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Academic Appointment	University of Maryland, College Park, MD USA		
	•	2023 – present 2017 – 2023 I network security. I am also Chair of the Computer Science Undergrad- d with UMIACS, MC2, and the Maryland-Max-Planck PhD Program.	
Education	 University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland USA Ph.D., Computer Science, September 2010 Dissertation: Systems-compatible Incentives Advisors: Bobby Bhattacharjee, Neil Spring, and Aravind Srinivasan B.S., Computer Science, May 2002 B.S., Mathematics, May 2002 University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana USA Attended August 1997 – May 1999 		

- Honors and Awards IRTF Applied Networking Research Prize (ANRP) for How the Great Firewall of China Detects and Blocks Fully Encrypted Traffic, 2024
 - CSAW'23 Applied Research Competition, Best Paper Award for How the Great Firewall of China Detects and Blocks Fully Encrypted Traffic, 2023
 - FOCI Best Practical Award for How the Great Firewall of China Detects and Blocks Fully Encrypted Traffic, 2023
 - Best Paper Honorable Mention, ACM CCS 2022, for Hammurabi: A Framework for Pluggable, Logicbased X.509 Certificate Validation Policies
 - Facebook/USENIX Internet Defense Prize (3rd place), for Weaponizing Middleboxes for TCP Reflected Amplification, 2021
 - Distinguished paper award, USENIX Security 2021, for Weaponizing Middleboxes for TCP Reflected **Amplification**
 - IRTF Applied Networking Research Prize (ANRP) for Come as You Are: Helping Unmodified Clients Bypass Censorship with Server-side Evasion, 2021
 - NCWIT (National Center for Women & Information Technology) Undergraduate Research Mentoring Award, 2020
 - NSF CAREER Award, 2020
 - IRTF Applied Networking Research Prize (ANRP) for Understanding the Role of Registrars in DNSSEC Deployment, 2019
 - Dean's Award for Excellence in Teaching, College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences, 2018
 - IEEE Cybersecurity Award for Innovation 2017, for CRLite: A Scalable System for Pushing All TLS Revocations to All Browsers
 - Distinguished paper award, USENIX Security 2017, for A Longitudinal, End-to-End View of the DNSSEC Ecosystem
 - Reviewer award, SIGCOMM 2012
 - Best paper, USENIX NSDI 2009, for TrInc: Small Trusted Hardware for Large Distributed Systems
 - Best presentation, Computer Science track of UMD Graduate Research Interaction Day, 2009
 - Microsoft Live Labs fellowship, awarded 2008
 - Dean's fellowship for excellence in research, Computer Science Dept., Univ. of Maryland, 2006

Outstanding undergraduate computer science teaching assistant award, Univ. of Maryland, 2002

Refereed Publications

1. No Root Store Left Behind

James Larisch, Waqar Aqeel, Taejoong Chung, Eddie Kohler, Dave Levin, Bruce Maggs, Bryan Parno, Christo Wilson

HotNets 2023 (ACM Workshop on Hot Topics in Networking)

2. IPv6 Hitlists at Scale: Be Careful What You Wish For

Erik Rye, Dave Levin ACM SIGCOMM 2023

3. Global, Passive Detection of Connection Tampering

Ram Sundara Raman, Louis-Henri Merino, Kevin Bock, Marwan Fayed, Dave Levin, Nick Sullivan, Luke Valenta

ACM SIGCOMM 2023

4. Detecting Network Interference Without Endpoint Participation

Sadia Nourin, Kevin Bock, Nguyen Phong Hoang, Dave Levin FOCI 2023 (Workshop on Free and Open Communication on the Internet)

5. Collateral Damage of Russian Censorship

Aaron Ortwein, Kevin Bock, Dave Levin

FOCI 2023 (Workshop on Free and Open Communication on the Internet)

6. Crowdsourcing the Discovery of Server-side Censorship Evasion Strategies

Nhi Tran, Kevin Bock, Dave Levin

FOCI 2023 (Workshop on Free and Open Communication on the Internet)

7. How the Great Firewall of China Detects and Blocks Fully Encrypted Traffic

Mingshi Wu, Jackson Sippe, Danesh Sivakumar, Jack Burg, Peter Anderson, Xiaokang Wang, Kevin Bock, Amir Houmansadr, Dave Levin, Eric Wustrow USENIX Security 2023

8. Blue Is the New Black (Market): Privacy Leaks and Re-Victimization from Police-Auctioned Cellphones

Richard Roberts, Julio Poveda, Raley Roberts, Dave Levin Oakland 2023 (IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy)

9. Measuring and Evading Turkmenistan's Internet Censorship

Sadia Nourin, Van Tran, Xi Jiang, Kevin Bock, Nick Feamster, Nguyen Phong Hoang, Dave Levin The Web Conference 2023

10. Provably Avoiding Geographic Regions for Tor's Onion Services

Arushi Arora, Raj Karra, Dave Levin, Christina Garman FC 2023 (Financial Cryptography and Data Security)

11. How to Count Bots in Longitudinal Datasets of IP Addresses

Leon Bŏck, Dave Levin, Ramakrishna Padmanabhan, Christian Doerr, Max Mŭhlhăuser NDSS 2023 (Network and Distributed System Security Symposium)

12. A Global Measurement of Routing Loops on the Internet

Abdulrahman Alaraj, Kevin Bock, Dave Levin, Eric Wustrow PAM 2023 (Passive and Active Measurement Conference)

13. A Comparative Analysis of Certificate Pinning in Android & iOS

Amogh Pradeep, Muhammad Talha Paracha, Protick Bhowmick, Ali Davanian, Abbas Razaghpanah, Taejoong Chung, Martina Lindorfer, Narseo Vallina-Rodriguez, Dave Levin, David Choffnes ACM IMC 2022 (Internet Measurement Conference) Long paper

