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Positions

- Deputy Director, Information Innovation Office, DARPA, October 2021 to present.
- Adjunct Professor, Computer Science Department, Tufts University, October 2021 to present.
- Professor, Computer Science Department, Tufts University, March 2011 to October 2021.
- Chair, Computer Science Department, Tufts University, September 2016 to August 2021.
- Program Manager, I20, DARPA, July 2011 to July 2014.
- Consulting Professor in Computer Science, Stanford University, July 2008 to March 2011.
- Principal Member of the Technical Staff, AT&T Labs Research, April 2002 to March 2011.
- Senior Member of the Technical Staff, AT&T Labs Research, September 1996 to April 2002.

Education

- **Ph.D.** Computer Science, **Stanford University**, September 1996.
Dissertation: Type Systems for Object-Oriented Languages
Advisor: Professor John C. Mitchell
- **B.Sc.** Math & Computational Science with Distinction, **Stanford University**, June 1991.

Research Interests

Programming languages, domain-specific programming languages, program synthesis, high-assurance software, probabilistic programming languages, language design, programming language support for ad hoc data management, parsing, and type systems.

Awards and Honors

- SIGPLAN Distinguished Service Award, 2013
- Distinguished PLDI Paper, 2012.
- SIGPLAN CACM Research Highlights Nominated Paper, 2012.
- PLDI Best Paper Award, 2011.
- ACM Fellow, 2010.
- SIGPLAN CACM Research Highlights Nominated Paper, 2008.
- ACM Distinguished Scientist, 2007.
- Best Research Paper Award, KDD, 2000.
- NSF Mathematical Sciences Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, 1996, declined.
- The University of California President's Postdoctoral Fellowship, 1996, declined.
- The Student Service Award, Stanford Computer Science Department, 1995

- Hertz Foundation Fellowship, 1994 to 1996
- Finch Fellowship, 1993
- NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, 1991 to 1994

Papers and Publications

Journals and Selective Conferences

1. S. Lasser, C. Casinghino, K. Fisher, and C. Roux. CoStar: A verified ALL(*) parser. In *PLDI '21: Proceedings of the 2021 ACM SIGPLAN Conference on Programming Language Design and Implementation*, 2021. (Acceptance rate $\frac{87}{320} = 27\%$)
2. S. Lasser, C. Casinghino, K. Fisher, and C. Roux. A verified LL(1) parser generator. In *Interactive Theorem Proving*, volume 141 of *Leibniz International Proceedings in Informatics (LIPIcs)*. Schloss Dagstuhl–Leibniz-Zentrum fuer Informatik, September 2019.
3. A. Miltner, S. Maina, K. Fisher, B. C. Pierce, D. Walker, and S. Zdancewic. Synthesizing symmetric lenses. *Proc. ACM Program. Lang.*, 3(ICFP):95:1–95:28, July 2019. (Acceptance rate $\frac{39}{119} = 32\%$)
4. K. Fisher and F. Vessely. One step at a time. In *Proceedings of the European Symposium on Programming*, April 2019. (Acceptance rate $\frac{28}{86} = 32\%$)
5. S. Maina, A. Miltner, K. Fisher, B. C. Pierce, D. Walker, and S. Zdancewic. Synthesizing quotient lenses. In *ICFP '18: Proceedings of the 23rd ACM SIGPLAN International Conference on Functional Programming*, 2018.
6. A. Miltner, K. Fisher, B. C. Pierce, D. Walker, and S. Zdancewic. Synthesizing bijective lenses. In *POPL '18: Proceedings of the 45th Annual ACM SIGPLAN-SIGACT Symposium on Principles of Programming Languages*, January 2018. (Acceptance rate $\frac{66}{271} = 24\%$)
7. K. Fisher, J. Launchbury, and R. Richards. The HACMS Program: Using formal methods to eliminate exploitable bugs. *Philosophical Transactions A*, 375(2104), 2017.
8. J. DiLorenzo, R. Zhang, E. Menzies, K. Fisher, and N. Foster. Incremental Forest: A DSL for efficiently managing filestores. In *Proceedings of the 2016 ACM SIGPLAN International Conference on Object-Oriented Programming, Systems, Languages, and Applications, OOPSLA 2016*, pages 252–271, 2016. (Acceptance rate $\frac{52}{203} = 25\%$)
9. Y. R. Wang, D. Nunez, and K. Fisher. Autobahn: Using genetic algorithms to infer strictness annotations. In *Proceedings of the 9th International Symposium on Haskell*, Haskell 2016, pages 114–126, 2016.
10. M. Greenberg, K. Fisher, and D. Walker. Tracking the flow of ideas through the programming languages literature. In *Proceedings of the Inaugural Summit on Advances in Programming Languages*, 2015.
11. T. Parr, S. Harwell, and K. Fisher. Adaptive LL(*) parsing: The power of dynamic analysis. In *Proceedings of the 2014 ACM SIGPLAN International Conference on Object-Oriented Programming Systems Languages and Applications*, 2014. (Acceptance rate $\frac{53}{185} = 28\%$)

