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Research Interests

Software security, performance, and reliability, with an emphasis on probabilistic and statistical methods

Education

University of Massachusetts Amherst Advised by Emery D. Berger

Ph.D. Computer Science

May 2016

M.S. Computer Science

February 2013

University of Minnesota

B.S. Computer Science

May 2009

Academic Positions & Professional Experience

Grinnell College

Assistant Professor

2016–present

Instructor (*tenure track*)

2015–2016

Mount Holyoke College

Lab Instructor

Spring 2014

Google Inc.

Software Engineering Intern

Summer 2013

IBM T.J. Watson Research Center

Research Intern

Summer 2012

Barcelona Supercomputing Center

Research Associate

2011–2012

Microsoft Research

Research Intern

Summer 2010

University of Massachusetts Amherst

Research Assistant

2009–2012, 2014–2015

Honors & Awards

College of Information and Computer Sciences Outstanding Dissertation Award

2017

Dennis M. Ritchie Dissertation Award Honorable Mention

2016

Best Paper Award COZ: Finding Code that Counts with Causal Profiling

SOSP 2015

Google Ph.D. Fellowship in Software Performance

2012–2014

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program Honorable Mention

2010, 2011

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- DOUBLETAKE: fast and precise error detection via evidence-based dynamic analysis** May 2016
ACM International Conference on Software Engineering (15% acceptance rate)
Tongping Liu, Charlie Curtsinger, and Emery D. Berger
- COZ: Finding Code that Counts with Causal Profiling** Best Paper Award, October 2015
ACM International Symposium on Operating Systems Principles (17% acceptance rate)
Charlie Curtsinger and Emery D. Berger
- STABILIZER: Statistically Sound Performance Evaluation** March 2013
International Conference on Architectural Support for Programming Languages and Operating Systems
(20% acceptance rate)
Charlie Curtsinger and Emery D. Berger
- Probabilistic timing analysis on conventional cache designs** March 2013
Conference on Design, Automation, and Test in Europe (25% acceptance rate)
Leonidas Kosmidis, Charlie Curtsinger, Eduardo Quiñones, Jaume Abella, Emery D. Berger, and Francisco J. Cazorla
- AUTOMAN: A Platform for Integrating Human-Based and Digital Computation** October 2012
International Conference on Object Oriented Programming Systems, Languages, and Applications (26% acceptance rate)
Daniel W. Barowy, Charlie Curtsinger, Emery D. Berger, and Andrew McGregor
- DTHREADS: Efficient, Deterministic Multithreading** October 2011
ACM International Symposium on Operating Systems Principles (17% acceptance rate)
Tongping Liu, Charlie Curtsinger, and Emery D. Berger
- ZOZZLE: Fast and Precise In-Browser JavaScript Malware Detection** August 2011
USENIX Security Symposium (17% acceptance rate)
Charlie Curtsinger, Benjamin Livshits, Benjamin G. Zorn, and Christian Seifert

Other Publications

- Finding Code that Counts with Causal Profiling** June 2018
Communications of the ACM Research Highlight (by invitation)
Charlie Curtsinger and Emery D. Berger
- AUTOMAN: A Platform for Integrating Human-Based and Digital Computation** June 2016
Communications of the ACM Research Highlight (by invitation)
Daniel W. Barowy, Charlie Curtsinger, Emery D. Berger, and Andrew McGregor
- COZ: This is the Profiler You're Looking For** June 2016
USENIX ;login:
Charlie Curtsinger and Emery D. Berger
- "NOFUS: Automatically Detecting" + String.fromCharCode(32) "ObFuSCateD " .toLowerCase() + "JavaScript Code"**
Microsoft Research Technical Report TR-2011-57
Scott F. Kaplan, Benjamin Livshits, Benjamin G. Zorn, and Charlie Curtsinger

Undergraduate Research Supervised

SCRAMBLER: Dynamic Layout Adaptation

October 2016

International Conference on Systems, Programming, Languages and Applications: Software for Humanity
Student Research Competition (3rd place)
David Chang, Thu Nguyen, and Niko Takayesu

Energy Profiling with ALPACA

October 2016

International Conference on Systems, Programming, Languages and Applications: Software for Humanity
Student Research Competition (4th place)
Logan Goldberg, Joel Katticaran, and Abraham Mhaidli