14. Hammurabi: A Framework for Pluggable, Logic-based X.509 Certificate Validation Policies

James Larisch, Waqar Aqeel, Michael Lum, Zachary Hanif, Yaelle Goldschlag, Kasra Torshizi, Leah Kannan, Yujie Wang, Taejoong Chung, Dave Levin, Bruce M. Maggs, Alan Mislove, Bryan Parno, Christo Wilson

ACM CCS 2022

15. GET /out: Automated Discovery of Application-Layer Censorship Evasion Strategies

Michael Harrity, Kevin Bock, Frederick Sell, Dave Levin USENIX Security 2022

16. Insights and Experiences from Monitoring Multiple P2P Botnets

Leon Böck, Shankar Karuppayah, Max Mühlhäuser, Dave Levin Botconf 2022 (The Botnet Fighting Conference)

17. Investigating Influencer VPN Ads on YouTube

Omer Akgul, Richard Roberts, Moses Namara, Dave Levin, Michelle L. Mazurek Oakland 2022 (IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy)

18. Sound Methodology for Downloading Webpages

Soumya Indela, Dave Levin

TMA 2021 (Network Traffic Measurement and Analysis Conference)

19. Even Censors Have a Backup: Examining the GFW's Double HTTPS Censorship System

Kevin Bock, Gabriel Naval, Kyle Reese, Dave Levin

FOCI 2021 (ACM Workshop on Free and Open Communications on the Internet)

20. Bento: Safely Bringing Network Function Virtualization to Tor

Michael Reininger, Arushi Arora, Stephen Herwig, Nicholas Francino, Jayson Hurst, Christina Garman, Dave Levin

ACM SIGCOMM 2021

21. The Ties that un-Bind: Decoupling IP from web services and sockets for robust addressing agility at CDN-scale

Marwan Fayed, Lorenz Bauer, Vasileios Giotsas, Sami Kerola, Marek Majkowski, Pavel Odinstov, Jakub Sitnicki, Taejoong Chung, Dave Levin, Alan Mislove, Christopher A. Wood, Nick Sullivan ACM SIGCOMM 2021

22. Your Censor is My Censor: Weaponizing Censorship Infrastructure for Availability Attacks

Kevin Bock, Pranav Bharadwaj, Jasraj Singh, Dave Levin

WOOT 2021 (IEEE Workshop on Offensive Technologies)

23. Measurement and Analysis of Automated Certificate Reissuance

Olamide Omolola, Richard Roberts, Ishtiaq Ashiq, Taejoong Chung, Dave Levin, Alan Mislove PAM 2021 (Passive and Active Measurement Conference)

24. Under the Hood of the Ethereum Gossip Protocol

Lucianna Kiffer, Asad Salman, Dave Levin, Alan Mislove, Cristina Nita-Rotaru FC 2021 (Financial Cryptography and Data Security)

25. Weaponizing Middleboxes for TCP Reflected Amplification

Kevin Bock, Abdulrahman Alaraj, Yair Fax, Kyle Hurley, Eric Wustrow, Dave Levin USENIX Security 2021

26. Detecting and Evading Censorship-in-Depth: A Case Study of Iran's Protocol Whitelister

Kevin Bock, Yair Fax, Kyle Reese, Jasraj Singh, Dave Levin

FOCI 2020 (USENIX Workshop on Free and Open Communications on the Internet)

27. Assertion-Carrying Certificates

Waqar Aqeel, Zachary Hanif, James Larisch, Olamide Omolola, Taejoong Chung, Dave Levin, Bruce

Maggs, Alan Mislove, Bryan Parno, Christo Wilson

FCS 2020 (Workshop on Foundations of Computer Security)

28. Come as You Are: Helping Unmodified Clients Bypass Censorship with Server-side Evasion

Kevin Bock, George Hughey, Louis-Henri Merino, Tania Arya, Daniel Liscinsky, Regina Pogosian, Dave Levin

ACM SIGCOMM 2020

29. .how .you .spot .whoswho .online .sucks: Deceiving Users with Generic Top-Level Domains

Richard Roberts, Rachel Walter, Daniela Lulli, Dave Levin

ConPro 2020 (Workshop on Technology and Consumer Protection) Accepted Talk

30. A Deeper Look at Web Content Availability and Consistency over HTTP/S

Muhammad Talha Paracha, Balakrishnan Chandrasekara, David Choffnes, Dave Levin TMA 2020 (Network Traffic Measurement and Analysis Conference)

31. Build It, Break It, Fix It: Contesting Secure Development

James Parker, Michael Hicks, Andrew Ruef, Michelle L. Mazurek, Dave Levin, Daniel Votipka, Piotr Mardziel, Kelsey R. Fulton

ACM TOPS March 2020 (Transactions on Privacy and Security)

32. Achieving Keyless CDNs with Conclaves

Stephen Herwig, Christina Garman, Dave Levin USENIX Security 2020

33. Geneva: Evolving Censorship Evasion Strategies

Kevin Bock, George Hughey, Dave Levin

ACM CCS 2019 (Conference on Computer and Communications Security)

34. You Are Who You Appear to Be: A Longitudinal Study of Domain Impersonation in TLS Certificates

Richard Roberts, Yaelle Goldschlag, Rachel Walter, Taejoong Chung, Alan Mislove, Dave Levin ACM CCS 2019 (Conference on Computer and Communications Security)

35. When Certificate Transparency Is Too Transparent: Analyzing Information Leakage in HTTPS Domain Names

Richard Roberts, Dave Levin

WPES 2019 (Workshop on Privacy in the Electronic Society) Short paper

36. RPKI is Coming of Age: A Longitudinal Study of RPKI Deployment and Invalid Route Origins

Taejoong Chung, Emile Aben, Tim Bruijnzeels, Balakrishnan Chandrasekaran, David Choffnes, Dave Levin, Bruce M. Maggs, Alan Mislove, Roland van Rijswijk-Deij, John P. Rula, Nick Sullivan ACM IMC 2019 (Internet Measurement Conference) Long paper