12. P. Hawkins, A. Aiken, K. Fisher, M. Rinard, and M. Sagiv. Concurrent data representation synthesis. In *PLDI '12: Proceedings of the 2012 ACM SIGPLAN Conference on Programming Language Design and Implementation*, 2012. Won 2012 PLDI Distinguished Paper Award. (Acceptance rate $\frac{48}{255} = 18\%$)
13. P. Hawkins, A. Aiken, K. Fisher, M. Rinard, and M. Sagiv. Reasoning about lock placements. In *European Symposium on Programming*, 2012.
14. K. Q. Zhu, K. Fisher, and D. Walker. LearnPADS++: Incremental learning of ad hoc data formats. In *PADL '12: Proceedings of the 14th International Symposium on Practical Aspects of Declarative Languages*, 2012.
15. K. Fisher, N. Foster, D. Walker, and K. Q. Zhu. Forest: A language and toolkit for programming with filestores. In *ICFP '11: Proceedings of the Sixteenth ACM SIGPLAN International Conference on Functional Programming*, 2011. (Acceptance rate $\frac{33}{112} = 29\%$)
16. T. Parr and K. Fisher. LL(*): The foundation of the ANTLR parser generator. In *PLDI '11: Proceedings of the 2011 ACM SIGPLAN Conference on Programming Language Design and Implementation*, 2011. (Acceptance rate $\frac{55}{236} = 23\%$)
17. P. Hawkins, A. Aiken, K. Fisher, M. Rinard, and M. Sagiv. Data representation synthesis. In *PLDI '11: Proceedings of the 2011 ACM SIGPLAN Conference on Programming Language Design and Implementation*, 2011. Won 2011 PLDI Best Paper Award. (Acceptance rate $\frac{55}{236} = 23\%$)
18. K. Fisher, Y. Mandelbaum, and D. Walker. The next 700 data description languages. *Journal of the ACM*, 57(2):1–51, 2010.
19. K. Q. Zhu, D. S. Dantas, K. Fisher, L. Jia, Y. Mandelbaum, V. Pai, and D. Walker. Language support for processing distributed ad hoc data. In *PPDP '09: Proceedings of the 11th ACM SIGPLAN Conference on Principles and Practice of Declarative Programming*, pages 243–254, New York, NY, USA, 2009. ACM. (Acceptance rate $\frac{26}{57} = 45\%$)
20. Q. Xi, K. Fisher, D. Walker, and K. Q. Zhu. Ad hoc data and the token ambiguity problem. In *PADL '09: Proceedings of the 11th International Symposium on Practical Aspects of Declarative Languages*, pages 91–106, Berlin, Heidelberg, 2009. Springer-Verlag. (Acceptance rate $\frac{18}{48} = 37\%$)
21. K. Fisher, D. Walker, K. Q. Zhu, and P. White. From dirt to shovels: Fully automatic tool generation from ad hoc data. In *POPL '08: Proceedings of the 35th Annual ACM SIGPLAN-SIGACT Symposium on Principles of Programming Languages*, pages 421–434, New York, NY, USA, 2008. ACM. (Acceptance rate $\frac{35}{212} = 16\%$)
22. M. F. Fernández, K. Fisher, J. N. Foster, M. Greenberg, and Y. Mandelbaum. A generic programming toolkit for PADS/ML: First-class upgrades for third-party developers. In *PADL '08: Proceedings of the 10th International Symposium on Practical Aspects of Declarative Languages*, Berlin, Heidelberg, 2008. Springer-Verlag. (Acceptance rate $\frac{20}{44} = 45\%$)
23. Y. Mandelbaum, K. Fisher, D. Walker, M. Fernández, and A. Gleyzer. PADS/ML: A functional data description language. In *POPL '07: Proceedings of the 34th Annual ACM SIGPLAN-SIGACT Symposium on Principles of Programming Languages*, pages 77–83, New York, NY, USA, 2007. ACM. (Acceptance rate $\frac{36}{198} = 18\%$)

24. K. Fisher, Y. Mandelbaum, and D. Walker. The next 700 data description languages. In *POPL '06: Proceedings of the 33rd Annual ACM SIGPLAN-SIGACT Symposium on Principles of Programming Languages*, pages 2–15, New York, NY, USA, 2006. ACM. (Acceptance rate $\frac{33}{167} = 19\%$)
25. K. Fisher and R. Gruber. PADS: A domain-specific language for processing ad hoc data. In *PLDI '05: Proceedings of the 2005 ACM SIGPLAN Conference on Programming Language Design and Implementation*, pages 295–304, New York, NY, USA, 2005. ACM. (Acceptance rate $\frac{28}{135} = 20\%$)
26. N. Ramsey, K. Fisher, and P. Govereau. An expressive language of signatures. In *ICFP '05: Proceedings of the Tenth ACM SIGPLAN International Conference on Functional Programming*, pages 27–40, New York, NY, USA, 2005. ACM. (Acceptance rate $\frac{26}{87} = 29\%$)
27. C. Cortes, K. Fisher, D. Pregibon, A. Rogers, and F. Smith. Hancock: A language for analyzing transactional data streams. *ACM Transactions on Programming Languages and Systems*, 26(2):301–338, 2004.
28. K. Fisher and J. Reppy. Inheritance-based subtyping. *Information & Computation*, 177(1):28–55, 2002.
29. P. Di Blasio, K. Fisher, and C. Talcott. A control-flow analysis for a calculus of concurrent objects. *IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering*, 26(7):617–634, 2000.
30. C. Cortes, K. Fisher, D. Pregibon, and A. Rogers. Hancock: A language for extracting signatures from data streams. In *KDD '00: Proceedings of the Sixth ACM SIGKDD International Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining*, pages 9–17, New York, NY, USA, 2000. ACM. Best paper award.
31. K. Fisher, J. H. Reppy, and J. G. Riecke. A calculus for compiling and linking classes. In *ESOP '00: Proceedings of the 9th European Symposium on Programming Languages and Systems*, pages 135–149, London, UK, 2000. Springer-Verlag. (Acceptance rate $\frac{26}{84} = 30\%$)
32. K. Fisher and J. H. Reppy. Extending Moby with inheritance-based subtyping. In *ECOOP '00: Proceedings of the 14th European Conference on Object-Oriented Programming*, pages 83–107, London, UK, 2000. Springer-Verlag.
33. K. Fisher and J. Reppy. The design of a class mechanism for Moby. In *PLDI '99: Proceedings of the 1999 ACM SIGPLAN Conference on Programming Language Design and Implementation*, pages 37–49, New York, NY, USA, 1999. ACM. (Acceptance rate $\frac{26}{130} = 20\%$)
34. D. Bonachea, K. Fisher, A. Rogers, and F. Smith. Hancock: A language for processing very large-scale data. In *PLAN '99: Proceedings of the 2nd Conference on Domain-specific Languages*, pages 163–176, New York, NY, USA, 1999. ACM.
35. K. Fisher and J. C. Mitchell. On the relationship between classes, objects, and data abstraction. *Theory and Practice of Object Systems*, 4(1):3–25, 1998.
36. V. Bono and K. Fisher. An imperative, first-order calculus with object extension. In *ECOOP '98: Proceedings of the 12th European Conference on Object-Oriented Programming*, pages 462–497, London, UK, 1998. Springer-Verlag. (Acceptance rate $\frac{24}{124} = 19\%$)

