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## EDUCATION

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- DECEMBER 2021 | Ph.D. in COMPUTER ENGINEERING  
**Missouri University of Science and Technology**, Rolla, MO  
Doctoral Fellow, Graduate Assistantships in Areas of National Need Program,  
US Department of Education  
Advisor: Dr. Sahra SEDIGH SARVESTANI  
Thesis: INSTRUMENTATION, MODELING, AND SOUND METAMODELING FOUNDATIONS FOR COMPLEX HYBRID SYSTEMS  
GPA: 4.0/4.0
- DECEMBER 2013 | B.S. in COMPUTER SCIENCE  
Minor in MATHEMATICS  
**Missouri University of Science and Technology**, Rolla, MO  
Office for Undergraduate Research Experience Scholar  
Advisor: Dr. Sriram CHELLAPAN  
GPA: 3.7/4.0

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Applications of Formal Methods, Abstract Algebra, Type Theory, and Category Theory to Model Transformation  
Stochastic Modeling of Complex Networked Systems  
Critical Infrastructure Protection and Dependability Analysis  
Prediction and Analysis of Failures in Embedded Systems

## EXPERIENCE

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- OCT 2021 – PRESENT | Software Engineer at **ngrok**, Seattle, WA  
Developing software to enable programmers to introspect network traffic and to provide turn-key network service features such as authentication, load balancing, and link redundancy.
- JAN 2014 – DEC 2021 | Graduate Research Assistant (Ph.D.) at **Missouri S&T**, Rolla, MO  
Advisor: Dr. Sahra SEDIGH SARVESTANI  
Performed doctoral research on modeling and analysis of complex systems, including smart power grids and embedded system peripherals. Created sound metamodeling foundations for complex hybrid systems. Formalized structural refinement and generalization for Markov imbedded structure reliability models. Detected, modeled, and analyzed the effects of electrostatic discharge and electromagnetic interference in embedded systems. Modeled energy flow in physical systems using bond graphs. Analyzed reliability and resilience of smart power grids. Graduate lead and supervisor of several projects involving multiple undergraduate and graduate students.
- AUG 2018 – DEC 2018 | Graduate Instructor at **Missouri S&T**, Rolla, MO  
Haskell Special Topics — Computer Science 4000  
Full responsibility for curriculum development, instruction, and evaluation for a class of four senior students. Taught details of the Haskell programming language, including types, typeclasses, common data structures, and algebraic abstractions. Discussed aspects of lambda calculus, type theory, and applications of the Curry-Howard correspondence. Developed course curriculum as a readings class based on a textbook and supplemented by academic and industry articles.