37. Measuring TLS key exchange with post-quantum KEM

Krzysztof Kwiatkowski, Nick Sullivan, Adam Langley, Dave Levin, Alan Mislove NIST Second PQC Standardization Conference 2019

38. Residential Links Under the Weather

Ramakrishna Padmanabhan, Aaron Schulman, Dave Levin, Neil Spring ACM SIGCOMM 2019

39. Automatically Learning How to Evade Censorship

Dave Levin

USENIX ScAINet 2019 (Security and AI Networking Conference)

40. How to find correlated Internet failures

Ramakrishna Padmanabhan, Aaron Schulman, Alberto Dainotti, Dave Levin, Neil Spring PAM 2019 (Passive and Active Measurement Conference)

41. Measurement and Analysis of Hajime, a Peer-to-peer IoT Botnet

Stephen Herwig, Katura Harvey, George Hughey, Richard Roberts, Dave Levin NDSS 2019 (Network and Distributed System Security Symposium)

42. Is the Web Ready for OCSP Must Staple?

Taejoong Chung, Jay Lok, Balakrishnan Chandrasekaran, David Choffnes, Dave Levin, Bruce Maggs, Alan Mislove, John Rula, Nick Sullivan, Christo Wilson

ACM IMC 2018 (Internet Measurement Conference) Long paper

43. Analyzing Ethereum's Contract Topology

Lucianna Kiffer, Dave Levin, Alan Mislove

ACM IMC 2018 (Internet Measurement Conference) Short paper

44. King of the Hill: A Novel Cybersecurity Competition for Teaching Penetration Testing

Kevin Bock, George Hughey, Dave Levin

USENIX ASE 2018 (Workshop on Advances in Security Education)

45. Internet Anycast: Performance, Problems, and Potential

Zhihao Li, Dave Levin, Neil Spring, Bobby Bhattacharjee ACM SIGCOMM 2018

46. Analysis of SSL Certificate Reissues and Revocations in the Wake of Heartbleed

Liang Zhang, David Choffnes, Tudor Dumitras, Dave Levin, Alan Mislove, Aaron Schulman, Christo Wilson

Communications of the ACM Research Highlights, March 2018 (Vol. 61, No. 3)

47. An End-to-End View of DNSSEC Ecosystem Management

Taejoong Chung, Roland van Rijswijk-Deij, Balakrishnan Chandrasekaran, David Choffnes, Dave Levin, Bruce M. Maggs, Alan Mislove, Christo Wilson

USENIX; login: Winter 2017 (Vol. 42, No. 4)

48. Stick a fork in it: Analyzing the Ethereum network partition

Lucianna Kiffer, Dave Levin, Alan Mislove

HotNets 2017 (ACM Workshop on Hot Topics in Networking)

49. Understanding the Role of Registrars in DNSSEC Deployment

Taejoong Chung, Roland van Rijswijk-Deij, David Choffnes, Alan Mislove, Christo Wilson, Dave Levin, Bruce M. Maggs

ACM IMC 2017 (Internet Measurement Conference) Long paper

50. unCaptcha: A Low-Resource Defeat of reCaptcha's Audio Challenge

Kevin Bock, Daven Patel, George Hughey, Dave Levin

USENIX WOOT 2017 (Workshop on Offensive Technologies)

51. DeTor: Provably Avoiding Geographic Regions in Tor

Zhihao Li, Stephen Herwig, Dave Levin

USENIX Security 2017

52. A Longitudinal, End-to-End View of the DNSSEC Ecosystem

Taejoong Chung, Roland van Rijswijk-Deij, Balakrishnan Chandrasekaran, David Choffnes, Dave Levin, Bruce M. Maggs, Alan Mislove, Christo Wilson USENIX Security 2017

53. CRLite: A Scalable System for Pushing All TLS Revocations to All Browsers

James Larisch, David Choffnes, Dave Levin, Bruce M. Maggs, Alan Mislove, Christo Wilson Oakland 2017 (IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy)

54. Measuring and Applying Invalid SSL Certificates: The Silent Majority

Taejoong Chung, Yabing Liu, David Choffnes, Dave Levin, Bruce M. Maggs, Alan Mislove, Christo

Wilson

ACM IMC 2016 (Internet Measurement Conference) Long paper

55. Measurement and Analysis of Private Key Sharing in the HTTPS Ecosystem

Frank Cangialosi, Taejoong Chung, David Choffnes, Dave Levin, Bruce M. Maggs, Alan Mislove, Christo Wilson

ACM CCS 2016 (Conference on Computer and Communications Security)

56. Build It, Break It, Fix It: Contesting Secure Development

Andrew Ruef, Michael Hicks, James Parker, Dave Levin, Michelle Mazurek, Piotr Mardziel ACM CCS 2016 (Conference on Computer and Communications Security)

57. Picocenter: Supporting long-lived, mostly-idle applications in cloud environments

Liang Zhang, James Litton, Frank Cangialosi, Theophilus Benson, Dave Levin, Alan Mislove EuroSys 2016 (European Conference on Computer Systems)

58. Anomaly Detection on D-root

Zhihao Li, Dave Levin, Bobby Bhattacharjee, Neil Spring DINR Workshop 2016 (DNS and Internet Naming Research Directions)

59. DNSql: Processing Massive DNS Collections

Stephen Herwig, Dave Levin, Bobby Bhattacharjee, Neil Spring DINR Workshop 2016 (DNS and Internet Naming Research Directions)