37. P. D. Blasio and K. Fisher. A calculus for concurrent objects. In *CONCUR '96: Proceedings of the 7th International Conference on Concurrency Theory*, pages 655–670, London, UK, 1996. Springer-Verlag.
38. K. Fisher and J. C. Mitchell. The development of type systems for object-oriented languages. *Theory and Practice of Object Systems*, 1(3):189–220, 1995.
39. K. Fisher and J. C. Mitchell. A delegation-based object calculus with subtyping. In *FCT '95: Proceedings of the 10th International Symposium on Fundamentals of Computation Theory*, pages 42–61, London, UK, 1995. Springer-Verlag.
40. K. Fisher and J. C. Mitchell. Notes on typed object-oriented programming. In *TACS '94: Proceedings of the International Conference on Theoretical Aspects of Computer Software*, pages 844–885, London, UK, 1994. Springer-Verlag.
41. K. Fisher, F. Honsell, and J. C. Mitchell. A lambda calculus of objects and method specialization. *Nordic Journal of Computing*, 1(1):3–37, 1994.
42. J. C. Mitchell, F. Honsell, and K. Fisher. A lambda calculus of objects and method specialization. In *Proceedings of Eighth Annual IEEE Symposium on Logic in Computer Science, 1993. LICS '93.*, pages 26–38. IEEE Computer Society, 1993.

Other Conferences, Workshops, Demonstrations, and Technical Reports

43. D. Egolf, S. Lasser, and K. Fisher. Verbatim: A verified lexer generator. In *LangSec Workshop*, 2021.
44. J. Chandler and K. Fisher. Reverse engineering binary messages through design patterns. In *LangSec Workshop*, 2020.
45. J. Chandler, K. Fisher, E. Chapman, E. Davis, and A. Wick. Invasion of the botnet snatchers: A case study in applied malware cyberdeception. In *Proceedings of the 53rd Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences*, 2020.
46. J. DiLorenzo, K. Mancini, K. Fisher, and N. Foster. TxForest: A DSL for concurrent file-stores. In A. W. Lin, editor, *Programming Languages and Systems*, pages 332–354, Cham, 2019. Springer International Publishing.
47. A. Miltner, S. Maina, K. Fisher, B. C. Pierce, D. Walker, and S. Zdancewic. Synthesizing symmetric lenses. Technical Report arXiv:1810.11527 [cs.PL], ArXiv, October 2018.
48. M. Sun and K. Fisher. Autobahn 2.0: Minimizing bangs while maintaining performance (system demonstration). In *Proceedings of the 11th ACM SIGPLAN International Symposium on Haskell, Haskell 2018*, pages 38–40, 2018.
49. C. Cortes, K. Fisher, D. Pregibon, A. Rogers, and F. Smith. Hancock: A language for analyzing transactional data streams. In M. Garofalakis, J. Gehrke, and R. Rastogi, editors, *Data Stream Management: Processing High-Speed Data Streams*, chapter Part 4, Chapter 4, pages 387–408. Springer, 2016.
50. K. Q. Zhu, K. Fisher, and D. Walker. Incremental learning of system log formats. *SIGOPS Operating Systems Review*, 44(1):85–90, 2010. (Acceptance rate $\frac{6}{11} = 54\%$)

51. M. Bailey, K. Bruce, K. Fisher, R. Harper, and S. Reges. Report of the 2008 SIGPLAN programming languages curriculum workshop: Preliminary report. In *SIGCSE '09: Proceedings of the 40th ACM Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education*, pages 132–133, New York, NY, USA, 2009. ACM.
52. K. Fisher. We need more than one: Why students need a sophisticated understanding of programming languages. *SIGPLAN Notices*, 43(11):62–65, 2008.
53. K. Fisher and C. Krintz. SIGPLAN Programming Language Curriculum Workshop: Workshop report summary. *SIGPLAN Notices*, 43(11):29–30, 2008.
54. K. Fisher, D. Walker, and K. Q. Zhu. LearnPADS: Automatic tool generation from ad hoc data. In *SIGMOD '08: Proceedings of the 2008 ACM SIGMOD International Conference on Management of Data*, pages 1299–1302, New York, NY, USA, 2008. ACM. (Acceptance rate $\frac{30}{93} = 32\%$)
55. Y. Mandelbaum, K. Fisher, and D. Walker. A dual semantics for the data description calculus. In *Informal Proceedings of the Trends In Functional Programming Conference*, 1997.
56. D. Burke, P. White, K. Fisher, D. Walker, and K. Q. Zhu. Towards 1-click tool generation with PADS. In *Proceedings of the Challenges and Applications of Grammar Induction Workshop*, 1997.
57. M. Daly, Y. Mandelbaum, D. Walker, M. Fernández, K. Fisher, R. Gruber, and X. Zheng. PADS: An end-to-end system for processing ad hoc data. In *SIGMOD '06: Proceedings of the 2006 ACM SIGMOD International Conference on Management of Data*, pages 727–729, New York, NY, USA, 2006. ACM.
58. M. Fernández, K. Fisher, R. Gruber, and Y. Mandelbaum. PADX : Querying large-scale ad hoc data with XQuery. In *Proceedings of the PLAN-X 2006 Workshop*, 2006.
59. K. Fisher and C. Chambers. Experience with author response at PLDI and ICFP 2004. *SIGPLAN Notices*, 39(12):1–6, 2004.
60. K. Fisher and J. Reppy. A typed calculus of traits. In *Proceedings of the 11th Workshop on Foundations of Object-oriented Programming*, January 2004.
61. K. Fisher and R. Gruber. PADS: Processing arbitrary data streams. In *Workshop on Management and Processing of Data Streams*, 2003. (Acceptance rate $\frac{17}{36} = 47\%$)
62. K. Fisher, R. Pucella, and J. Reppy. A framework for interoperability. In N. Benton and A. Kennedy, editors, *Proceedings of the First International Workshop on Multi-Language Infrastructure and Interoperability (BABEL'01)*, volume 59 of *Electronic Notes in Theoretical Computer Science*, New York, NY, 2001. Elsevier Science Publishers.
63. K. Fisher, C. R. Goodall, K. Högstedt, and A. Rogers. An application-specific database. In *DBPL '01: Revised Papers from the 8th International Workshop on Database Programming Languages*, pages 213–227, London, UK, 2001. Springer-Verlag.
64. K. Fisher and J. Reppy. Inheritance-based subtyping. In *Proceedings of the 7th Workshop on Foundations of Object-oriented Programming*, 2000.

