingkai Liu, Boon Thau Loo, and Ling Ding.
Symposium on SDN Research (SOSR), 2015.
- **Deconstructing MPTCP Performance.**
Behnaz Arzani, Alexander Gurney, Sitian Cheng, Roch Guerin, and Boon Thau Loo.
22nd IEEE International Conference on Network Protocols (ICNP), 2014. (short paper)
- **Diagnosing Missing Events in Distributed Systems with Negative Provenance.**
Yang Wu, Mingchen Zhao, Andreas Haeberlen, Wenchao Zhou, and Boon Thau Loo.
ACM SIGCOMM Conference on Data Communication, 2014.
- **A Program Logic for Verifying Secure Routing Protocols.**
Chen Chen, Limin Jia, Hao Xu, Cheng Luo, Wenchao Zhou and Boon Thau Loo.
34th IFIP International Conference on Formal Techniques for Distributed Objects, Components and Systems (FORTE), 2014.
- **Optimizing Cost and Performance Trade-Offs for MapReduce Job Processing in the Cloud.**
Zhuoyao Zhang, Ludmila Cherkasova, and Boon Thau Loo.
IFIP/IEEE Network Operations and Management Symposium (NOMS 2014).
- **A Reduction-based Approach Towards Scaling Up Formal Analysis of Internet Configurations.**
Anduo Wang, Alexander Gurney, Xianglong Han, Jinyan Cao, Boon Thau Loo, Carolyn Talcott, and Andre Scedrov.
33rd Annual IEEE International Conference on Computer Communications (INFOCOM), 2014.
- **On the Feasibility of Automation for Bandwidth Allocation Problems in Data Centers.**
Yifei Yuan, Anduo Wang, Rajeev Alur, and Boon Thau Loo.
Formal Methods in Computer-Aided Design (FMCAD), 2013.
- **Distributed Time-aware Provenance**
Wenchao Zhou, Suyog Mapara, Yiqing Ren, Yang Li, Andreas Haeberlen, Zachary Ives, Boon Thau Loo, and Micah Sherr.
39th International Conference on Very Large Databases (VLDB), Aug 2013.
- **AutoTune: Optimizing Execution Concurrency and Resource Usage in MapReduce Workflows.**
Zhuoyao Zhang, Ludmila Cherkasova, and Boon Thau Loo.

9th ACM International Conference on Autonomic Computing (ICAC) Management of Big Data Systems (MBDS) track, June 2013.

- **Performance Modeling of MapReduce Jobs in Heterogeneous Environments.**
Zhuoyao Zhang, Ludmila Cherkasova, and Boon Thau Loo.
IEEE 6th International Conference on Cloud Computing (CLOUD), June, 2013.
- **Scalalytics: A Declarative Multi-core Platform for Scalable Composable Traffic Analytics.**
Harjot Gill, Dong Lin, Xianglong Han, Cam Nguyen, Tanveer Gill, and Boon Thau Loo.
22nd International ACM Symposium on High Performance and Distributed Computing (HPDC), June, 2013.
- **Benchmarking Approach for Designing a MapReduce Performance Model.**
Zhuoyao Zhang, Ludmila Cherkasova, and Boon Thau Loo.
4th ACM/SPEC International Conference on Performance Engineering (ICPE), Apr 2013.
- **Automated Profiling and Resource Management of Pig Programs for Meeting Service Level Objectives.**
Zhuoyao Zhang, Ludmila Cherkasova, Abhishek Verma, and Boon Thau Loo.
IEEE/ACM International Conference on Autonomic Computing (ICAC), 2012.
- **Private and Verifiable Interdomain Routing Decisions.**
Mingchen Zhao, Wenchao Zhou, Alexander J.T. Gurney, Andreas Haeberlen, Micah Sherr, and Boon Thau Loo
ACM SIGCOMM Conference on Data Communication (SIGCOMM). Pages 383-394, Aug 2012.
- **Cologne: A Declarative Distributed Constraint Optimization Platform.**
Changbin Liu, Lu Ren, Boon Thau Loo, Yun Mao, and Prithwish Basu.
38th International Conference on Very Large Databases (VLDB), Pages 752-763, Aug 2012.
- **A Calculus of Policy-Based Routing Systems.**
Anduo Wang, Carolyn Talcott, Alexander J.T. Gurney, Boon Thau Loo and Andre Scedrov
31st Annual ACM SIGACT-SIGOPS Symposium on Principles of Distributed Computing (PODC), Pages 343-344, July 2012. (Brief announcement)
- **TROPIC: Transactional Resource Orchestration Platform In the Cloud.**
Changbin Liu, Yun Mao, Xu Chen, Mary F. Fernández, Boon Thau Loo, and Jacobus E. Van der Merwe.
USENIX Annual Technical Conference (USENIX ATC), June, 2012.
- **Reduction-based Formal Analysis of BGP Instances.**
Anduo Wang, Carolyn Talcott, Alexander J.T. Gurney, Boon Thau Loo and Andre Scedrov.
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