60. Ting: Measuring and Exploiting Latencies Between All Tor Nodes

Frank Cangialosi, Dave Levin, Neil Spring

ACM IMC 2015 (Internet Measurement Conference) Long paper

61. An End-to-End Measurement of Certificate Revocation in the Web's PKI

Yabing Liu, Will Tome, Liang Zhang, David Choffnes, Dave Levin, Bruce Maggs, Alan Mislove, Aaron Schulman, Christo Wilson

ACM IMC 2015 (Internet Measurement Conference) Long paper

62. Alibi Routing

Dave Levin, Youndo Lee, Luke Valenta, Zhihao Li, Victoria Lai, Cristian Lumezanu, Neil Spring, Bobby Bhattacharjee

ACM SIGCOMM 2015

63. Build It Break It: Measuring and Comparing Development Security

Andrew Ruef, Michael Hicks, James Parker, Dave Levin, Atif Memon, Jan Plane, Piotr Mardziel CSET 2015 (Workshop on Cyber Security Experimentation and Test)

64. Programming Slick Network Functions

Bilal Anwer, Theophilus Benson, Nick Feamster, Dave Levin SOSR 2015 (Symposium on SDN Research)

65. UAv6: Alias Resolution in IPv6 Using Unused Addresses

Ramakrishna Padmanabhan, Zhihao Li, Dave Levin, Neil Spring PAM 2015 (Passive and Active Measurement Conference)

66. RevCast: Fast, Private Certificate Revocation over FM Radio

Aaron Schulman, Dave Levin, Neil Spring

ACM CCS 2014 (Conference on Computer and Communications Security)

67. Analysis of SSL Certificate Reissues and Revocations in the Wake of Heartbleed

Liang Zhang, Dave Choffnes, Tudor Dumitras, Dave Levin, Alan Mislove, Aaron Schulman, Christo Wilson

ACM IMC 2014 (Internet Measurement Conference) Long paper

68. D-mystifying the D-root Address Change

Matthew Lentz, Dave Levin, Jason Castonguay, Neil Spring, Bobby Bhattacharjee ACM IMC 2013 (Internet Measurement Conference) Short paper

69. A Slick Control Plane for Network Middleboxes

Bilal Anwer, Theophilus Benson, Nick Feamster, Dave Levin, Jennifer Rexford ONS 2013 (Open Network Summit)

70. SDX: A Software Defined Internet Exchange

Josh Bailey, Russ Clark, Nick Feamster, Dave Levin, Jennifer Rexford, Scott Shenker ONS 2013 (Open Network Summit)

71. Making Currency Cheap with iOwe

Dave Levin, Aaron Schulman, Katrina LaCurts, Neil Spring, Bobby Bhattacharjee NetEcon 2011 (Workshop on the Economics of Networks, Systems, and Computation)

72. Secure Sharing in Distributed Information Management Applications: Problems and Directions

Piotr Mardziel, Adam Bender, Michael Hicks, Dave Levin, Mudhakar Srivatsa, Jonathan Katz ACITA 2010 (Annual Conference of the International Technology Alliance)

73. Don't Love Thy Nearest Neighbor

Cristian Lumezanu, Dave Levin, Bo Han, Neil Spring, Bobby Bhattacharjee IPTPS 2010 (International Workshop on Peer-to-Peer Systems)

74. Stay or go? Participation in Under-Provisioned Video Streams

Dave Levin, Daniel Malter, Neil Spring, Bobby Bhattacharjee NetEcon 2009 (Workshop on the Economics of Networks, Systems, and Computation)

75. TrInc: Small Trusted Hardware for Large Distributed Systems

Dave Levin, John R. Douceur, Jacob R. Lorch, and Thomas Moscibroda NSDI 2009 (USENIX Symposium on Networked Systems Design and Implementation)

76. Symbiotic Relationships in Internet Routing Overlays

Cristian Lumezanu, Randy Baden, Dave Levin, Neil Spring, and Bobby Bhattacharjee NSDI 2009 (USENIX Symposium on Networked Systems Design and Implementation)

77. BitTorrent is an Auction: Analyzing and Improving BitTorrent's Incentives

Dave Levin, Katrina LaCurts, Neil Spring, and Bobby Bhattacharjee. ACM SIGCOMM 2008

78. Motivating Participation in Internet Routing Overlays

Dave Levin, Randolph Baden, Cristian Lumezanu, Neil Spring, and Bobby Bhattacharjee NetEcon 2008 (Workshop on the Economics of Networks, Systems, and Computation)

79. On the Fidelity of 802.11 Packet Traces

Aaron Schulman, Dave Levin and Neil Spring.
PAM 2008 (Passive and Active Measurement Conference)

80. Capacity of Asynchronous Random-Access Scheduling in Wireless Networks

Deepti Chafekar, Anil Kumar, Dave Levin, Madhav Marathe, Srinivasan Parthasarathy and Aravind Srinivasan.

INFOCOM 2008 (IEEE Conference on Computer Communications)

81. PeerWise Discovery and Negotiation of Faster Paths

Cristian Lumezanu, Dave Levin and Neil Spring. HotNets 2007 (ACM Workshop on Hot Topics in Networks)

82. Backbone Construction in Selfish Wireless Networks

Seungjoon Lee, Dave Levin, Vijay Gopalakrishnan and Bobby Bhattacharjee. SIGMETRICS 2007 (ACM Int'l. Conference on Measurement and Modeling of Computer Systems)

83. Boycotting and Extorting Nodes in an Internetwork

Dave Levin, Adam Bender, Cristian Lumezanu, Neil Spring and Bobby Bhattacharjee.

NetEcon+IBC 2007 (Workshop on the Econ. of Networked Systems / Incentive-Based Computing)

84. Accountability as a Service

Adam Bender, Neil Spring, Dave Levin and Bobby Bhattacharjee.

