

# Curriculum Vitæ

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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

U.S. Citizen.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research is on simplifying the construction of provably correct and secure software systems.

Research topics include program verification, model checking, temporal logics, static analysis, program synthesis, security, and programming methodology.

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Computer Sciences (1998)

*The University of Texas at Austin*

Dissertation: *Ameliorating the State Explosion Problem*

Advisor: Prof. E. Allen Emerson

Bachelor of Technology in Computer Science and Engineering (1990)

*The Indian Institute of Technology, Madras*

Thesis: *DICE: A Distributed C Environment*

Advisor: Prof. C. R. Muthukrishnan

## EMPLOYMENT

- 1998-present: Distinguished Member of Technical Staff, Computing Sciences Research, Bell Labs
- 1994-1998: Research Assistant, Department of Computer Sciences, The University of Texas at Austin
- 1991-1994: Teaching Assistant, Department of Computer Sciences, The University of Texas at Austin

## HONORS AND AWARDS

Member, Edsger W. Dijkstra's Tuesday Afternoon Club, UT Austin, 1996-98  
ACM Distinguished Member (class of 2022)  
Distinguished Member of Technical Staff, Bell Labs

Invitation to special issue, SAS 2016, CAV 2007  
Best Paper Award, QRS 2016, FORTE 2002  
MCD Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin, 1990-1992  
National Talent Scholarship, India, 1984-1990

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### Research Grants

- DARPA, "A5GARD: Automatic 5G Software Generation, Analysis and Reasoning using Documentation," OPS-5G program, 2020-2023, (with CACI, GrammaTech and SRI)
- NSF CCF #1563393: "Self-Certifying Compilation and its Applications," 2016-2020, (with Prasad Sistla, V.N. Venkatakrisnan, and Lenore Zuck)
- DARPA #FA8750-12-C-0166: "DOC: A Defensive Optimizing Compiler," CSFV program, 2012-2015, (with Jens Palsberg, V.N. Venkatakrisnan, and Lenore Zuck)
- NSF CCR #0341658: "Analysis Techniques and Tools for Building Robust Software," 2003-2008, (with Dennis Dams and Patrice Godefroid)

### Editorships

- Associate Editor, *Formal Methods in System Design*, 2005-Present
- Guest Editor, *Formal Methods in System Design*; Special Issue for SAS 2021 (co-editor Cezara Drăgoi) (to appear)
- Guest Editor, *International Journal of Foundations of Computer Science (IJFCS)*, vol. 21, no. 2; Special Issue for ATVA 2007 (co-editor Tomohiro Yoneda)

### Conference and Seminar Organization

- *SAS 2021, Static Analysis Symposium 2021*, Chicago, USA, October 17-22, 2021 (PC co-chair, with Cezara Drăgoi)

- *HVC 2009, Haifa Verification Conference 2009*, Haifa, Israel, October 19-22, 2009 (PC co-chair, with Andreas Zeller and Avi Ziv)
- *ATVA 2007, The 5th International Symposium on Automated Technology for Verification and Analysis*, Tokyo, Japan, October 2007 (PC co-chair, with Tomohiro Yoneda)
- *VMCAI 2006, The 7th International Conference on Verification, Model Checking, and Abstract Interpretation*, Charleston, SC, January 2006 (PC co-chair, with E. Allen Emerson)
- *NEVER: The Northeast Verification Seminar* (initiator of the series and co-organizer of the first seminar at Bell Labs with Dennis Dams)

