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## Education

- **Northeastern University** Boston, MA  
Ph.D., Computer Science (GPA 3.96), ongoing  
Specialization: Programming languages
- **Georgia Institute of Technology** Atlanta, GA  
M.S., Computer Science (GPA 3.80), May 2004  
Specialization: Programming languages and compilers
- **Georgia Institute of Technology** Atlanta, GA  
B.S., Computer Science (GPA 3.77), May 2002  
Specializations: Systems, Networking, Graphics  
Graduated with highest honors

## Work History

- **Graduate Research Assistant** Nov. 2004 - Aug. 2005, Sep. 2007 - current  
Northeastern University Boston, MA
  - Worked for Matthias Felleisen on the Honu programming language, an object-oriented language that stresses programming to interfaces
  - Implemented a compiler from Honu to Scheme in Scheme for inclusion in PLT Scheme
  - Found, read and discussed past and current papers in the fields of object-oriented language design and implementation
  - Formulated operational semantics for Honu and developed a proof of type soundness
- **Graduate Teaching Assistant** Sep. 2004 - Apr. 2005, Sep. 2007 - Apr. 2008  
Northeastern University Boston, MA
  - Taught lab sections for CS U211 - Fundamentals of Computer Science I, CS U213 - Fundamentals of Computer Science II, and CS U290 - Logic and Computation
  - Graded assignments and exams
  - Held office hours to provide more individualized instruction for students
- **Software Engineer** Nov. 2005 - Feb. 2008  
Reflex Security, Inc. Atlanta, GA
  - Programmed and maintained software in C and Python for a network security sensor.
  - Investigated and implemented algorithms for detecting malicious network traffic.

– Ported the existing software base to a platform provided by Bivio Systems.

- **Graduate Research Assistant** May 2002 - Aug. 2004  
Georgia Institute of Technology Atlanta, GA

- Worked for Olin Shivers on the Bottom Up Beta Substitution lambda calculus engine
- Implemented the BUBS system in both Standard ML and C
- Found, read and discussed past and current papers in the lambda calculus field
- Formulated an alpha-equivalence algorithm for BUBS terms
- Implemented opposing LC systems and ran tests to benchmark them against BUBS
- Helped formulate and implemented hashing algorithms for BUBS terms

- **Graduate Teaching Assistant** May 2002 - May 2003, Sep. 2003 - May 2004  
Georgia Institute of Technology Atlanta, GA

- Helped teach a variety of classes:
  - \* CS 2130 - Languages and Translation
  - \* CS 3500 - Theory I
  - \* CS 4400 - Introduction to Databases
- Developed and graded assignments and exams
- Held office hours and recitations to provide more individualized instruction for students

- **Linux Distribution Developer (Volunteer)** Jan. 2000 - July 2007  
Debian GNU/Linux

- Packaged software for inclusion in the Debian GNU/Linux distribution
- Discussed and voted on issues concerning the Debian Project and the distribution
- Provided help for users of the distribution via IRC, via mailing list, and in person

## Skills

**Programming Languages:** C, SML, Perl, Objective C, C++, Java, Lisp, Scheme, Python, Smalltalk, Haskell, Bourne and Bash shell scripting, SQL

**Markup Languages:**  $\LaTeX$ , HTML, CSS, XHTML

**Operating Systems:** Mac OS X, Linux, Windows 95/98/NT/2000/XP, Solaris

**Natural Languages:** Fluent spoken/written English, advanced spoken/written German, intermediate spoken Japanese, basic written Japanese

**Miscellaneous:** strong research and implementation skills, system administration of Linux and Mac OS X systems

## Research Interests

- Efficient implementation of functional programming languages
- Type theory in programming languages

References available on request.