SRUTI 2007 (Workshop on Steps to Reducing Unwanted Traffic in the Internet)

85. Punishment in Selfish Wireless Networks: A Game Theoretic Analysis

Dave Levin.

NetEcon 2006 (Workshop on the Economics of Networked Systems)

86. Fair File Swarming with FOX

Dave Levin, Rob Sherwood and Bobby Bhattacharjee.

IPTPS 2006 (International Workshop on Peer-to-Peer Systems)

87. ProofRite: A Paper-Augmented Word Processor

Kevin Conroy, Dave Levin and François Guimbretière.

UIST 2004 Demonstration (ACM Symposium on User Interface Software and Technology)

Posters

88. Bento: Bringing Network Function Virtualization to Tor

Michael Reininger, Arushi Arora, Stephen Herwig, Nicholas Francino, Christina Garman, Dave Levin ACM CCS 2020 (Conference on Computer and Communications Security) Poster

89. Mental Models of Domain Names and URLs

Richard Roberts, Daniela Lulli, Abolee Raut, Kelsey Fulton, Dave Levin

SOUPS 2020 (Symposium On Usable Privacy and Security) Poster

90. Detecting IoT Malware with Power Measurements

Rebecca Gelles, Kelsey Fulton, Rachel Walter, Dave Levin

ACM IMC 2018 (Internet Measurement Conference) Poster

91. Measurement and Analysis of Hajime, a Peer-to-peer IoT Botnet

Stephen Herwig, Katura Harvey, George Hughey, Richard Roberts, Dave Levin

ACM IMC 2018 (Internet Measurement Conference) Poster

92. Target-Embedding Domain Impersonation in HTTPS Certificates

Richard Roberts, Yaelle Goldschlag, Dave Levin

ACM IMC 2018 (Internet Measurement Conference) Poster

93. Measuring Last-Mile Internet Reliability During Severe Weather

Ramakrishna Padmanabhan, Ramakrishnan Sundara Raman, Reethika Ramesh, Aaron Schulman, Dave Levin, Neil Spring.

ACM IMC 2017 (Internet Measurement Conference) Poster

94. A Slick Control Plane for Network Middleboxes

Bilal Anwer, Theophilus Benson, Nick Feamster, Dave Levin, Jennifer Rexford

Poster at HotSDN 2013 (Hot Topics in Software Defined Networking), and paper at ONS 2013 (Open Network Summit)

Technical Reports

95. Nurikabe: Private yet Accountable Online Advertising

Dave Levin, Bobby Bhattacharjee, John R. Douceur, Jacob R. Lorch, James Mickens, and Thomas Moscibroda

96. Incentive-Compatible Bootstrapping

Dave Levin, Katrina LaCurts, Aaron Schulman, Neil Spring, and Bobby Bhattacharjee

97. A Secure DHT via the Pigeonhole Principle

Randy Baden, Adam Bender, Dave Levin, Rob Sherwood, Neil Spring and Bobby Bhattacharjee.

98. Paranoia: An Anonymous, Censorship-Resistant File Store

Dave Levin and Bobby Bhattacharjee.

99. DDoS Detection in Multi-Homed Stub Domains

Chris Kommareddy, Dave Levin, Bobby Bhattacharjee, Richard La, Mark Shayman and Vahid Tabatabaee.

100. Hoodnets: Mobile Users Bonding over Auctions

Dave Levin, Robert Kiefer, Kevin McGehee, Kristin Stephens, Koyel Mukherjee, Neil Spring, and Bobby Bhattacharjee

Invited Papers

101. Systems-Compatible Incentives

Dave Levin, Neil Spring, and Bobby Bhattacharjee GameNets 2009 (International Conference on Game Theory for Networks)

Funding

- NSF CNS-2323193 **IMR: MT: A Tool for Passively Measuring Internet Censorship**, \$527,295. October 2023–2025. Primary Investigator.
- Facebook, **Internet Defense Prize**, \$40,000 (Total), \$20,000 (UMD). Joint with Eric Wustrow (CU Boulder).
- Google exploreCSR, Tech+Research Research Hackathon, \$18,000. 2020-2021.
- NSF CNS-1943240 CAREER: Automatically Learning to Evade Internet Censorship, \$499,628. October 2020–2025. Primary Investigator.
- OTF Internet Freedom Fund **Evolving Censorship Evasion Strategies**, \$125,000. August 2019–2020. Primary Investigator.
- NSF CNS-1901325 CNS Core: Large: Collaborative Research: Towards an Evolvable Public Key Infrastructure, \$2M (Total), \$617,561 (UMD). June 2019–2022. Primary Investigator, joint with Alan Mislove and Christo Wilson (Northeastern University), Bruce Maggs (Duke University), Bryan Parno (Carnegie Mellon University), Taejoong Chung (Rochester Institute of Technology).
- NSF CNS-1902304 Tech+Research: Welcoming Women to Computing Research, Hackathon Style, \$40,000. December 2018–2019. Primary Investigator.
- NSF CNS-1816802 SaTC: CORE: Small: Collaborative: Building Sophisticated Services with Programmable Anonymity Networks, \$500,000 (total) \$250,000 (UMD). September 2018–2021. Primary Investigator, joint with Christina Garman (Purdue University).
- AWS Cloud Credits for Research Building a Science-as-a-Service Cloud Platform with Process Migration, \$25,000. November 2017–2018.
- NSF CNS-1735563 Student Travel to the Cornell, Maryland, Max Planck Pre-Doctoral Research School, \$50,000. June 2017–2018. Co-Primary Investigator, joint with Bobby Bhattacharjee (PI).
- NSF CNS-1564143 **TWC: Medium: Collaborative: Measuring and Improving the Management of Today's PKI**, \$1.2M (total) \$600,000 (UMD). July 2016–2020. Primary Investigator, joint with Tudor Dumitras (UMD), Alan Mislove (Northeastern University), David Choffnes (NEU), and Christo Wilson (NEU).
- E-VERIFY: LTS DO 0026 **DNS and External Data Fusion Research**, \$649,374. March 2016–2018. Co-Primary Investigator, joint with Bobby Bhattacharjee (PI) and Neil Spring.
- NSF CNS-1619048 NeTS: Small: Residential Network Outage Detection, \$366,000. October 2016–2019. Co-Primary Investigator, joint with Neil Spring (PI).
- University of Maryland Partnership with the Laboratory for Telecommunications Sciences (LTS), DNS and External Data Fusion Research, \$344,593, Co-Primary Investigator, joint with Bobby Bhattacharjee and Neil Spring.
- NSF CNS-1409249 CSR: Medium: Collaborative Research: Towards Finer-grained Cloud Computing, \$1.2M (total) \$400,000 (UMD). August 2014–2018. Primary Investigator, joint with Alan Mislove (Northeastern University) and Theophilus Benson (Duke University).
- University of Maryland Partnership with the Laboratory for Telecommunications Sciences (LTS), Securing Critical Network Infrastructure, \$197,999, Co-Primary Investigator, joint with Bobby Bhattacharjee and Neil Spring.