### Program Committees

- *The ACM/IEEE Symposium on Logic in Computer Science (LICS)*: 2022
- *The ACM SIGPLAN Symposium on Principles of Programming Languages (POPL)*: 2021
- *The International Conference on Computer Aided Verification (CAV)*: 2001-3, 2005, 2008-10, 2012-2016, 2018, 2025
- *The Static Analysis Symposium (SAS)*: 2006, 2017, 2019, 2020, 2021 (co-chair), 2023, 2024
- *The International Conference on Verification, Model Checking, and Abstract Interpretation (VMCAI)*: 2006 (co-chair), 2007, 2011, 2014, 2019, 2020, 2023, 2024
- *International Symposium on Automated Technology for Verification and Analysis (ATVA)*: 2007-11, 2022
- *The International Conference on Tools and Algorithms for the Construction and Analysis of Systems (TACAS)*: 2008, 2023
- *The IEEE Secure Development Conference (SecDev)*: 2020
- *The IEEE Computer Security Foundations Symposium (CSF)*: 2020, 2026
- *The Working Conference on Verified Software: Theories, Tools, and Experiments (VSTTE)*: 2021
- *The International Symposium on Stabilization, Safety, and Security of Distributed Systems (SSS)*: 2010
- *The Workshop on Model Checking Software (SPIN)*: 2007
- *The International Workshop on Verification of Infinite-State Systems (INFINITY)*: 2006
- *Special Session on Model Checking (MFCS)*: 2000 (co-chair)

## **Dissertation Committees**

- Devora Chait-Roth (Advisor: Thomas Wies, NYU)
- Sougol Gheissi (Advisor: Krishan K. Sabnani, Johns Hopkins University)
- Chaoqiang Deng (Advisor: Patrick Cousot, NYU, 2020)
- Zvonimir Pavlinovic (Advisor: Thomas Wies, NYU, 2019)
- Timothy King (Advisor: Clark Barrett, NYU, 2014)
- Uri Klein (Advisor: Amir Pnueli and Lenore Zuck, NYU, 2011)
- Ariel Cohen (Advisor: Amir Pnueli, NYU, 2008)
- Mihaela Bobaru (Advisor: Marsha Chechik, U. Toronto, 2008)
- Leena Unnikrishnan (Advisor: Scott Stoller, SUNY Stony Brook, 2008)
- Ahmed Rezine (opponent) (Advisor: Parosh Abdulla, Uppsala University, 2008)
- Marc Eaddy (Advisor: Alfred Aho, Columbia University, 2008)
- Ittai Balaban (Advisors: Amir Pnueli and Lenore D. Zuck, NYU, 2007)
- Diptikalyan Saha (Advisor: Scott Smolka and C. R. Ramakrishnan, SUNY Stony Brook, 2006)
- Yifei Dong (Advisors: Scott Smolka and C. R. Ramakrishnan, SUNY Stony Brook, 2003)
- Li Tan (Advisor: Rance Cleaveland, SUNY Stony Brook, 2002)
- Abhik Roychowdhury (Advisor: C. R. Ramakrishnan, SUNY Stony Brook, 2000)

## **Summer Interns**

- Jordan Schmerge (Advisor: Ruzica Piskac, Yale, 2025)
- Devora Chait-Roth (Advisor: Thomas Wies, NYU, 2023 and 2024)
- Huaixi Lu (Advisor: Sharad Malik, Princeton, 2023)
- Senthil Rajasekaran (Advisor: Moshe Vardi, Rice, 2022)
- Nisarg Patel (Advisor: Thomas Wies, NYU, 2020 and 2021)
- Anton Xue (Advisor: Ruzica Piskac, Yale, 2019)
- Aalok Thakkar (Advisor: Rajeev Alur, U. Penn, 2019)

- Lucas Tabajara (Advisor: Moshe Vardi, Rice, 2018)
- Suguman Bansal (Advisor: Moshe Vardi, Rice, 2017 and 2018)
- Zvonimir Pavlinovic (Advisor: Thomas Wies, NYU, 2017)
- Yiji Zhang (Advisor: Lenore Zuck, UIC, 2017)
- Nimit Singhania (Advisor: Rajeev Alur, U. Penn, 2016)
- Chaoqiang Deng (Advisor: Patrick Cousot, NYU, 2015 and 2016)
- Whitney Bailey (Advisor: Alfred Aho, Columbia, 2015)
- Tim King (Advisor: Clark Barrett, NYU, 2013 and 2014)
- Oswaldo Olivo (Advisor: E. Allen Emerson, 2013)
- Uri Klein (Advisor: Amir Pnueli and Lenore Zuck, NYU, 2010)
- Nalini Vasudevan (Advisor: Stephen Edwards, Columbia U., 2009)
- Ariel Cohen (Advisor: Amir Pnueli, NYU, 2006 and 2007)
- Christopher Conway (Advisor: Clark Barrett, NYU, 2004 and 2005)
- Nina Amla (Advisor: E. Allen Emerson, UT Austin, 2000)

