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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- **University of Pennsylvania**, 2008–2015
Ph.D., Computer Science
Thesis: *Program Synthesis with Types*, advised by Steve Zdancewic
- **University of Washington**, 2002–2006
B.S. *with distinction*, Computer Science and Applied and Computational Math Sciences *cum laude*
B.A., Comparative History of Ideas, *cum laude*
Minors in Mathematics and Music
Thesis: *Join Diesel: Concurrency Primitives for Diesel*, advised by Craig Chambers

Honors and Awards

- *Center for Teaching and Learning Graduate Fellow for Teaching Excellence*
University of Pennsylvania, 2012–2013
- *Center for Teaching and Learning Teaching Certificate*
University of Pennsylvania, 2011
- *Penn Prize for Distinguished Teaching by Graduate Students (honorable mention)*
University of Pennsylvania, 2010
- *NSF Graduate Student Fellowship (honorable mention)*, 2010
- *Bob Bandes Memorial Award for Excellence in Teaching*
University of Washington, 2006
- *Microsoft Departmental Scholarship*
University of Washington, 2006
- *Phi Beta Kappa Invitee*
University of Washington, 2006

Professional Experience

- **Grinnell College**, Grinnell, IA, 2015 – Present
Assistant Professor
- **University of Pennsylvania**, Philadelphia, PA, 2008 – 2015
Graduate Student Researcher, Part-time Lecturer, and TA Coordinator
- **Microsoft Corporation**, Seattle, WA, 2006 – 2008
Program Manager, Visual C++ Compiler
- **University of Washington**, Seattle, WA 2004 – 2006
Undergraduate Teaching Assistant and Undergraduate TA Coordinator

Research

Grants

- [1] Peter-Michael Osera. *EAGER: Semi-automated Type-directed Programming*. NSF CCF EAGER, NSF-1651817, (PI) \$159,991.00. 2016–2018.

Refereed Papers

- [2] Peter-Michael Osera. “Constraint-based Type-directed Program Synthesis”. In: *Type-driven Development (TyDe)*. Aug. 2019.
- [3] Brett A. Becker, Paul Denny, Raymond Pettit, Durell Bouchard, Dennis J. Bouvier, Brian Harrington, Amir Kamil, Amey Karkare, Chris McDonald, Peter-Michael Osera, Jance L. Pearce, and James Prather. “Compiler Error Messages Considered Unhelpful: The Landscape of Text-Based Programming Error Research”. In: *Working Group Reports on Innovation and Technology in Computer Science Education (ITiCSE-WGR)*. Dec. 2019.
- [4] Brett A. Becker, Paul Denny, Raymond Pettit, Durell Bouchard, Dennis J. Bouvier, Brian Harrington, Amir Kamil, Amey Karkare, Chris McDonald, Peter-Michael Osera, Jance L. Pearce, and James Prather. “Unexpected Tokens: A Review of Programming Error Messages and Design Guidelines for the Future”. In: *ACM Conference on Innovation and Technology in Computer Science Education (ITiCSE)*. 2019.
- [5] Peter-Michael Osera and David Wonnacott. “A Blocks-based Language for Program Correctness Proofs”. In: *2017 IEEE Blocks and Beyond Workshop (B&B)*. Oct. 2017.
- [6] Jianting Chen, Medha Gopaldaswamy, Prabir Pradhan, Sooji Son, and Peter-Michael Osera. “ORC²A: A Proof Assistant for Undergraduate Education”. In: *Symposium on Computer Science Education (SIGCSE)*. Mar. 2017.
- [7] Peter-Michael Osera. “Programming Assistance for Type-directed Programming (Extended Abstract)”. In: *Type-driven Development (TyDe)*. Sept. 2016.
- [8] Jonathan Frankle, Peter-Michael Osera, David Walker, and Steve Zdancewic. “Example-Directed Synthesis: A Type-Theoretic Interpretation”. In: *Principles of Programming Languages (POPL)*. Sept. 2016.