65. V. Bono and K. Fisher. An imperative, first-order calculus with object extension. In *Proceedings of the 5th Workshop on Foundations of Object-oriented Programming*, 1998.
66. P. Di Blasio, K. Fisher, and C. Talcott. Analysis for concurrent objects. In *FMOODS '97: Proceedings of the IFIP TC6 WG6.1 International Workshop on Formal Methods for Open Object-based Distributed Systems*, pages 73–88, London, UK, UK, 1997. Chapman & Hall, Ltd.
67. K. Fisher. *Type Systems for Object-Oriented Programming Languages*. PhD thesis, Stanford University, 1996.
68. K. Fisher and J. C. Mitchell. Classes = Objects + Data abstraction. Research Note STAN-CS-TN-96-31, Stanford University, 1996.
69. K. Fisher and J. C. Mitchell. What is an object-oriented programming language?, 1995.

Book Chapters

1. C. Cortes, K. Fisher, D. Pregibon, A. Rogers, and F. Smith. Hancock: A language for analyzing transactional data streams. In M. Garofalakis, J. Gehrke, and R. Rastogi, editors, *Data Stream Management: Processing High-Speed Data Streams*, chapter Part 4, Chapter 4, pages 387–408. Springer, 2016.

Funding

- BPC-DP: Distributed REsearch Apprenticeships for Master’s (DREAM), NSF award number 2137907 (Co-PI), October 2021 - September 2023.
- QCIS-FF: Quantum Computing and Information Science Faculty Fellow at Tufts University, NSF award number 2013062 (PI), September 2021 - August 2024.
- Invariant-Defined Approach to Software Via Symmetries. Subcontract to Apogee on DARPA contract FA8750-20-C-0520 (PI), July 2020 - October 2021.
- Understanding Extant Formats Using a Novel Data-Description Language and its Translators. Subcontract to Galois on DARPA contract HR0011-19-C-0073 (PI), May 2019 - May 2022.
- Draper Fellowship for student Nate Bragg. June 2019 to the present. Anticipated to last through the completion of Nate’s PhD thesis.
- Draper Fellowship for student Sam Lasser. June 2017 to the present. Anticipated to last through the completion of Sam’s PhD thesis.
- HDR TRIPODS: Building the Foundation for a Data-Intensive Studies Center, NSF award number 1934553 (co-PI), October 2019 - October 2022.
- CHECKMATE: Computer Human Enhanced Coordination for Knowledge, Management, Analysis, & Testing for Exploits. Consultant to Aptima on DARPA contract. January 2019 - June 2022.
- Parsing in Two Stages (ParTS) Program. Subcontract to Draper on DARPA contract HR0011-20-C-0016 (PI). December 2019 - May 2020.
- RIVETTS. Subcontract to Galois AF SBIR 102873-00001:FSU139 (PI) May 2019 - May 2020.
- Symmetry in Software. Subcontract to Apogee on DARPA prime contract number FA8750-17-C-0087 (PI). May 2017 - April 2019.

- Synthesizing Data Wranglers. Subcontract to Princeton on DARPA contract (PI). November 2016 to October 2018.
- Prattle: Deception and anti-Reconnaissance via CyberChaff. Subcontract to Galois AF SBIR (PI). September 2016 to May 2019.
- Sirius: A Toolset for Building First-Class Domain-Specific Languages. DARPA prime contract number FA8750-15-2-0033 (Senior Personnel). November 2014 to May 2018.
- BPC Pipeline: Five Year Extension, NSF Award CNS 1042403 (PI). February 2011 to January 2012.
- Workshop on Modern Programming Language Curricula, NSF Award 0825525 (PI). May 2008 to April 2010.
- Real-Time Network Forensic Analysis. DARPA prime contract number FA8750-07-C-0014 (PI). January to June 2007.
- Language Support for Data-centric Systems Monitoring. NSF award CNS 0615062 (Senior Personnel). July 2006 to July 2009.
- Automatic Tool Generation for Ad Hoc Scientific Data. NSF award IIS 0612147 (Senior Personnel). July 2006 to July 2009.
- Special Projects: Travel Grants for Faculty at Minority/Female Institutions to Attend FCRC'03, NSF Award 0243337 (PI). March 2003 to February 2004.