### **Journal Referee**

Journal of the ACM, ACM Transactions on Computational Logic, ACM Transactions on Programming Languages, IEEE Transactions on Computers, Theoretical Computer Science, Software Tools for Technology Transfer, Formal Methods in System Design, Logical Methods in Computer Science, London Math. Society Journal of Computation and Mathematics

### **Conference Referee**

IEEE Logic in Computer Science (LICS), Computer Aided Verification (CAV), ACM Symposium on Programming Languages (POPL), ACM Symposium on Programming Languages Design and Implementation (PLDI), Tools and Algorithms for Computer (TACAS), Static Analysis Symposium (SAS), Verification, Model Checking and Abstract Interpretation (VMCAI), Computer Security Foundations (CSF)

### **Proposal Review**

National Science Foundation (panelist multiple times, including for Expedition-level programs), and for several international funding agencies.

## Professional Societies

Member of the ACM, IEEE, and DIMACS.

## INVITED TALKS

1. “Modularity and Symmetry,” KenFest/CAV 2025, July 2025
2. “Remembering Bob Kurshan,” VSOW04, Cambridge University, June 2021
3. “Designing a Self-Certifying Compiler,” PERR/CAV 2020, July 2020
4. “Synthesis from Temporal Specifications,” SYNT/CAV 2019, July 2019
5. “Designing Self-Certifying Compilers,” DSV/CAV 2019, July 2019
6. “Designing Self-Certifying Software Systems,” VMCAI 2019, January 2019
7. “Modular Verification: Model Checking in Bits and Pieces,” VMCAI Winter School, January 2019
8. “Plugging Leaks Introduced by Compiler Transformations,” Dagstuhl Seminar on Secure Compilation, May 2018
9. “Witnessing Program Transformations,” Dagstuhl Seminar on Program Equivalence, April 2018
10. “Self-Certifying and Secure Compilation,” HVC 2017 Keynote, October 2017
11. “Witnessing Program Transformations,” Rutgers University, October 2013
12. “Model Checking in Bits and Pieces,” Festschrift for David Schmidt, September 2013
13. “Local Proofs for Global Properties,” U. Toronto, October 2008
14. “Local Proofs for Global Properties,” Uppsala University, April 2008
15. “The Speed vs. Precision Trade-off in Static Program Analysis,” Columbia University, December 2007
16. “Local Proofs for Global Properties,” IBM Research, Hawthorne, February 2007
17. “From Model Checking to Proof Checking ... and Back,” SUNY Stony Brook, August 2006
18. “Incremental Model Checking,” Logic and Algorithms, Cambridge, UK, May 2006

19. "From Model Checking to Proof Checking ... and Back," Tata Institute for Fundamental Research (TIFR), Bombay, September 2005
20. "From Model Checking to Proof Checking ... and Back," Carnegie Mellon University, April 2005
21. "Formal Methods at Bell Labs," TRDDC, Pune, July 2002.
22. "Certifying Model Checkers," Tata Institute for Fundamental Research (TIFR), Bombay, July 2002.
23. "Automatic Abstraction by Syntactic Program Transformation," NEC Research Institute, March 2001.
24. "Automatic Abstraction by Syntactic Program Transformation," Seminar, Logic and Computation Group, University of Pennsylvania, October 2000.
25. "Automatic Abstraction by Syntactic Program Transformation," Dagstuhl Workshop on Verification of Infinite-State Systems, organized by Ahmed Bouajjani and Javier Esparza, April 2000.
26. "A Simple Characterization of Stuttering Bisimulation," Stevens Institute of Technology, October 1998.

