Michael O. Lam

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 2007–2014 Ph.D. Computer Science, University of Maryland, College Park, MD.
- 2007–2010 M.S. Computer Science, University of Maryland, College Park, MD.
- 2004–2007 **B.S. Computer Science**, *James Madison University*, Harrisonburg, VA. Minor in Mathematics

Relevant Experience

- 2020-present Associate Professor, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA.
- 2014–2020 Assistant Professor, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA.

Teach courses on systems fundamentals, parallel and distributed systems, compiler systems, and programming languages. Advise undergraduate research projects in system tools, compiler systems, highperformance computing, and software engineering. Serve on a variety of department- and college-level committees and service projects as well as advisor to several student organizations.

2011,2016- Research Scholar and Collaborator, Lawrence Livermore National Lab, Livermore, CA.

present Work with multiple teams to develop systems tools for floating-point arithmetic analysis in the context of high-performance computing. Recruit and advise undergraduate student interns.

2007-2014 Graduate Research Assistant and Postdoctoral Researcher,

University of Maryland, College Park, MD.

Worked with Dr. Jeff Hollingsworth on a software system for automated floating-point precision level recommendations using binary instrumentation and runtime analysis. Also developed a tool for detecting and reporting floating-point cancellation.

2006 Undergraduate Research Assistant, DePaul University, Chicago, IL.

Worked with Dr. Daniela Raicu on an open-source framework for content-based medical image retrieval.

Selected Awards and Honors

- Co-PI on awarded grant "PSM based tool to simulate large thread/interceptor events", Triton Systems, Inc., 2022, \$210,000.
- Outstanding Student Mentor Award, College of Integrated Science and Engineering, James Madison University, 2021.
- Outstanding Junior Faculty Award, College of Integrated Science and Engineering, James Madison University, 2019.
- Invited panelist, "Facilitating the Adoption of Correctness Tools in HPC Applications" at the Second International Workshop on Software Correctness for HPC Applications (co-located with SC'18), 2018.
- Provost's Research and Development Grant, James Madison University, 2017-2018, \$4,840
- Faculty Development Grant, College of Integrated Science and Engineering, James Madison University, 2017-2018, \$4,000
- Provost Research Award, James Madison University, 2015-2016, \$4,000

Teaching Experience

- CS240 Data Structures and Algorithms (Fa14, Fa15)
- **CS261 Computer Systems I** (Fa16, Fa17, Fa18, Fa19, Fa20, Fa21, Fa22) Designed or re-designed all course material in 2016, much of which is now also used by other faculty who teach the course. Augmented this material in 2020 with recorded lectures.
- **CS280 Competitive Programming** (Fa15, Fa16, Sp18, Sp19) This course prepares students to participate in the ACM ICPC programming competition.
- CS430 Programming Languages (Sp15, Sp18, Sp19, Sp20, Sp21, Sp22)
- o CS432 Compilers (Fa16, Fa17, Fa18, Fa19, Fa20, Fa21, Fa22)

Successfully proposed the creation of this new catalog course, designing the course itself and all material using applied backwards design theory. The course is now a permanent advanced elective in our systems curriculum.

- **CS470 Parallel and Distributed Systems** (Sp16, Sp17, Sp18, Sp19, Sp20, Sp21, Sp22) Designed and implemented this course as an advanced elective in our systems curriculum.
- CS480 Special Topics: Compilers (Fa15)
- CS480 Special Topics: Large-scale Visualization (Sp15)
 Co-taught this cross-listed CS/Math course on visualization with a faculty member from the math department; the course was sponsored by the JMU Institute for Visual Studies.
- **CS630 Compilers (Graduate)** (Sp15, Sp16, Sp17) Re-designed this course to include a more rigorous semester-long project.
- Tutorial on Floating-Point Analysis and Reproducibility Tools for Scientific Software at Supercomputing'19 conference in Denver, CO. http://fpanalysistools.org/sc19/