SEPT 2018 – NOV 2018	Trigonometry — Math 1160 Full responsibility for instruction and evaluation of two classes of 50 freshman and sophomore students each. Taught lectures on trigonometric functions, identities, and applications of trigonometry, including solving triangles, calculating distances and bearings, and complex numbers.
SUMMER 2017	Discrete Mathematics — Computer Science 1200 Full responsibility for instruction and evaluation of a class of 7 freshman and sophomore students. Taught logic, mathematical induction, number and set theory, probability and combinatorics, and graph theory.
SUMMER 2017 & JAN 2016 – MAY 2016	Data Structures Laboratory — Computer Science 1001 (now 1585) Developed course curriculum, including topic selection, instructional materials, and student exercises. Full responsibility for instruction and evaluation of three classes totaling 80 freshman and sophomore students. This course is now required for all students majoring in computer science. Co-authored a textbook, <i>TOOLS FOR PROGRAMMERS</i> , based on the course material. Topics include program debugging, performance analysis, scripting, and version control.
AUG 2016 – DEC 2016	Introduction to C++ Programming — Computer Science 1570 Full responsibility for instruction and evaluation of two classes of 50 freshman and sophomore students. Taught basics of computer programming, including object-oriented programming, in C++.
JAN 2015 – MAY 2015	Digital Network Design — Computer Engineering 5410 Shared responsibility for instruction and evaluation of a course of 45 senior and graduate students. This course is required for all undergraduate students majoring in computer engineering. Taught principles of computer networking beginning from physical media and continuing through each layer of the OSI stack.
Graduate Teaching Assistant at <b>Missouri S&amp;T</b> , Rolla, MO	
JAN 2018 – MAY 2018 & JAN 2017 – MAY 2017	Object-Oriented Numerical Modeling in C++ — Computer Science 5201 Taught lectures on memory safety, the curiously recursive template pattern, and modern C++ features, including lambdas, closures, and combinators provided in the standard library. Graded projects and provided feedback on program design and implementation for classes of 30 and 45 senior and graduate students.
AUG 2017 – DEC 2017	Introduction to Operating Systems — Computer Science 3800 Developed homework assignments covering multithreaded programming, diagnosing and fixing deadlock, memory allocation, and process scheduling. Developed a small kernel for students to use as a basis for class projects. Graded homework assignments for two classes of 60 sophomore and junior students.
AUG 2015 – DEC 2015	Calculus II Laboratory — Math 1215 Guided groups of freshman and sophomore students through solving problems in an inquiry-based learning environment. Taught three classes of 30 students each. Provided tutoring assistance to students and proctored and graded exams for the associated lecture. These classes are a pilot run of a new calculus laboratory format. Provided input on problem selection and wrote solutions for the exercises.
AUG 2014 – DEC 2014	Grader at <b>Missouri S&amp;T</b> , Rolla, MO Digital Network Design — Computer Engineering 5410
JAN 2012 – DEC 2013	Undergraduate Research Assistant at the <b>Missouri S&amp;T Center for Electromagnetic Compatibility</b> , Rolla, MO Advisor: Dr. Sahra SEDIGH SARVESTANI Developed software-based instrumentation and analytical models for detection and analysis of the effects of electrostatic discharge on an embedded system. Modified Linux drivers to gather hardware state information. Developed methods for analyzing state information to statistically determine if a sequence of states demonstrates electrostatic discharge. Work resulted in one journal and one conference publication.
AUG 2013 – DEC 2013	Software Developer at <b>Lumate</b> , Rolla, MO Designed and developed a platform to facilitate data sharing between large heterogeneous databases.

- JAN 2010 – | System Administrator at **Missouri S&T Information Technology**, Rolla, MO  
 DEC 2013 | Developed a FUSE filesystem wrapper to support advanced Linux filesystem operations on a network filesystem. Developed and integrated a system for real-time 3D visualization of large data sets. Developed software to convert a generic dataset to a specific format for the visualization system. Supported research projects with both hardware and software.  
 Managed all campus Linux machines. Migrated campus Linux distribution from Red Hat to Ubuntu.
- AUG 2010 – | Tutor at **Missouri S&T**, Rolla, MO  
 DEC 2012 | Introduction to C++ — Computer Science 1570 and 1971  
 Taught programming concepts, answered questions, and provided homework guidance to freshman and sophomore students.
- SUMMER 2013 | Software Development Engineering Intern at **Amazon**, Seattle, WA  
 Developed an Identity Broker service to vend temporary resource access credentials to clients based on their identity. Deployed service to production and configured monitoring and alarms.
- SUMMER 2012 | Software Development Engineering Intern at **Amazon**, Seattle, WA  
 Deployed to production a self-service scaling web service that reduced developer time spent on new clients. The service also predicted hardware requirements each quarter based on individual client growth estimates. Developed a MapReduce log parsing system to monitor actual service use and provide real-life scaling data for better accuracy.
- SUMMER 2011 | Software Engineering Intern at **Garmin International**, Kansas City, KS  
 Modified the map routing algorithm to log better statistical data. Created software to analyze generated routes and determine overall fitness of the routing algorithm. Developed a system to allow other engineers to easily test routing algorithm changes.
- SUMMER 2010 | Software Engineering Intern at **Softek Solutions Inc.**, Kansas City, KS  
 Developed an Android application that queried a REST web interface. Developed an Android library for future company applications.