## PATENTS

1. Causal, in-place network updates, with Krishan K. Sabnani, 2023; issued 2024 as U.S. Patent #12,184,491 B1
2. Preventing extreme coresidency hazards in cloud computing, with Eric J. Bauer, Randee S. Adams, Daniel W. Eustace, and Lyle D. Kipp, 2013; issued 2015 as U.S. Patent #8,949,655
3. Method and apparatus for synchronization in primary-backup replication schemes, with Pramod Koppol, Thanos Stathopoulos and Gordon Wilfong, 2011; issued 2014 as U.S. Patent #8,868,862
4. Time-preserved transmissions in asynchronous virtual machine replication, with Pramod Koppol, Thanos Stathopoulos and Gordon Wilfong, 2011; issued 2014 as U.S. Patent #8,798,086
5. Method And Apparatus For Incremental Analysis Of One Or More Properties Of A Program, with Christopher Conway and Dennis Dams, 2005; issued 2014 as U.S. Patent #8,762,949
6. Method and apparatus for pattern matching for intrusion detection/prevention systems, with Girija Narlikar, 2009; issued 2014 as U.S. Patent #8,683,590
7. A Method for Identifying Cyclicity in Circuit Designs, with Robert Kurshan, 1999; issued 2003 as U.S. Patent #6,591,231

## PUBLICATIONS

### Edited Volumes

1. (with Cezara Drăgoi and Suvam Mukerjee) Static Analysis – 28th International Symposium, SAS 2021, Chicago, USA 2021, LNCS 12913, Springer 2021
2. (with Andreas Zeller, Avi Ziv) Hardware and Software: Verification and Testing - 5th International Haifa Verification Conference, HVC 2009, Haifa, Israel, 2009, LNCS 6405, Springer 2011
3. (with Tomohiro Yoneda, Teruo Higashino, Yoshio Okamura) ATVA 2007, The 5th International Symposium on Automated Technology for Verification and Analysis, Tokyo, Japan, 2007, LNCS 4762, Springer
4. (with E. Allen Emerson) VMCAI 2006, 7th International Conference on Verification, Model Checking, and Abstract Interpretation, Charleston, SC, January 2006, LNCS 3855, Springer

### Book Chapters

1. (with Dimitra Giannakoupoulou, Corina Pasareanu) Compositional Reasoning. In the *Handbook of Model Checking*, Springer, 2018. Editors: E.M. Clarke, Th. A. Henzinger, H. Veith, R. Bloem.

### Journal Publications

1. It Takes a Village: Bridging the Gaps between Current and Formal Specifications for Protocols, *Communications of the ACM, August 2025* (with David Basin, Nate Foster, Kenneth L. McMillan, Cristina Nita-Rotaru, Jonathan M. Smith, Pamela Zave, and Lenore D. Zuck)
2. Program Correctness Through Self-Certification, *Communications of the ACM, February 2025* (with Lenore D. Zuck)
3. Securing a Compiler Transformation, *Formal Methods in System Design (FMSD) 53(2), 2018, Special Issue for SAS 2016* (with Chaoqiang Deng)
4. Model Checking in Bits and Pieces, *EPTCS 129: Festschrift for David Schmidt, 404-416, 2013*
5. On the Completeness of Compositional Reasoning, *ACM Trans. on Computational Logic (TOCL) 11(3), 2010* (with Richard J. Trefler)
6. Local proofs for global safety properties, *Formal Methods in System Design 34(2): 104-125, 2009* (with Ariel Cohen)

7. Telco meets the Web: Programming Shared Experience Services, *Bell Labs Technical Journal (BLTJ) 14(3): 167-185, 2009* (with Bob Arlein, Dennis Dams, Rick Hull, and John Letourneau)
8. Feature specification and automated conflict detection, *ACM Trans. Softw. Eng. Methodol. (TOSEM), vol. 12, num. 1, 2003* (with Amy P. Felty)
9. On Reasoning About Rings, *Int. J. Found. Comput. Sci., vol. 14, num. 4, 2003* (with E. Allen Emerson)
10. Environment modeling and language universality, *ACM Trans. Design Autom. Electr. Syst. (TODAES), vol. 5, num. 3, 2000* (with Richard Raimi and Ramin Hojati)