Selected Advising Experience

- Fa22: Ben Huber, "ODE Visualization Tool" (Independent study, advisor)
- Fa20: Steven Taylor, "Video Game Design Concepts and Development" (Independent study, advisor)
- Sp19 Sp20: Charles Hines, "Less-Java, More Type Safety Project" (Honors thesis, advisor)
- Sp19 Sp20: William Lovo, "Analyzing Text Classifiers to Support DLP System" (Honors thesis, reader)
- o Sp18 Sp19: Rebecca Wild, "Precision Analysis of a Chaotic System" (Honors thesis, advisor)
- Sp18 Sp19: Adam Blalock, "A Study of the Effect of Memory System Configuration on the Power Consumption of an FPGA Processor" (Honors thesis, reader)
- Sp17 Sp18: Zamua Nasrawt, "Less Java, More Learning: Language Design for Introductory Programming" (Honors thesis, advisor)
- 2016 Sp17: Cory Walker, "Mapping the Bitcoin Network" (Master's thesis, committee member)
- 2015 Sp16: LaTia Hutchinson, "Live Musical Steganography" (Master's thesis, committee member)

Selected Service Contributions

- Fa22 Fa23: Students@SC Student Networking and Mentoring chair (Supercomputing, field) Manage all student networking and mentoring events (four reporting roles).
- Fa22 present: madiSTEM Co-Director for Volunteers and Evaluation (JMU, community) Manage yearly STEM outreach conference for girls in grades 6-8.
- Sp22 present: Students@SC Student Programming committee member (Supercomputing, field)
- Fa20 present: CS department Scholarship and Awards committee member (JMU, dept.)

- Fa19 present: CS department representative on the CISE Curriculum and Instruction committee (JMU, college, chair Fa20-Sp22)
- Fa17 present: Advisor for Upsilon Pi Epsilon honor society (JMU, dept.)
- Fa17 present: Co-advisor for Unix Users Group club (JMU, university)
- Fa17 present: Advisor for PlayMU gaming club (JMU, university)
- Fa14 present: CS department lab systems committee member (JMU, dept.)
- Sp20 Fa21: Students@SC Mentor-Protegé chair (Supercomputing, field) Ran Mentor-Protegé program two years in a row.
- Fa16 Sp20: Volunteer mentor for Mentor-Protegé program (Supercomputing, field) Mentor students attending Supercomputing, answering questions about research, teaching, and career options in HPC.
- Fa20 Sp21: CS department faculty search committee chair (JMU, dept.)
- Fa15 Fa19: Co-advisor for ACM Competitive Programming club (JMU, dept.)
- Fa19: Site director for the International Collegiate Programming Contest (ICPC) Mid-Atlantic Regional Contest (ICPC, field)
 - Organized a site for the regional programming contest for 20 teams from surrounding states.
- Sp19: Volunteer Chair for ACM Capital Region Celebration of Women in Computing (CAP-WIC'19) conference at JMU (ACM-W, field)
- Sp18 Sp19: Web Chair for Principles and Practice of Parallel Programming 2019 (PPoPP'19) conference in Washington, DC (ACM SIGPLAN, field)
- Sp15 Sp17: Systems acquisition (JMU, dept./college)
 Coordinated the purchase, installation, and maintenance of a 16-node high-performance computing cluster that is used for both research and teaching.
- Fa14 Fa15: Systems track curriculum re-design committee (JMU, dept.) Helped significantly with the development of a new senior-level parallel and distributed systems class with an emphasis on high-performance computing, as well as a new senior-level compilers class with an emphasis on systems and software engineering.
- Fa10 Sp13: Representative, Graduate Student Government (UMD) Represented Computer Science graduate students in assembly meetings. Served one year on the Student Affairs committee and one year on the Budget and Finance committee.

Software Releases

- **FloatSmith** Automated source-level precision tuning (released December 2019) URL: https://github.com/crafthpc/floatsmith
- ADAPT Automatic differentiation tool for precision tuning (released January 2019) URL: github.com/llnl/adapt-fp
- CRAFT Floating-point runtime analysis library (v1.0 released 2014, v1.1 released 2016, and v1.2 released 2018) URL: github.com/crafthpc/craft
- **C Test Framework** for academic courses (released July 2018) URL: github.com/JMU-CS/c-test-framework
- **SHVAL** Floating-point shadow value analysis library (released April 2017) URL: github.com/lam2mo/shval