- University of Maryland Partnership with the Laboratory for Telecommunications Sciences (LTS), Bitcoin: Detecting and Characterizing Attacks, \$149,820, Co-Primary Investigator, joint with Bobby Bhattacharjee and Neil Spring.
- NSF SaTC EDU-1319147 **EDU: Competing to Build Secure Systems**, \$300,000. September 2013–2015. Co-Primary Investigator, joint with Michael Hicks (PI), Atif Memon, and Jandelyn Plane.

Advising Post-docs:

• Christina Garman (2017), now Asst. Prof. at Purdue University

Current students:

- Richard Roberts (PhD CS)
- Erik Rye (PhD CS)
- Julio Poveda (PhD CS)
- Sridevi Suresh (PhD CS)
- Kyle Hurley (PhD CS)
- Sadia Nourin (MS CS)
- Breakerspace undergraduates (5):
 - Ravna Livingston
 - Luke Griffith
 - Akshat Parikh
 - Aman Chaturvedi
 - Nathan Pan

Previous students:

- Kevin Bock (PhD CS, 2022), now at Amazon
- Stephen Herwig (PhD CS, 2021), now Assistant Professor at William and Mary
- Soumya Indela (PhD ECE, 2021), now Assistant Teaching Professor at Arizona State University
- Victoria Lai (BS 2013), now at Palintir
- Luke Valenta (BS 2014), (PhD: UPenn), now at Cloudflare
- Frank Cangialosi (BS 2015), (PhD: MIT)
- Katrina LaCurts (BS 2008; grad student mentor), (PhD: MIT), now at MIT EECS (Senior Lecturer, Undergraduate Officer)
- Ivan Petrov (MS 2018), now at Google
- Katura Harvey (MS 2018), now at Cisco
- Rebecca Gelles (MS 2019)
- Zachary Hanif (MS 2020)
- Breakerspace students (72): Tania Arya; Shoubhit Babu; Pranav Bharadwaj; Jack Burg; Josephine Chow (BS/MS 2019), now at Cloudflare; Jacob Cohen; Anna Dai; Quinton Davidson; Emily Dunham; Yair Fax (BS 2020); Sabrina Field; Josh Fleming (BS 2019), now at Booz Allen; Nick Francino (BS/MS 2020); Priyal Garg; Yaelle Goldschlag; Vanya Gorbachev; Michael Harrity; Nathan Hayes; Peter Heppenstall (BS 2019), now at Activision; Melissa Hoff; George Hughey (BS 2019), now at Microsoft; Kyle Hurley; Jayson Hurst; Mitchell Kager (BS/MS 2020); Leah Kannan; Blue Keleher (BS 2019), now at Samsara; Daniel Kootz; Lauren Kosub (BS 2020); Noah Labruna; Sash Lamba; Angela Lambert; Amanda Li; Daniel Liscinsky; Julianna Long (BS 2020); Daniela Lulli; Michael Lum; Anna Mazzanati; Brendan McMahan; Alexis Mejia; Louis-Henri Merino (BS 2019), now at EPFL; Azeem Mohammed; Sai Naraharisetti; Ha Phan Nguyen; Aaron Ortwein (BS/MS 2023), now at UMich Dakshita Pal; Avi Passy (BS 2020); Regina Pogosian (BS 2019), now at ManTech; Shraddha Ramesh; Sree Ramireddygari; Vikram Rao (BS 2019), now at Amazon; Abolee Raut; Kyle Reese (BS 2020); Michael Reininger (BS/MS 2020); Sadena Rishindran; Michael Roberts; Alden Schmid; Vaishnavi Sesetty; Krushi Shah; Kevin Shen; Jasraj Singh (BS 2020); Nathan Stiff; Chris Tharratt; Preston Tong (MS 2020); Kasra Torshizi; Wendy Tu; Johan Vandegriff; Shrikar Vasisht; Anjali Viramgama; Rachel Walter (BS 2020), now at Amazon; Josh

PhD Committees

- Defense: Omer Akgul (2023), Erica Blum (2023), Ramakrishna Padmanabhan (2018), Benjamin Bengfort (2018), Andrew Ruef (2018), Youndo Lee (2017), Liang Zhang (2016; Northeastern University)
- Proposal: Ruoxi Li (2022), Matthew Lentz (2018), Ramakrishna Padmanabhan (2017), Andrew Ruef (2017), Benjamin Bengfort (2016)