### Conference Publications

1. Synthesis of Parametric Locally Symmetric Protocols from Abstract Temporal Specifications, *VMCAI 2025* (with Ruoxi Zhang, Richard J. Treffer)
2. Constructing Trustworthy Smart Contracts, *VMCAI 2025* (with Devora Chait-Roth)
3. A Two-phase Protocol for Atomic Multi-Chain Transactions, *CoNEXT/DIN 2024* (with Huaixi Lu, Akshay Jajoo)
4. Algorithms for In-Place, Consistent Network Update, *SIGCOMM 2024* (with Sougol Gheissi, Krishan K. Sabnani)
5. Synthesizing Locally Symmetric Parameterized Protocols from Temporal Specifications, *FMCAD 2022* (with Richard J. Treffer, Ruoxi Zhang)
6. Synthesis of Compact Strategies for Coordination Programs, *TACAS 2022* (with Nisarg Patel)
7. The Resh Programming Language for Multirobot Orchestration, *ICRA 2021* (with Martin Carroll, Itai Segall)
8. A Self-certifying Compilation Framework for WebAssembly, *VMCAI 2021* (with Anton Xue)
9. Synthesis of coordination programs from linear temporal specifications, *POPL 2020* (with Suguman Bansal, Yaniv Sa'ar)
10. Witnessing Secure Compilation, *VMCAI 2020* (with Lucas M. Tabajara)
11. The Impact of Program Transformations on Static Program Analysis, *SAS 2018 (co-winner of the Radhia Cousot Award)* (with Zvonimir Pavlinovic)
12. Synthesis of Asynchronous Reactive Programs from Temporal Specifications, *CAV 2018* (with Suguman Bansal, Yaniv Sa'ar)

13. Symmetry Reduction for the Local Mu-Calculus, *TACAS 2018* (with Richard J. Treffler)
14. Witnessing Network Transformations, *RV 2017* (with Chaoqiang Deng)
15. Securing the SSA Transform, *SAS 2017* (with Chaoqiang Deng)
16. Leveraging Static Analysis Tools for Improving Usability of Memory Error Sanitization Compilers, *QRS 2016* (with Rigel Gjomemo, Phu H. Phung, Edmund Ballou, V. N. Venkatakrisnan, Lenore D. Zuck)
17. Securing a Compiler Transformation, *SAS 2016* (with Chaoqiang Deng)
18. Loopy: Programmable and Formally Verified Loop Transformations, *SAS 2016* (with Nimit Singhania)
19. Parameterized Compositional Model Checking, *TACAS 2016* (with Richard J. Treffler)
20. Loop Freedom in AODVv2, *FORTE 2015* (with Richard J. Treffler)
21. Analysis of Dynamic Process Networks, *TACAS 2015* (with Richard J. Treffler)
22. From Verification to Optimizations, *VMCAI 2015: 300-317* (with Rigel Gjomemo, Phu H. Phung, V. N. Venkatakrisnan, Lenore D. Zuck)
23. A Witnessing Compiler: A Proof of Concept, *RV 2013: 340-345* (with Giacomo Tagliabue, Lenore D. Zuck)
24. Witnessing Program Transformations, *SAS 2013: 304-323* (with Lenore D. Zuck)
25. Uncovering Symmetries in Irregular Process Networks, *VMCAI 2013: 496-514* (with Richard J. Treffler)
26. Formalization and Automated Verification of RESTful Behavior, *CAV 2011: 541-556* (with Uri Klein)
27. The inherent difficulty of timely primary-backup replication, *PODC 2011: 349-350* (with Pramod V. Koppol, Thanos Stathopoulos, Gordon T. Wilfong)
28. A Dash of Fairness for Compositional Reasoning, *CAV 2010: 543-557* (with Ariel Cohen, Yaniv Sa'ar)
29. SPLIT: A Compositional LTL Verifier, *CAV 2010: 558-561* (with Ariel Cohen, Yaniv Sa'ar)
30. Parallelizing a Symbolic Compositional Model-Checking Algorithm, *Haifa Verification Conference 2010: 46-59* (with Ariel Cohen, Yaniv Sa'ar, Lenore D. Zuck, Katya I. Kislyova)