Professional Activities

Boards, steering committees, and working groups

- Harvey Mudd Board of Trustees. Member: July 2016 - present. Vice Chair for Academic Affairs: January 2017 - 2019, Chair for Academic Affairs 2019 - present.
- DARPA ISAT Working Group. Steering Committee Member 2020 - 2021. Chair: 2018 - 2020. Vice Chair: 2016-2018. Member: 2015 - 2021.
- Computing Research Association (CRA) Board. ACM Representative: 2020 - present. Elected member: June 2009 - March 2011.
- Computing Community Consortium (CCC) Council. Member: 2020-2023.
- National Academies Study on Leveraging the Future Research and Development Landscape for the Intelligence Community, Member, 2021 - 2023.
- CNAS AI Task Force. Member: April 2018 - present.
- IFIP Working Group 2.8. Member: 2004 - present. Chair: 2015-2018.
- National Academies Workshop on Implications of Artificial Intelligence for Cybersecurity, Steering Committee Member, 2018-2019.
- General Chair: ICFP '15.
- Steering Committees: ICFP 2003 - 2009, 2013 - 2017. HCSS 2012 - 2018, (co-chair 2015, 2016), PLDI 2003 - 2016, 2019-present, OOPSLA 2003 - 2015, POPL 2003 - 2009, CUFPP 2007 - 2011 (chair 2007 - 2010), FOOL/WOOD 2001 - 2009 (chair 2006, 2007).
- ACM Special Interest Group (SIG) Governing Board, Vice Chair for SIG Development. Elected to a two-year term, June 2008 - June 2010.
- SIGPLAN. Past Chair: June 2009 - June 2012. Chair: June 2007 - June 2009. Vice Chair: June 2003 - June 2007. Member at Large: June 2001 - June 2003.

Review activities and award selection

- Program Chair: PLDI '19, PPS '16 (co-chair), HCSS '16 (co-chair), HCSS '15 (co-chair),

- OOPSLA '11, CUFPP '07 (co-chair), CUFPP '06 (co-chair), ICFP '04, FOOL '01.
- ACM Fellow Selection Committee. Member: 2015-2019. Chair 2019.
- SIGPLAN Programming Language Achievement Award Selection Committee. 2016 - 2018.
- Transactions on Programming Languages and Systems. Associate Editor: October 2014 - June 2017.
- Journal of Functional Programming. Editor: June 2005 to March 2011. Editorial Board Member: April 2004 to June 2005.
- INRIA Review Panel. Chaired Committee of Experts for review of INRIA's Theme on Programming, Proofs, and Verification. Review occurs once every four years. Spring 2015.
- NSF Committee of Visitors. 2014.
- NSF Panels: 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2014, 2017.
- Best Scientific Cybersecurity Paper Competition, selection committee member, 2020 - present.
- Program Committees: PLDI '18, POPL '17, ML4PL '15, PLDI '15, POPL '15 (ERC), FARM '14, Approx '14, NFM '13, DDFP '13, PLDI '13 (ERC), FARM '13, XLDI '12, TLDI '12, POPL '11, ML Workshop '10, OOPSLA '10, PLDI '10 (ERC), IFL '09, CUFPP '09, ICFP '08, ECOOP '08, PLDI '07, HOPL '07, OOPSLA '05, FOAL '05, FOAL '04, WOOD '03, PADL '02, POPL '02, PLDI '01, FMOODS '00, ICFP '99, MFPS '99, OOPSLA '98, FOOL '98, and OOPSLA '97.
- Refereeing: CONCUR, ECOOP, FPCA, ICFP, LICS, OOPSLA, POPL, PLDI, *Communications of the ACM Journal of the ACM*, *ACM Computing Surveys*, *ACM Transactions on Embedded Computing Systems*, *ACM Transactions on Programming Languages and Systems*, *IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering*, *Information and Computation*, *Information and Software Technology*, *Journal of Functional Programming*, *Lisp and Symbolic Computation*, *Theory and Practice of Object Systems*.

Encouraging diversity and inclusion

- Invited after-dinner speaker, W@POPL, January 2020.
- Programming Language Mentoring Workshop (PLMW). Co-Creator and Co-Chair of inaugural workshop at POPL 2012. Member of the steering committee (2016 - present). Invited Speaker: ICFP 2015, ICFP 2016, POPL 2017, OOPSLA 2018, PLDI 2019, ICFP 2019, ICFP 2020.
- PLDI 2020 Speaker and Interviewer for "Ask me anything" mentoring program.
- Member, Stanford School of Engineering Diversity Task Force. 2017 - 2019.
- CRA Subcommittee on the Status of Women in Research (CRA-W) Board. Chair: October 2008 - 2011. Steering Committee Member: June 2006 - 2011. Board Member: October 2003 - 2011.
- Speaker, CRA-W Graduate Cohort, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2011.
- Speaker, CRA-W Mentoring Workshop, 2002, 2004, 2007, and 2015.
- Speaker, CRA Mentoring Workshop, February 2010 and December 2010, 2012, 2014.
- Member of the Grace Hopper Industrial Affiliates Advisory Committee. 2006.
- FCRC'03 Educator's Grant Program. Chaired committee to provide travel grants for 100 educators at institutions with high percentages of women and minorities.

Memberships

- Member of Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) since 1996.
- Member of American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) since 2017.

Other activities

- Leadership in Science Policy Institute (LiSPI) Workshop. Speaker: 2017 and 2019.
- Comptroller General Forum on Artificial Intelligence. Participant, July 6-7, 2017. Led to report [Artificial Intelligence: Emerging Opportunities, Challenges, and Implications GAO-18-142SP](#). Published March 28, 2018.
- Challenges of Artificial Intelligence: Envisioning and Addressing Adverse Outcomes. Participant and panelist, February 24 - 25, 2017.
- SIGPLAN Undergraduate Programming Language Curriculum Workshop. Envisioned and led two-day workshop with 30 participants to rethink undergraduate programming language curriculum. Co-edited final report, published in November, 2008.
- Stanford Computer Science Department Service: Ph.D. admissions committee (2010), Teaching faculty search committee (2009), Master's student advisor (2009 - 2011), Master's admissions committee (2009), Ph.D. qualifying exam committee (2007).
- New Jersey Programming Languages and Systems Seminar. Coordinator: 2001 - 2005.
- Stanford Theory Distinguished Speaker Colloquium. Coordinator: 1995 - 1996.