Classes Taught

- CMSC 614 (formerly CMSC 818O) (Graduate Computer and Network Security)
 - Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Spring 2021, Fall 2019, Fall 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2017
- CMSC 414 (Computer and Network Security)
 - Spring 2024, Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Spring 2019, Spring 2018, Spring 2016, Spring 2015, Spring 2014
- CMSC 396H (Computer Science Honors Seminar)
 - Spring 2024, Fall 2023, Fall 2022, Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019, Spring 2018, Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Spring 2016
- CMSC 499A (Independent Study)
 - A user study-driven evaluation of web privacy (Spring 2024)
 - Design and implementation of a web privacy browser extension (Fall 2023)
 - Evading censorship detection with voice emulation (Fall 2023)
 - Measuring transit censorship (Fall 2023)
 - Measuring censorship without endhost participation (Spring 2023)
 - Distributed training of server-side censorshipe vasion (Spring 2023)
 - Evading censorship of fully encrypted traffic (Fall 2022)
 - Detecting VPN usage with latencies (3× Fall 2022)
 - Towards programmable Tor middleboxes (Spring 2022)
 - Spring 2021
 - Application-layer censorship evasion (Winter 2021)
 - Towards programmable Tor middleboxes (Fall 2020)
 - Detectin IoT malware with side channels (Fall 2020)
 - Evading nation-state censors (Spring 2020)
 - User perception of domain impersonation (Spring 2020)
 - Secure process migration (Spring 2018)
 - Towards a blockchain-based PKI (Spring 2018)
 - Side-channel defenses (Spring 2018)
 - Reverse-engineering a peer-to-peer botnet (Fall 2017)
 - Analyzing CDNs' Roles in the Web's PKI (Fall 2015)
 - Obfuscated Communication through Skype Video (Fall 2015)
 - Anonymous DTN Routing (Spring 2014)
 - Provable Route Avoidance using Alibi Routing (Spring 2013)
- HACS 479 (Independent Study)
 - Detecting transit censorship (Spring 2022)
 - Detecting IoT malware with side-channels (Spring 2022, Fall 2021, Spring 2020)
 - Detecting phishing websites (Fall 2021)
 - Weaponizing censorship middleboxes (Spring 2021)
 - Towards programmable Tor middleboxes (Spring 2021)
 - Application-layer censorship evasion (Fall 2020)
 - Server-side detection of VPN connections (Spring 2018)
- CMSC 388U (formerly CMSC 389R) (Introduction to Ethical Hacking) Student-led class
 - Fall 2022, Spring 2022, Fall 2021, Spring 2021, Fall 2019, Spring 2019, Spring 2018
- CMSC 389O (The Coding Interview) Student-led class
 - Fall 2017

- CMSC 330 (Organization of Programming Languages)
 - Spring 2013
- CMSC 818F (Securing and Monetizing the Internet)
 - Spring 2013

Service Activities Member:

• National Academies Forum on Cyber-resilience (2021 – Present)

Program Committee chair:

- IMC 2024 (ACM Internet Measurement Conference)
- FOCI 2021 (ACM Workshop on Free and Open Communications on the Internet)
- PAM 2021 (Passive and Active Measurement Conference)

Steering committee:

• FOCI (Free and Open Communications on the Internet)

General chair:

- IMC 2021 (ACM Internet Measurement Conference)
- SOSR 2017 (ACM Symposium on SDN Research)
- HotNets 2013 (ACM Workshop on Hot Topics in Networks)

Chair:

ACM SIGCOMM Doctoral Dissertation Award Committee, 2016

Program committee member:

- ACM SIGCOMM 2012, 2013, 2020, 2021, 2022 Winner, best reviewer award (2012)
- IEEE Security & Privacy (Oakland) 2019, 2020, 2023
- FOCI (Workshop on Free and Open Communication on the Internet) 2021, 2023
- USENIX Security 2021
- Computing Innovation Fellows 2020
- CCS 2020 (ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security)
- PAM 2020 (Passive and Active Measurement Conference)
- IMC 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022 (ACM Internet Measurement Conference)
- CSET 2016, 2017, 2019 (USENIX Workshop on Cyber Security Experimentation and Test)
- CoNEXT 2018 (Conference on emerging Networking Experiments and Technologies)
- NetEcon 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 (Workshop on the Economics of Networks, Systems, and Computation)
- SOSR 2016, 2017 (Symposium on SDN Research)
- NSDI 2013 (USENIX Symposium on Networked Systems Design and Implementation)
- ICNP 2012 (IEEE International Conference on Network Protocols)
- DIALM-POMC 2010 (ACM International Workshop on Foundations of Mobile Computing)

National Science Foundation panelist:

- NSF CSR 2016 (Computer Systems Research)
- NSF SaTC 2015 (Secure and Trustworthy Cyberspace)

Computing Research Association (CRA) Congressional Fly-in, 2015

Departmental Activities

- Chair (joint with Leilani Battle Spring 2019–Spring 2021), Computer Science Honors Program, 2016 present.
- Founded Breakerspace, a lab dedicated to group undergraduate research project

(see https://breakerspace.cs.umd.edu).

- Co-founder of GTRG, a game theory reading group for the Computer Science Department (see https://www.cs.umd.edu/~dml/gtrg.html).
- Elected member of the Computer Science Department's Education Committee, 2005 2006.
- President of the Executive Council, the graduate student governing body for promoting interaction among students and faculty in the computer science department, 2004 2005.