Patents

Detection of code-based malware

Patent US 8713679 B2

Benjamin G. Zorn, Benjamin Livshits, Charles M. Curtsinger, and Christian Seifert

Granted 2014

Software

COZ A sampling causal profiler for 64 bit Linux executables

Available as a standard package for Debian, Ubuntu, and other Debian-derived Linux distributions.
github.com/plasma-umass/coz

STABILIZER A toolchain for statistically sound performance evaluation

github.com/plasma-umass/stabilizer

AUTOMAN A DSL for crowdsourcing with statistical quality control

github.com/plasma-umass/automan

DTHREADS A runtime for deterministic parallel computation

github.com/plasma-umass/dthreads

Teaching

Computer Science

CSC 151: Introduction to Functional Problem Solving *Grinnell College*

Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Fall 2018

CSC 211: Computer Organization and Architecture *Grinnell College*

Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018

CSC 213: Operating Systems & Parallel Algorithms *Grinnell College*

Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018

CSC 395: Data Visualization *Grinnell College*

Spring 2017

CSC 216: Computer Networks *Grinnell College*

Spring 2016

CMPSCI 201: Advanced Object Oriented Programming Lab *Mount Holyoke College*

Spring 2014

Tutorial/First-Year Seminar

TUT 100: Knowledge & Doubt *Grinnell College*
Fall 2017

Undergraduate Research

Exploratory Software Profiling (6 students, Summer 2018)

Performance Adaptation (3 students, Summer 2016; 4 students, Summer 2017; 2 students, Spring 2018)

Energy Profiling (3 students, Summer 2016; 4 students, Summer 2017)

Concurrent Program Speedup (3 students, Spring 2016)

Professional Activities & Service

Program Committee Member

USENIX Annual Technical Conference USENIX ATC 2017
ACM SIGPLAN conference on Programming Language Design and Implementation PLDI 2016

External Program Committee Member

21st ACM SIGPLAN Symposium on Principles and Practice of Parallel Programming PPOPP 2016

Artifact Evaluation Committee

ACM SIGPLAN conference on Programming Language Design and Implementation 2014, 2015
ACM SIGPLAN conference on Object-Oriented Programming, Systems, Languages, and Applications 2014

Web Chair 12th Annual Conference on Network and Parallel Computing (NPC 2015) 2014

Reviewer OSDI'18 PLDI'16 ACM InRoads'16 SPE IEEE TDSC PPOPP'16
TOPLAS (2012, 2014, 2015) ASPLOS'15 USENIX Security 2014 ISMM'14
OOPSLA'12 MSPC'12 HotPar'12 WoDet'12 OOPSLA'10 CCS'10

Institutional Service

Admission and Student Financial Aid Committee Science Division Representative 2016–present

Computer Science Table Co-organizer of weekly computing discussions 2015–present

ACM Programming Competition Coach 2016–present

Carver Grant Representative for the Computer Science Department 2016–present

Hendrixson Fund Committee Representative for the Computer Science Department 2015–present

Research Support

SCORE: Scalability-Oriented Optimization NSF XPS 2014
Funded. Co-author with PIs Emery D. Berger and Stephen Freund

Causal Profiling: Low-Overhead, High-Precision Profiling Google Research Award 2011
Funded. Co-author with PI Emery D. Berger

Talks

Causal Profiling

VMware Research Presentation	Remote	November 2017
USENIX ATC 2016	Denver, CO	June 2016
SOSP 2015	Monterey, CA	October 2015
ASPLOS 2015 — Student Research Competition	Istanbul, Turkey	March 2015
POPL 2014 — Off the Beaten Track	San Diego, CA	January 2014

STABILIZER: Statistically Sound Performance Evaluation

ASPLOS 2013	Houston, TX	March 2013
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DTHREADS: Efficient, Deterministic Multithreading

IBM Research Internship Talk	Hawthorne, NY	July 2012
SOSP 2011	Cascais, Portugal	October 2011

Zozzle: Low-Overhead Mostly Static JavaScript Malware Detection

Microsoft Research Internship Talk	Redmond, WA	August 2010
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