31. Robust and Fast Pattern Matching for Intrusion Detection, *INFOCOM 2010: 740-748* (with Girija J. Narlikar)
32. Simple and fast biased locks, *ACM PACT 2010: 65-74* (with Nalini Vasudevan, Stephen A. Edwards)
33. Local Proofs for Linear-Time Properties of Concurrent Programs, *CAV 2008, LNCS 5123* (with Ariel Cohen)
34. Pointer Analysis, Conditional Soundness, and Proving the Absence of Errors, *SAS 2008, LNCS 5079* (with Christopher L. Conway, Dennis Dams, and Clark Barrett)
35. Local Proofs for Global Safety Properties, *CAV 2007, LNCS 4590 (Invited to Special Issue)* (with Ariel Cohen)
36. Symmetry and Completeness in the Analysis of Parameterized Systems, *VMCAI 2007, LNCS 4349*
37. Incremental Algorithms for Inter-procedural Analysis of Safety Properties, *CAV 2005, LNCS 3576* (with Christopher L. Conway, Dennis Dams, and Stephen A. Edwards)
38. Automata as Abstractions, *VMCAI 2005, LNCS 3385* (with Dennis Dams)
39. The Existence of Finite Abstractions for Branching Time Model Checking, *LICS 2004* (with Dennis Dams)
40. An Efficiently Checkable, Proof-Based Formulation of Vacuity in Model Checking, *CAV 2004, LNCS 3114*
41. Abstraction for Branching Time Properties, *CAV 2003, LNCS 2725*
42. Shape Analysis through Predicate Abstraction and Model Checking, *VMCAI 2003, LNCS 2575* (with Dennis Dams)
43. Abstract Patterns of Compositional Reasoning, *CONCUR 2003, LNCS 2761* (with Nina Amla, E. Allen Emerson, and Richard J. Treffer)
44. Visual Specifications for Modular Reasoning about Asynchronous Systems, *FORTE 2002, LNCS 2529* (with Nina Amla, E. Allen Emerson, and Richard J. Treffer)
45. Certifying Model Checkers, *CAV 2001, LNCS 2102*
46. RTDT: A Front-End for Efficient Model Checking of Synchronous Timing Diagrams, *CAV 2001, LNCS 2102* (with Nina Amla and E. Allen Emerson and Robert P. Kurshan)
47. Assume-Guarantee Based Compositional Reasoning for Synchronous Timing Diagrams, *TACAS 2001, LNCS 2031* (with Nina Amla, E. Allen Emerson, and Richard J. Treffer)

48. Feature Specification and Automatic Conflict Detection, *Feature Interactions Workshop, 2000* (with Amy P. Felty)
49. Model Checking Synchronous Timing Diagrams, *FMCAD 2000, LNCS 1954* (with Nina Amla, E. Allen Emerson, and Robert P. Kurshan)
50. Syntactic Program Transformations for Automatic Abstraction, *CAV 2000, LNCS 1855* (with Robert P. Kurshan)
51. On the Completeness of Compositional Reasoning, *CAV 2000, LNCS 1855* (with Richard J. Trefler)
52. Efficient Decompositional Model Checking for Regular Timing Diagrams, *CHARME 1999, LNCS 1703* (with Nina Amla and E. Allen Emerson)
53. Efficient Analysis of Cyclic Definitions, *CAV 1999, LNCS 1633* (with Robert P. Kurshan)
54. Linking Theorem Proving and Model-Checking with Well-Founded Bisimulation, *CAV 1999, LNCS 1633* (with Panagiotis Manolios and Robert Summers)
55. On Model Checking for Non-Deterministic Infinite-State Systems, *LICS 1998* (with E. Allen Emerson)
56. Verification of a Parameterized Bus Arbitration Protocol, *CAV 1998, LNCS 1427* (with E. Allen Emerson)
57. Automatic Verification of Parameterized Synchronous Systems (Extended Abstract), *CAV 1996, LNCS 1102* (with E. Allen Emerson)
58. Reasoning about Rings, *POPL 1995* (with E. Allen Emerson)