Selected Publications

Journal Articles

- Michael O. Lam and Dee A. B. Weikle. A successful online systems class using scaffolded active learning and formative assessment. *Journal of Computing Sciences in Colleges*, 37(3):132–142, October 2021.
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- [4] Joseph K. Arbogast, Isaac B. Sumner, and Michael O. Lam. Parallelizing Shamir's Secret Sharing Algorithm. *Journal of Computing Sciences in Colleges*, 33(3):12–18, 2018. Publisher: Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges.
- Quincy E. Mast, Zamua O. Nasrawt, Garrett L. Folks, and Michael O. Lam. Traveling Salesman: A Heuristic Scaling Analysis. *Journal of Computing Sciences in Colleges*, 33(3):19–25, 2018. Publisher: Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges.
- [6] Patricia D. Soriano, Kevin H. Amrein, Sam P. Carswell, and Michael O. Lam. Analysis of Parallel Implementations of Centrality Algorithms. *Journal of Computing Sciences in Colleges*, 33(3):31–38, 2018. Publisher: Consortium for Computing Sciences in Colleges.
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- [8] Michael O. Lam and J. K. Hollingsworth. Fine-Grained Floating-Point Precision Analysis. International Journal of High Performance Computing Applications, page 1094342016652462, June 2016. Publisher: SAGE Publications.
- [9] Michael O. Lam, Jeffrey K. Hollingsworth, and G.W. Stewart. Dynamic Floating-Point Cancellation Detection. *Parallel Computing*, 39(3):146–155, March 2013. Publisher: Elsevier Science Publishers B. V.

Conference or Peer-Reviewed Workshop Papers

- [10] Konstantinos Parasyris, Ignacio Laguna, Harshitha Menon, Markus Schordan, Daniel Osei-Kuffuor, Giorgis Georgakoudis, Michael O. Lam, and Tristan Vanderbruggen. HPC-MixPBench: An HPC Benchmark Suite for Mixed-Precision Analysis. In 2020 IEEE International Symposium on Workload Characterization (IISWC), pages 25–36, October 2020.
- [11] Michael O. Lam, Tristan Vanderbruggen, Harshitha Menon, and Markus Schordan. Tool Integration for Source-Level Mixed Precision. In Proceedings of the Third International Workshop on Software Correctness for HPC Applications held in conjunction with SC19: The International Conference for High Performance Computing, Networking, Storage and Analysis, Denver, CO, 2019.
- [12] Dee A. B. Weikle, Michael O. Lam, and Michael S. Kirkpatrick. Automating Systems Course Unit and Integration Testing. In *Proceedings of the 50th ACM Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education (SIGCSE'19)*, pages 565–570, Minneapolis, MN, 2019. ACM.
- [13] Harshitha Menon, Michael O Lam, Daniel Osei-kuffuor, Markus Schordan, Scott Lloyd, Kathryn Mohror, and Jeffrey Hittinger. ADAPT : Algorithmic Differentiation Applied to Floating-Point

Precision Tuning. In *Proceedings of the International Conference for High Performance Computing, Networking, Storage, and Analysis (SC'18)*, pages 48:1–48:13, Dallas, Texas, 2018. IEEE Press.

- [14] Ramy Medhat, Michael O. Lam, Barry L. Rountree, Borzoo Bonakdarpour, and Sebastian Fischmeister. Managing the Performance/Error Tradeoff of Floating-point Intensive Applications. In *Proceedings of the International Conference on Embedded Software (EMSOFT'17)*. ACM, 2017. arXiv: 1603.09436 ISSN: 16130073.
- [15] Shane Fogerty, Siddhartha Bishnu, Yuliana Zamora, Laura Monroe, Steve Poole, Michael Lam, Joe Schoonover, and Robert Robey. Thoughtful Precision in Mini-Apps. In 2017 IEEE International Conference on Cluster Computing (CLUSTER), pages 858–865, Honolulu, HI, September 2017. IEEE.
- [16] Michael O. Lam and Barry L. Rountree. Floating-Point Shadow Value Analysis. In Proceedings of the 5th Workshop on Extreme-Scale Programming Tools, pages 18–25, Piscataway, NJ, USA, 2016. IEEE Press. Series Title: ESPT '16.
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- [20] Michael O Lam. Summer Report: Tool Integration for Variable-Precision Computing. Technical report, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, 2018.
- [21] Michael O Lam. Summer Report: Software Tools for Variable-Precision Computing. Technical report, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, 2017.

Invited Articles

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