- [9] Peter-Michael Osera and Steve Zdancewic. “Type-and-Example-Directed Program Synthesis”. In: *Programming Language Design and Implementation (PLDI)*. June 2015.
- [10] Christian DeLozier, Richard Eisenberg, Santosh Nagarakatte, Peter-Michael Osera, Milo M. K. Martin, and Steve Zdancewic. “Ironclad C++: A Library-augmented Type-safe Subset of C++”. In: *Object-Oriented Programming, Systems, Languages & Applications (OOPSLA)*. Oct. 2013.
- [11] Peter-Michael Osera and Steve Zdancewic. “Teaching Induction with Functional Programming and a Proof Assistant”. In: *SPLASH Educators Symposium (SPLASH-E)*. Oct. 2013.
- [12] Peter-Michael Osera, Vilhelm Sjöberg, and Steve Zdancewic. “Dependent Interoperability”. In: *Programming Languages Meet Program Verification (PLPV)*. Jan. 2012.

Technical Reports

- [13] David G. Wonnacott and Peter-Michael Osera. “A Bridge Anchored on Both Sides: Formal Deduction in Introductory CS, and Code Proofs in Discrete Math”. In: *arXiv e-prints*, arXiv:1907.04134 (July 2019), arXiv:1907.04134. arXiv: 1907.04134 [cs.PL].
- [14] Peter-Michael Osera. “Constraint-Based Type-Directed Program Synthesis (Extended Report)”. In: *arXiv e-prints*, arXiv:1907.03105 (July 2019), arXiv:1907.03105. arXiv: 1907.03105 [cs.PL].
- [15] Christian DeLozier, Richard Eisenberg, Santosh Nagarakatte, Peter-Michael Osera, Milo M. K. Martin, and Steve Zdancewic. *Ironclad C++: A Library-augmented Type-safe Subset of C++*. CIS Technical Report #MS-CIS-13-05. University of Pennsylvania, Mar. 2013.
- [16] Peter-Michael Osera, Richard Eisenberg, Christian DeLozier, Santosh Nagarakatte, Milo M. K. Martin, and Steve Zdancewic. *Core Ironclad*. CIS Technical Report #MS-13-06. University of Pennsylvania, July 2013.
- [17] Peter-Michael Osera, Vilhelm Sjöberg, and Steve Zdancewic. *Dependent Interoperability*. CIS Technical Report #MS-CIS-11-21. University of Pennsylvania, Mar. 2012.

Theses

- [18] Peter-Michael Osera. “Program Synthesis with Types”. PhD thesis. University of Pennsylvania, July 2015.
- [19] Peter-Michael Osera. “Join Diesel: Concurrency Primitives for Diesel”. Undergraduate research thesis. University of Washington, Dec. 2005.

Invited Talks, Presentations, and Panels

- [20] Peter-Michael Osera. “Bridging the Gap Between Programming Language Theory and Mathematics Education in Computer Science”. In: *SPLASH Educators Symposium (SPLASH-E)*. Oct. 2020.
- [21] James R. Matthews, John P. Dougherty, and Peter-Michael Osera. “What Mathematics Should be Required of Computer Science Majors?” In: *Symposium on Computer Science Education (SIGCSE)*. Mar. 2020.
- [22] Peter-Michael Osera. “What’s the Deal with Types: Adventures in Type-directed Programming”. Talk given to the LAMP group at Iowa State University. Nov. 2019.