Tufts Service

- University Service
 - Campus Planning and Development Committee (2017-2021).
 - DISC Advisory Board (2017-2019).
 - DISC Director Search Committee (2017-2018).
 - Tufts Innovation Institute, Executive Committee Member (2014-2016).
 - Tufts Innovation Institute, Steering Committee Member (2014-2016).
 - Tufts Thematic Working Group on Computational and Quantitative Skills and Methods (2014-2015).
- Computer Science Department Service
 - Chair (2016 - 2021).
 - Administered Qualifying Exams, 3 in 2017, 3 in 2020.
 - Computer Science Department Graduate Committee, Chair (2014 - 2016).
 - Computer Science Department Admissions Committee, (2014 - 2016).

Students

PhD Mentor, Tufts University (January 2017 - present) Mentored and worked with Sam Lasser on verified parsing.

PhD Mentor, Tufts University (January 2018 - August 2021) Mentored and worked with Nate Bragg on reasoning about resource utilization.

Master's Mentor, Tufts University (January 2017 - May 2018) Mentored and worked with Ethan Pailes on incremental parsing.

Thesis: "Skip Regex: Parsing without Deciding."

Fullbright Mentor, Tufts University (January 2017 - April 2017) Mentored and worked with Ryma Abassi on the verification of a vehicle-to-vehicle network protocol.

Post Doc Mentor, Tufts University (September 2016 - August 2018) Mentored and worked with Ferdinand Veseley on specifying semantics for domain-specific languages.

PhD Mentor, Tufts University (September 2016 - present) Mentored and worked with Jared

Chandler on tools to reverse engineer binary packet formats.

PhD Mentor, Tufts University (September 2016 - present) Mentored and worked with Jeanne-Marie Musca on dependent lenses.

PhD Mentor, Tufts University (September 2015 - present) Mentored and worked with Matthew Ahrens on tools to construct domain-specific languages and to build a domain-specific language for wearable computing.

Undergraduate Mentor, Tufts University (January 2020 - August 2021) Mentored and worked with Derek Egolf on verified lexing. Derek was given an honorable mention for CRA's Undergraduate Research Award for 2021.

Undergraduate Mentor, Tufts University (January 2020 - June 2021) Mentored and worked with Lauren Labell on automatically detecting checksums in binary packet data. Lauren was given an honorable mention for CRA's Undergraduate Research Award for 2021.

Undergraduate Mentor, Tufts University (May 2016 - May 2019) Mentored and worked with Marilyn Sun on automatically inserting small numbers of strictness annotations to improve performance of Haskell programs. Marilyn was given an honorable mention for CRA's Undergraduate Research Award for 2019.

Undergraduate Mentor, Tufts University (April 2015 - May 2017) Mentored and worked with Remy Wang on automatically inserting strictness annotations to improve performance of Haskell programs. Remy was named a finalist in the CRA Undergraduate Research Awards for 2017.

Undergraduate Mentor, Tufts University (January 2015 - May 2016) Mentored and worked with Siddhartha Prasad on developing domain-specific debugging infrastructure for parsers as part of a COMP-0194 Directed Study course.

Undergraduate Mentor, Tufts University (March 2015 - September 2015) Mentored and worked with Caleb Helbling on using databases to manage programs at the level of individual functions. Received 2015 Tufts Summer Scholar award to fund this project.

PhD Mentor, Stanford University (September 2007 - 2012) Mentored and worked with Peter Hawkins on developing analyses to ensure memory safety of overlapping data structures in low-level C code.

PhD Mentor, Princeton University (September 2004 - August 2006) Mentored and worked with Yitzhak Mandelbaum on the PADS project after he completed his 2004 summer internship until he finished his Ph.D.

Summer Students Xuan Zheng (University of Michigan, 2005) Yitzak Mandelbaum (Princeton, 2004, 2005), Ricardo Medel (Stevens Institute of Technology, 2003), Yan Yu (USC, 2000), Fred Smith (Cornell, 1999-2002), Dan Bonachea (U.C. Berkeley, 1998),

Master's Student Advisor, Stanford University (Winter 2006 to Spring 2007) Supervised Pascal Perez's Master's degree with a specialization in research on an efficient type inferencing algorithm for a higher-order functional language extended with positive subtyping.

Teaching Experience

Instructor, Tufts University (Spring 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2020)
Taught COMP105 (Programming Languages), a required course for the Computer Science major. Added recitations to the course in 2015. Put course online as part of Tufts online

masters program in 2020. (Spring 2015: 75 students, Spring 2016: 77 students, Fall 2016: 105 students, Fall 2017: 133 students, Fall 2020: 110 students).

Instructor, Tufts University (Fall 2014, Fall 2019)

Developed Comp150PLD, a new course on Programming Language Design that focused on domain-specific languages (DSLs). Students read academic papers on example DSLs and on tools for building DSLs. They each designed and built a DSL in the domain of their choice during the semester. (Fall 2014: 11 students; Fall 2019: 21 students, mentored Matthew Ahrens as a GIFT Fellow in teaching this instance of the course).

Co-instructor, Stanford University (Fall 2010)

Gave six lectures in cs242, *Programming Languages*, Stanford's required masters' level course on programming language fundamentals. Topics included an introduction to functional programming, type inference, type classes, the IO Monad in Haskell, software transactional memory, and nested data parallelism.

Co-instructor, Stanford University (Fall 2009)

Gave six lectures in cs242, *Programming Languages*, Stanford's required masters' level course on programming language fundamentals. Topics included an introduction to functional programming, type inference, type classes, the IO Monad in Haskell, software transactional memory, and nested data parallelism. Student evaluation scores, based on 80 responses, were 4.05/5 for the course and 3.98/5 for me as an instructor.