## PUBLICATIONS

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- N. Jarus**, M. Woodard, K. Marashi, S. Sedigh Sarvestani, J. Lin, A. Faza, and P. Maheshwari.  
 “Survey on Modeling and Design of Cyber-Physical Systems”.  
 In preparation.
- N. Jarus**, S. Sedigh Sarvestani, and A. R. Hurson.  
 “Refinement and Generalization of Component State-Based Reliability Models”.  
 In preparation.
- N. Jarus**, A. Sabatini, P. Maheshwari, and S. Sedigh Sarvestani.  
 “Detection, Analysis, and Prediction of the Effects of Electrostatic Discharge on a USB Host Controller”.  
 Under review at *IEEE Transactions on Electromagnetic Compatibility*
- 2020 | **N. Jarus**, A. Sabatini, P. Maheshwari, and S. Sedigh Sarvestani.  
 “Software-Based Monitoring and Analysis of a USB Host Controller Subject to Electrostatic Discharge”.  
 In *Proceedings of the International Symposium on Real-Time and Embedded Systems and Technologies (RTEST)*, Tehran, Iran, pp. 1–7
- 2019 | **N. Jarus**, S. Sedigh Sarvestani, and A. Hurson.  
 “Towards Refinement and Generalization of Component State-Based Reliability Models”.  
 In *Proceedings of Resilience Week 2019 (RWS)*, San Antonio, TX, USA, pp. 153–159  
 (co-sponsored by Idaho National Laboratory)

- N. Jarus**, S. Sedigh Sarvestani, and A. Hurson.  
 “Formalizing Cyber-Physical System Model Transformation via Abstract Interpretation”.  
 In *Proceedings of the 19<sup>th</sup> IEEE International Symposium on High Assurance Systems Engineering (HASE), Hangzhou, China*, pp. 107–114
- 2018 | **N. Jarus**, S. Sedigh Sarvestani, and A. Hurson.  
 “Facilitating Model-Based Design and Evaluation for Sustainability”.  
 In *Proceedings of the 9<sup>th</sup> IEEE International Green and Sustainable Computing Conference (IGSC), Pittsburgh, PA, USA*, pp. 1–2
- 2016 | **N. Jarus**, S. Sedigh Sarvestani, and A. Hurson.  
 “Models, Metamodels, and Model Transformation for Cyber-Physical Systems”.  
 In *Proceedings of the 7<sup>th</sup> IEEE International Green and Sustainable Computing Conference (IGSC), Hangzhou, China*, pp. 1–8.
- 2014 | M. Albasrawi, **N. Jarus**, K. Joshi, and S. Sedigh Sarvestani.  
 “Analysis of Reliability and Resilience for Smart Grids”.  
 In *Proceedings of the 38<sup>th</sup> IEEE International Computer Software and Applications Conference (COMPSAC), Vasteras, Sweden*, pp. 529–534.  
 Recognized by the [NSA Science of Security Index](#) as Significant Research in Cyber Security
- 2013 | A. Sabatini, **N. Jarus**, P. Maheshwari, and S. Sedigh.  
 “Software Instrumentation for Failure Analysis of USB Host Controllers”.  
 In *Proceedings of the IEEE International Instrumentation and Measurement Technology Conference (I<sup>2</sup>MTC), Minneapolis, MN, USA*, pp. 1109–1114.
- 2012 | **N. Jarus**.  
 “Old Ideas in a New Age: Descartes’ Influence on Modern Animal Farming”.  
 In *Missouri S&T Undergraduate Research Conference*.  
 First place in Arts and Humanities