- [23] David G. Wonnacott and Peter-Michael Osera. “A Bridge Anchored on Both Sides (WIP Presentation)”. In: *Works in Progress Workshop at the 15th Annual ACM International Computing Education Research Conference (WIP-ICER)*. Aug. 2019.
- [24] Barbara Anthony, Mia Minnes, David Liben-Nowell, and Peter-Michael Osera. “Modernizing the Mathematics Taught in Computer Science”. In: *Symposium on Computer Science Education (SIGCSE)*. Mar. 2019.
- [25] Peter-Michael Osera. “Programs that Make Themselves (for Everyone!)” Talk given at Grinnell College Faculty Colloquium. Nov. 2016.
- [26] Janet Davis, Valerie Galluzzi, Nery Chapeton-Lamas, Peter-Michael Osera, and Ali Sekmen. “Finding Your Kind of Teaching School: Different Paces at Different Places”. In: *ACM Richard Tapia Celebration of Diversity in Computing (TAPIA)*. Sept. 2016.
- [27] Peter-Michael Osera. “Program Synthesis with Types”. Talk given at University of Iowa (October) and University of Chicago (June). 2015–2016.
- [28] Mark C. Lewis, Douglas Blank, Kim Bruce, and Peter-Michael Osera. “Uncommon Teaching Languages”. In: *Symposium on Computer Science Education (SIGCSE)*. Mar. 2016.
- [29] Charlie Garrod, Jeffrey Forbes, Colleen Lewis, and Peter-Michael Osera. “Mentoring Student Teaching Assistants for Computer Science”. In: *Symposium on Computer Science Education (SIGCSE)*. Mar. 2016.
- [30] Peter-Michael Osera. “Program Synthesis with Types”. Talk given at Smith College, Seattle University, Pomona College, Grinnell College, University of Puget Sound, and Carnegie Mellon University. 2015.
- [31] Peter-Michael Osera and Steve Zdancewic. “Making Proof Tutors out of Proof Assistants”. Workshop on Programming Languages Technology for Massive Open Online Courses (PLOOC). June 2015.
- [32] Nick Parlante, Julie Zelenski, Peter-Michael Osera, Marty Stepp, Mark Sherriff, Luther Tychonievich, Ryan Layer, Suzanne J. Matthews, Allison Obourn, David R. Raymond, Josh Hug, and Stuart Reges. “Nifty Assignments”. In: *Symposium on Computer Science Education (SIGCSE)*. Mar. 2015.
- [33] Peter-Michael Osera and Steve Zdancewic. “Teaching Induction with Functional Programming and a Proof Assistant”. ExCAPE Annual Meeting. Oct. 2014.
- [34] Peter-Michael Osera and Brent Yorgey. “Making Induction Meaningful, Recursively”. In: *Symposium on Computer Science Education (SIGCSE)*. Mar. 2014.
- [35] Peter-Michael Osera. “Safe, Expressive Language Interoperability”. Off the Beaten Track (OBT). Jan. 2012.

Student Research Projects

- [36] Kevin Connors, Reilly Grant, Zachary Segall, and Peter-Michael Osera. “Semi-automated Program Synthesis”. Invited talk delivered at the 2016 Midwest PL Summit. Dec. 2016.
- [37] Jianting Chen, Medha Gopalswamy, Prabir Pradhan, Sooji Son, and Peter-Michael Osera. “Introducing ORC²A: A Proof Assistant for Computer Science Pedagogy”. Poster presented at the 2016 Midwest PL Summit. Dec. 2016.

- [38] Nathan Close, Amalia Hawkins, Sworupini Sureshkumar, Peter-Michael Osera, Lyle Ungar, and Steve Zdancewic. “Judgment of Code Style”. Senior Design Project. University of Pennsylvania, 2014.

Teaching Experience

Grinnell College

- CSC 151: Functional Problem Solving—Summer 2020, Fall 2020 (Term 1)
- CSC 161: Imperative Problem Solving and Data Structures—Spring 2016, Summer 2016, Spring 2017
- CSC 207: Algorithms and Object-oriented Design—Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017
- CSC 208: Discrete Mathematics—Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020 (Term 2), Spring 2021 (Term 2)
- CSC 216: Computer Networks—Spring 2018
- CSC 312: Programming Language Implementation—Spring 2018
- CSC 341: Automata, Formal Languages, and Computational Complexity—Spring 2016, Fall 2019, Spring 2020
- CSC 395: Modern Programming Principles—Fall 2016
- CSC 395: Human-Centered Programming—Spring 2020
- CSC 499: Mentored Advanced Project—Summer 2016, Summer 2017, Fall 2017, Summer 2018, Summer 2020
- TUT 100: First-Year Tutorial—Fall 2017 (The Beauty and Joy of Expertise), Spring 2021 (Term 1) (The Beauty and Joy of Play)