Co-instructor, Stanford University (Fall 2008)

Gave six lectures in cs242, *Programming Languages*, Stanford's required masters' level course on programming language fundamentals. Topics included an introduction to functional programming, type inference, type classes, the IO Monad in Haskell, monads, and software transactional memory.

Co-instructor, Stanford University (Fall 2005)

Gave five lectures in cs242, *Programming Languages*, Stanford's required masters' level course on programming language fundamentals. Topics included scripting languages, domain-specific languages, object-oriented languages, and support for interoperability.

Teaching Fellow, Stanford University (Fall 1995)

Sole instructor for cs242, *Programming Languages*, Stanford's required masters' level course on programming language fundamentals. Approximate enrollment of 120, including 20 industry professionals taking the course through the Stanford Instructional Television Network.

Teaching Assistant, Stanford University (1993 to 1994)

Courses: *Automata and Complexity Theory*, *Programming Languages*.

Responsibilities included course design, section leading, weekly office hours, and grading.

Teaching Fellow, Stanford University (Summer 1990)

Co-instructor for accelerated introductory programming course, cs106x.

Section Coordinator, Stanford University (1990 to 1991)

Prepared and taught seminar on teaching sections.

Section Leader, Stanford University (1989 to 1990)

Prepared and taught a weekly section for beginning programming courses.

Lectures

<i>High-Assurance Input Validation: Locking the Front Door</i>	
Invited Talk, Developing Secure Systems Summit (DS3)	May 2021
Keynote, Langsec Workshop	May 2021
<i>Information Science and Technology Study Group Overview</i>	
Invited Talk, Defense Science Study Group	October 2019
<i>AI Safety and Cybersecurity</i>	
Panelist, CNAS AI and Global Security Summit	November 2017
<i>Using Formal Methods to Eliminate Exploitable Bugs</i>	
Keynote, Formal Methods for the Informal Engineer	March 2021
Invited Talk, Chalmers Online Functional Programming Seminar Series	June 2020
Department Colloquium, Rice University, Houston, Texas	October 2019
Invited Talk, Formal Methods@Scale, Remotely participated from Arlington, VA	October 2019
Department Colloquium, Pomona College, Claremont, California	September 2019
Invited Talk, Summer BOB, Berlin	August 2019
Plenary Keynote, ETAPS	April 2019
Keynote, Code Mesh LDN	November 2018
Invited Talk, SPLASH-I	November 2018
Keynote, IEEE Cybersecurity Development Conference	October 2018
Keynote, Tufts President's Council	November 2016
Invited Talk, Workshop on Safety and Control for Artificial Intelligence	June 2016
Keynote, The 8th NASA Formal Methods Symposium	June 2016
Invited Talk, Royal Society	April 2016
Department Colloquium, University of Texas A&M	January 2016
Invited Talk, PEPM	January 2016
Invited Talk, YOW! Sydney	December 2015
Invited Talk, YOW! Brisbane	December 2015
Invited Talk, YOW! Melbourne	December 2015
Department Colloquium, Brown University	November 2015
Department Colloquium, Cornell University	October 2015
Invited Talk, USENIX Security	August 2015
<i>Tufts Talks: Towards Less Hackable Cars</i>	
Invited Talk, Tufts Alumni Event, New York	April 2019
Invited Talk, Tufts Alumni Event, San Francisco	March 2019
Invited Talk, Tufts Alumni Event, Los Angeles	March 2019
Invited Talk, Tufts Alumni Event, Boston	March 2019
<i>Securing the Internet of Things</i>	
Panelist, House Congressional Committee on Homeland Security	October 2015

Wrangling Complexity: Designing Systems that Work

Panelist, DARPA Wait What?

September 2015

Using Topic Models to Track the Flow of Ideas in the PL Literature

ML4PL Workshop, Prague, Czech Republic

July 2015

IFIP Working Group 2.8 (Functional Programming), Kefalonia, Greece

May 2015

PL&ML: Two Great Tastes that Taste Great Together

Invited Talk, DALI 2015: Data, Learning, and Inference

April 2015

Invited Talk, NIPS Workshop on Probabilistic Programming

December 2014

HACMS: Provably Correct Software for Embedded Systems

Invited Talk, Stanford Center for Automotive Research

April 2015

Keynote, UK Cyber Security Research Conference

October 2014

[Keynote](#), International Conference on Functional Programming (ICFP)

September 2014

Google I/O

June 26, 2014

ESCAR USA

June 19, 2014

Keynote, ESCAR USA

May 30, 2014

Kick-off Meeting: Airworthiness of Complex Systems Study Group

April 30, 2014

National Security Agency

April 18, 2014

New England Advanced Cyber Security Center Annual Conference

November 12, 2013

Keynote, Second Annual Symposium, Maryland Cybersecurity Center

May 14, 2013

Layered Assurance Workshop

December 4, 2012

Keynote, ACM High Integrity Language Technology Conference

December 5, 2012

Keynote, High Confidence Software Systems Symposium

May 9, 2012

National Security Agency

January 17, 2012

The PADS Project: An Overview

Invited Talk, Northeastern University

January 2018

Invited Talk, Brown University

November 2015

BBN Technologies, Cambridge, MA

April 5, 2011

Invited Tutorial, International Conference on Database Theory,

March 22, 2011

Uppsala, Sweden

Forest: A Language and Toolkit for Programming with Filestores

International Conference on Functional Programming, Tokyo, Japan.

September 21, 2011

Typing FileStores

IFIP Working Group 2.8 (Functional Programming), Austin, Texas.

March 10, 2011

Typing Directories

Galois, Portland, Oregon.

May 3, 2010

IFIP Working Group 2.8 (Functional Programming), Frauenchiemsee,

June 8, 2009

Germany.

Transforming Data into Information

University of Washington Department Colloquium, Seattle, Washington.