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- JUL 2021 | The Council of Graduate Students of Missouri S&T:  
 CGS Graduate Student Leadership Award
- OCT 2019 | National Science Foundation:  
 10<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Green and Sustainable Computing Travel Grant (\$1200)
- JAN 2019 – | US Department of Education Doctoral Fellowship:  
 DEC 2021 | Graduate Assistantships in Areas of National Need (GAANN) Program (covered all educational expenses and need-based stipend) (\$34,000)
- OCT 2018 | National Science Foundation:  
 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Green and Sustainable Computing Travel Grant (\$1200)
- AUG 2015 | NSA Science of Security Index:  
 “Analysis of Reliability and Resilience for Smart Grids” cited as significant research in cyber security
- MAR 2015 | National Science Foundation:  
 13<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Pervasive Computing and Communication Travel Grant (\$500)

JAN 2014 – AUG 2015	US Department of Education Doctoral Fellowship: Graduate Assistantships in Areas of National Need (GAANN) Program (covered all educational expenses and need-based stipend) (\$30,000)
SEPT 2012 – MAY 2014	Missouri S&T: Office for Undergraduate Research Experience (OURE) Scholarship (\$2,000) Access Missouri Scholarship (\$2,200)
APR 2012	Missouri S&T: “Old Ideas in a New Age: Descartes’ Influence on Modern Animal Farming” awarded First Place in Arts and Humanities section of the Missouri S&T Undergraduate Research Conference
SEPT 2009 – MAY 2014	Missouri S&T: Bright Flight Scholarship (\$10,000)
SEPT 2009 – MAY 2013	Missouri S&T: Curators’ Scholarship (\$14,000) Excellence Scholarship (\$4,000) First Robotics Scholarship (\$2,000) Miner Alumni Association Silver Scholarship (\$5,000)
SEPT 2009 – MAY 2010	Missouri S&T: Dean’s Scholarship (\$750) Computer Science Dept. Scholarship (\$250)

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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LANGUAGES | C++, Python, Rust, Haskell, C, Ruby, Java, Javascript, Shell Scripting

SOFTWARE | L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Pandoc, Git, Docker, Make, Matlab/Octave, Linux

HARDWARE | KiCad, Soldering, Oscilloscopes/Signal Generators/&c., ESD/EMI sources including Transmission Line Pulsers, Micrometers/Dial Indicators/&c.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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2020 | Missouri S&T Center for Advancing Faculty Excellence — Student Learning and Assessment in 2020

2018 | Missouri S&T Center for Advancing Faculty Excellence — Authentic Assessment Techniques  
Missouri S&T Student Diversity Initiatives — Safe Space Training

2015 | Missouri S&T Mathematics Graduate Teaching Seminar

2014 | Presenting Data and Information Workshop by Edward TUFTE  
Missouri S&T Graduate Teaching Assistant Workshop

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS

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MEMBERSHIPS | Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers  
IEEE Eta Kappa Nu Honors Society  
Association for Computing Machinery

	American Mathematical Society Association for Women in Mathematics Missouri S&T Intelligent Systems Center Missouri S&T Center for Electromagnetic Compatibility
CONFERENCES	13 <sup>th</sup> IEEE International Conference on Pervasive Computing and Communication (PERCOM) 2015 — Volunteer
PEER REVIEW	IEEE International Conference on Software Quality, Reliability & Security (QRS) 2020 Resilience Week Symposium 2019 International Symposium on High Assurance Systems Engineering (HASE) 2019 International Conference on Computing, Networking, and Communications (ICNC) 2018 International Conference on Computing, Networking, and Communications (ICNC) 2017 39 <sup>th</sup> IEEE International Computers, Software & Applications Conference (COMP-SAC) 2015 IEEE International Conference on Software Quality, Reliability & Security (QRS) 2015 International Workshop on Model-Based Design for Cyber-Physical Systems (MB4CP) 2015 (in conjunction with the 45 <sup>th</sup> IEEE International Conference on Dependable Systems and Networks (DSN)) 16 <sup>th</sup> IEEE International Conference on Information Reuse and Integration (IRI) 2014