University of Pennsylvania

- Engineering Summer Academy at Penn (ESAP), Computer Science—Summers 2012–2016 (instructor).
- ESE 350: Introduction to Embedded Systems and Microcontroller Laboratory—Spring 2014 (co-instructor)
- Homotopy Type Theory Reading Group—Fall 2013
- Penn Institute for Computational Sciences (PICS) C/C++ Bootcamp—Fall 2013, Spring 2014 (instructor)
- CIS 277: Introduction to Computer Graphics Techniques—Spring 2013 (co-instructor)
- CIS 110: Introduction to Computer Programming—Fall 2011 (instructor)
- CIS 190: C++ Programming—Fall 2010 (instructor)
- CIS 193: C# Programming—Spring 2010, 2011 (instructor)
- CIS 399-005: Introduction to Programming in C#—Spring 2009 (TA)
- CIS 262: Automata, Computability, and Complexity—Fall 2008 (grader), Autumn 2009 (TA)

University of Washington

- CSE 143: Computer Programming II—Autumn 2005, Winter 2006 (TA)
- CSE 142: Computer Programming I—Spring 2005, Spring 2006 (TA)
- CSE 421: Introduction to Algorithms—Winter 2005 (TA)

- CSE 322: Introduction to Formal Models—Autumn 2004 (TA)
- CHID 496 S: Game Design Lab—Spring 2006 (organizer)
- CHID 496 J: The Effects and Design of Video Games—Winter 2006 (organizer)
- CHID 496 F: Perspectives on Open Source—Spring 2005 (organizer)

Professional Activities and Service

Peer-Review, Conference, and Program Committees

- *HATRA Program Committee*, 2020
- *Math-in-CS Summer Workshop*, organizer, 2020
- *SYNT Program Committee*, 2020
- *SIGCSE Program Committee: Associate Program Chair (APC), Experience Reports and Tools*, 2020
- *Journal of Functional Programming*, journal reviewer, 2020
- *Transactions on Programming Languages and Systems (TOPLAS)*, journal reviewer, 2020
- *SIGCSE Program Committee: Demos and Lightning Talks*, 2019
- *IFL Program Committee*, 2018
- *TyDE Program Committee*, 2018
- *SIGCSE Program Committee: Demos*, 2018
- *PLATEAU Program Committee*, 2016
- *PLDI External Review Committee*, 2016–2017
- *SIGCSE Volunteer Reviewer*, 2014–2017
- *Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing (Scholarships)*, 2015

Institutional Service

Grinnell College

- *Working Group for Diversity and Inclusion in the Sciences*, member, 2020
- *Instructional Support Committee*, member, 2020
- *Science, Teaching, and Learning Group (STaLG)*, coordinator, 2019–2020
- *Web Governance Committee*, member, 2017–2018
- *Facilities Management, Science Division Committee*, member, 2016–2018
- *Pioneer Brazillian Jiu-jitsu*, faculty sponsor, 2016–2018
- *ACM Student Group, Grinnell Chapter*, faculty sponsor, 2015–2018
- *Media Studies Major Committee*, member, 2017–2018
- *CS Table Discussion Group*, co-organizer, 2015–2018
- *HHMI Grant Committee*, member, 2016–2017

University of Pennsylvania

- *TA Coordinator for the Introductory Series*, 2011–2015
- *League of Legends Club*, faculty sponsor, 2012–2015
- *Penn Play Game Jam*, judge, March 2014–2015
- *Graduate Student Representative to the Faculty*, 2009–2014
- *CIS Department Chair Search Committee*, graduate student representative, 2013
- *CIS Master's Committee, ex officio*, 2013–2014
- *CTL Graduate Fellow for Teaching Excellence*, 2012–2013

Other Professional Service

- *NYC Tech Talent Draft Panel*, moderator, September 2014