Invited Talks	Weaponizing Censorship Infrastructure • Rightscon 2021 Conference (With Kevin Bock)	June 2021
	Automatically Learning How to Evade Censorship	
	 US Dept. of State Global Engagement Center. (With Kevin Bock) 	March 2021
	 Cornell CS Colloquium. Hosted by Fred Schneider. 	October 2020
	 Pluggable Transports Implementers Meeting. 	October 2020
	 USENIX ScalNet Conference 	
	Laboratory for Telecommunication Sciences (LTS) Symposium	August 2019 July 2019
	Harvard University	July 2019
	Combatting Nation-state Censorship	
	University of Iowa. Hosted by Omar Chowdhury.	September 2020
	The Evolution of (Anti-)Censorship	
	Georgetown Center for Security and Emerging Technology. Hosted by Rebecca Gelles	s. July 2020
	Automatically Learning How to Evade Censorship	4 2010
	USENIX ScalNet Conference Line of The Conference (LTG) Conference (L	August 2019
	Laboratory for Telecommunication Sciences (LTS) Symposium	July 2019
	Harvard University	July 2019
	Three Ugly Truths about the Web's PKI (and How We Might Fix it)	
	 Cornell, Maryland, Max Planck Pre-doctoral Research Summer School (CMMRS) 	August 2019
	 Virginia Tech. Hosted by Ing-Ray Chen 	October 2018
	 Georgetown University. Hosted by Micah Sherr 	September 2018
	 Laboratory for Telecommunication Sciences (LTS) Symposium 	March 2017
	Revocations Are Dead, Long Live Revocations	
	Georgia Tech. Hosted by Maria Konte	January 2018
	UCSD. Hosted by Geoff Voelker and Kirill Levchenko	December 2017
	Securing the Internet by Proving the Impossible	9 1 9016
	University of Jordan. Hosted by Khair Eddin	September 2016
	Key Mismanagement in the Web's PKI	
	 CloudFlare. Hosted by Nick Sullivan 	August 2016
	 NEC Labs. Hosted by Cristian Lumezanu 	July 2016
	The Ugly Truth about Certificate Revocation	
	Maryland Cybersecurity Center Symposium	December 2015
	ICF International's CyberSci Summit	October 2015
	Duke University. Hosted by Theo Benson	August 2014
	Alibi Routing	

• SIGCOMM Conference

August 2015

Maritime Cybersecurity • National Maritime Electronics Association (NMEA) Conference	October 2015
Analysis of SSL Certificate Reissues and Revocations in the Wake of Heartbleed NANOG 62 (Security track). Baltimore, MD	October 2014
D-mystifying the D-root Address ChangeNANOG 62 (DNS track). Baltimore, MD	October 2014
Tune-in to Tune-out: Using FM radio to revoke certificatesMaryland Cybersecurity Center Symposium	May 2014
 Avoiding Censors by Proving the Impossible Laboratory for Telecommunication Sciences (LTS) Symposium 	March 2014
Proving the Impossible with Alibi ProtocolsMaryland Cybersecurity Center (MC2) Symposium	May 2013
 Systems without Cooperation William and Mary College. Stanford University Networking Seminar. Georgia Tech. Hosted by Nick Feamster. University of Wisconsin-Madison. Hosted by Suman Banerjee. 	April 2013 July 2009 December 2008 December 2008
Making Currency Cheap with iOwe • NetEcon Workshop	July 2011
Stay or Go? Participation in Under-provisioned Multicast Systems • NetEcon Workshop	July 2009
Systems-Compatible Incentives • GameNets Conference	May 2009
TrInc: Small Trusted Hardware for Large Distributed Systems • NSDI Conference	April 2009
BitTorrent Is an Auction: Analyzing and Improving BitTorrent's Incentives • SIGCOMM Conference	August 2008
Motivating Participation in Internet Routing Overlays • NetEcon Workshop	August 2008
Boycotting and Extorting Nodes in an Internetwork • NetEcon Workshop	June 2007
Punishment in Selfish Wireless Networks • NetEcon Workshop	June 2006
 Fair File Swarming with FOX IPTPS Workshop University of Delaware. Hosted by Paul Amer. 	February 2006 September 2005

Prior Professiona Experience

Prior Professional University of Maryland, College Park, MD USA

Assistant Research Scientist

2012 - 2017

Performed and advised research in a wide range of networked systems and security I also taught undergraduate and graduate courses, typically on computer security. Served as a co-chair of the Computer Science Undergraduate Honors program since Fall 2015.

Hewlett Packard Labs, Palo Alto, California USA

Researcher 2010 – 2012

Worked in the Social Computing Group with Bernardo Huberman, with a focus on building systems that allow users to share network resources while addressing incentives, security, and usability concerns.

Microsoft Research, Redmond, Washington USA

Researcher; Summer Intern

2008 - 2009

Worked in the Distributed Systems and Security group with John Douceur, Jacob Lorch, James Mickens, and Thomas Moscibroda on the design of secure and incentive-compatible protocols. The two summers resulted in a best paper at NSDI 2009 and a submission to NSDI 2010.

Hewlett Packard Labs, Palo Alto, California USA

Researcher: Summer Intern

2006

Worked in Bernardo Huberman's Information Dynamics Lab. Worked closely with Kevin Lai on a source-initiated multicast protocol. Collaborated with other researchers on topics ranging from social networking to decentralized digital markets.

Space/Ground System Solutions, La Plata, Maryland USA

Software Engineer

2002 - 2003

Designed, developed, and supported application-level device drivers in C. Ported some of the code from legacy Fortran on a VAX.

TIPS Technology, Crofton, Maryland USA

Software Developer

2001

Designed, developed, and supported myriad web-based applications in Perl, MySQL, and Java.

Motorola, Arlington Heights, Illinois USA

Software Engineer; Summer Intern

1999 - 2000

Aided in design, coding, and testing of embedded software responsible for communication between 3G cell phones and base stations.

U.S. Department of Defense, Dahlgren, Virginia USA

Systems Administrator; Summer Intern

1996 – 1998

Administered a lab consisting of SGI, Sun, and Windows machines.