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## OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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2020	Missouri S&T Council of Graduate Students — Electrical and Computer Engineering Department Representative Represented the interests of Electrical and Computer Engineering graduate students to CGS. Collaborated with other members of the Council to create a graduate student bill of rights, advocate for policy changes, and plan educational and social events for graduate students.
2019	Society for Women Engineers — “It’s Electrifying” Soldering Workshop Led a workshop where 30 middle school students assembled an electronics kit. Guided students through component assembly and making their first solder joints! Kaleidoscope Discovery Center — Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day Created logic gate demonstration breadboard and ran a booth introducing 25 middle school students to electrical engineering.
2018	Expanding Your Horizons — Microcontroller Programming Workshop Led a workshop teaching 40 middle school students the basics of Intel 8051 assembly and microcontroller programming. Society for Women Engineers — “It’s Electrifying” Soldering Workshop Led a workshop where 30 middle school students assembled an electronics kit. Guided students through component assembly and making their first solder joints! Phelps County Master Gardeners — Earth Day Booth on Native Flora Assisted at a booth teaching college students about native flora, making biodegradable planters, and giving away native flora seedlings.
2017	Expanding Your Horizons — Microcontroller Programming Workshop Led a workshop teaching 40 middle school students the basics of Intel 8051 assembly and microcontroller programming. Society for Women Engineers — “It’s Electrifying” Soldering Workshop Led a workshop where 30 middle school students assembled an electronics kit. Guided students through component assembly and making their first solder joints!

## ACM — Presentation on Linux Basics

Presented an overview of Linux shell tools and shell scripting to 30 college students.

## EcoGirl — Presentation on Cyber-Physical Systems

Presented to 35 high school students on my thesis project, cyber-physical system modeling, and what it is like to be a graduate student.

## Missouri S&amp;T Biological Sciences — Local Pollinator Conservation Project

Assisted in preparing land and planting native flowering plants as part of a pollinator conservation project.

## 2016 | Introduction to the Computer Science Department for Prospective Students

Discussed the field of computer science, course offerings, and tips for new undergraduates to two groups totaling 80 high school seniors and their parents.

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**SELECTED ORIGINAL PROJECTS** IN ADDITION TO GRADUATE RESEARCH
 

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**TOOLS FOR  
PROGRAMMERS**  
textbook

This lab textbook teaches computer science and engineering students practical computer and software engineering skills that empower them to understand what their software is doing and enable them to effectively use the tools at their disposal when programming. It serves as both an introduction to and a reference for topics including version control, debugging, and memory safety. Students leave this course prepared for industry work, challenging coursework, and personal projects.

[learnyousome.computer](http://learnyousome.computer)

**ASSIGNER**  
software

This tool for instructors automates creating and managing git repositories for homework assignments. With just a few commands, instructors can create a repository complete with necessary files for an assignment, assign that homework to their students, collect submissions, and much more. Repositories are created using GitLab, giving students experience with industry-standard tools. It also integrates with the Canvas LMS, allowing instructors to sync their course roster and upload grades.

[github.com/redkyn/assigner](https://github.com/redkyn/assigner)

**HASHPIPE**  
software

Hashpipe is an Internet Relay Chat client which is designed to be used with Unix pipes. It sets up the connection to the IRC server and offers both a simple user interface for sending messages to channels and receiving channel and private messages as well as a more advanced user interface providing access to the underlying protocol commands. It is an essential tool for conducting Serious Business with friends as well as automated IRC server management.

[github.com/linuxmercedes/hashpipe](https://github.com/linuxmercedes/hashpipe)

**SHREDDDED  
WHEAT**  
electronics

Serial that is high in fiber. A fiber-optic transceiver designed for transmitting serial UART signals in harsh EMI environments. These devices are low cost, EMI-robust, and capable of transmitting and receiving any binary signal between 0 and 50 megabaud. They have been tested to withstand, with appropriate shielding, a 135 kV/m field while communicating with an unshielded device exposed to the same field.

[github.com/sendecomp/shredded-wheat](https://github.com/sendecomp/shredded-wheat)