March 4, 2010

*Programming Language Ideas Escape the Lab: A Declarative Data
Description Language for Managing Ad hoc Data.*

NSA, Fort Meade, Maryland	September 30, 2010
New York University Department Colloquium, New York, New York	April 7, 2010
Northeastern University Department Colloquium, Boston, Massachusetts	April 5, 2010
Tufts University Department Colloquium, Medford, Massachusetts	April 1, 2010
University of Edinburgh Department Colloquium, Edinburgh, Scotland	January 14, 2010
University of Washington Department Colloquium, Seattle, Washington	January 7, 2010
Invited Technical Speaker, Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing, Keystone, Colorado.	October 3, 2008

From Dirt to Shovels: Inferring PADS Descriptions from ASCII Data

Invited Speaker, Computer Network Defense Research and Technology Workshop, Annapolis Junction, Maryland.	June 22, 2009
Faculty Lunch Speaker, Stanford University, Stanford, California.	February 3, 2009
Invited Speaker, High Confidence Software Systems Conference, Linthicum, Maryland.	March 7, 2008
Invited Speaker, Microsoft Research, Cambridge, England.	February 25, 2008
IFIP Working Group 2.8 (Functional Programming), Nesjavellir, Iceland.	July 18, 2007

*The Future of Undergraduate Programming Language Education: A
Report on the SIGPLAN Programming Language Workshop*

Invited Speaker, High Confidence Software Systems Conference, Linthicum, Maryland.	May 18, 2009
IFIP Working Group 2.8 (Functional Programming), Park City, Utah.	June 16, 2008

PADS: A System for Managing Ad hoc Data

Invited Lecture, University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida.	October 18, 2007
Distinguished Lecture, Pomona College, Claremont, California.	November 9, 2006
Database Seminar, Stanford University, Stanford, California.	March 10, 2006
Distinguished Lecture, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas.	March 7, 2006
Invited Lecture, IBM Research, Yorktown Heights, New York.	December 1, 2005
Invited Lecture, SRI, Menlo Park, California.	November 11, 2005
Invited Lecture, Microsoft Research, Redmond, Washington.	February 5, 2004

Typing Ad hoc Data

Invited Speaker, Workshop on Types in Language Design and Implementation, Nice, France.	January 16, 2007
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The Next 700 Data Description Languages

Distinguished Lecture, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas.	March 8, 2006
IFIP Working Group 2.8 (Functional Programming), Kalvi Manor, Estonia.	October 2, 2005
Invited Lecture, Oregon Summer School, Eugene, Oregon.	July 21, 2005

<i>Hancock: A Language for Analyzing Transactional Data Streams</i>	
Invited Lecture, Oregon Summer School, Eugene, Oregon.	July 19, 2005
Invited Lecture, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.	April 21, 2003
CRA-W Distinguished Lecture Series, UCSD, San Diego, California.	November 21, 2002
Department Colloquia, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.	January 14, 2002
Invited Lecture, MIT, Cambridge, Massachusetts.	December 13, 2000
Invited Lecture, Intertrust, Mountain View, California.	November 13, 2000
Distinguished Lecture Series, Williams College, Williams, Massachusetts.	July 23, 2000
<i>Ad hoc Data: An Opportunity for Domain-Specific Languages</i>	
IFIP Working Group 2.8 (Functional Programming), West Point, New York.	November 3, 2004
Invited Speaker, High Confidence Software Systems Conference, Linthicum, Maryland.	April 14, 2004
<i>The Design of a Class Mechanism for Moby</i>	
Distinguished Lecture, Università di Genova, Genova, Italy.	March 24, 2000
<i>Foundations for Moby Classes</i>	
Invited Lecture, POP Seminar, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.	November 9, 1998
<i>On the Relationship Between Classes, Objects and Data Abstraction</i>	
Invited Lecture, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey.	December 4, 1997
<i>Directions in Object-Oriented Programming Languages: Type Systems and Language Development</i>	
Invited Lecture, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.	February 3, 1997
Department Colloquia, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.	April 30, 1996
Department Colloquia, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana.	April 4, 1996
Department Colloquia, Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois.	April 3, 1996
Department Colloquia, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa.	April 1, 1996
Invited Lecture, AT&T Bell Labs, Murray Hill, New Jersey.	March 28, 1996
Invited Lecture, University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley, CA.	Fall 1995
<i>Classes = Objects + Data Abstraction</i>	
Invited Talk, 3rd Workshop on Foundations of Object-Oriented Languages, New Brunswick, New Jersey.	May 5, 1996

Media Appearances

- [“Kathleen Fisher,”](#) *Thoughts on Secure Development*. September 29, 2018.
- [“Is there anything hackers can’t hack? Now there is, thanks to a new way of coding,”](#) *bigthink.com*. Mar 22, 2018.
- [“Faces of the Foundation: Kathleen Fisher,”](#) *The Hertz Foundation blog*. Mar 5, 2018.
- [“Hands off the Wheel,”](#) *BBC Radio 4 and BBC World Service*. Jan 1, 2018.
- [“Hackable software in the driver’s seat,”](#) *The Parallax.com*, Dec 8, 2017.

- “The US and the Global Artificial Intelligence Arms Race,” *Blacklisted News.com*, Dec 3, '17.
- “So You Want Digital Voting? Hackers Want It Even More,” *bigthink.com*. Sep 17, 2017.
- “How Hackers Can Control Your Car’s Brakes, Doors, and Steering—and Why Car Makers Can’t Stop Them,” *bigthink.com*. Sep 9, 2017.
- “How hacked computer code allegedly helped a biker gang steal 150 Jeeps,” *The Washington Post*. June 1, 2017.
- “Computer security is broken from top to bottom,” *The Economist*. Apr 8, 2017.
- “Computer Hacks of the Future, and How to Prevent Them,” *Science Friday*. Feb 25, 2017. Panelist.
- “Great Debate: The Future of Artificial Intelligence— Who’s in Control,” *Origins Workshop Great Debate*. February 24, 2017. Panelist.
- “DARPA: Nobody’s Safe on the Internet,” *Sixty Minutes*. Feb 8, 2015.