# Kevin Shi

# Education

- 2014–current **Ph. D. in Computer Science**, *Columbia University*. Theory group, coadvised by Daniel Hsu and Allison Bishop Research interests: algorithms, statistical learning theory, nonconvex optimization, obfuscation
  - May 2017 **M. Phil in Computer Science**, *Columbia University*. Subject: stochastic optimization
  - 2012–2014 M. A. in Mathematics, University of Pennsylvania.
  - 2010–2014 **B. S. in Computer Science and Mathematics**, *University of Pennsylvania*. Magna Cum Laude. Honors in Mathematics

## Publications

A. Bishop, L. Kowalczyk, T. Malkin, V. Pastro, M. Raykova, and K. Shi. A simple obfuscation scheme for pattern-matching with wildcards. In *International Cryptology Conference*, 2018.

Daniel Hsu, Kevin Shi, and Xiaorui Sun. Linear regression without correspondence. In *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 30*, 2017.

Alexandr Andoni, Daniel Hsu, Kevin Shi, and Xiaorui Sun. Correspondence retrieval. In *Proceedings of the 2017 Conference on Learning Theory*, 2017.

Jimmy Wang, Kevin Shi, Alan Stocker, and Daniel Lee. Optimal neural tuning for arbitrary stimulus priors. In *Computational and Systems Neuroscience*, 2012.

## Experience

#### Research

- 09/2014- Graduate Research Assistant, Cryptography Lab, Columbia University.
- current Designing provable obfuscation schemes from simple assumptions. Understanding the limits of what function classes can be black box obfuscated
- 09/2014- Graduate Research Assistant, Algorithmic Statistics Group, Columbia University.
- current Designing provable algorithms for nonconvex optimization problems in machine learning. Characterizing the behavior of first-order algorithms on nonconvex landscapes
- 01/2017- Visiting Graduate Student, Simons Institute for the Theory of Computing, Berkeley.
- 04/2017 Program on Foundations of Machine Learning
- 05/2012- Summer Intern, Penn Applied Algebraic Topology, University of Pennsylvania.
- 08/2012 Studied a sheaf-theoretic generalization of network flow duality
- 05/2011- **REU in Computational Neuroscience**, Lee Lab, University of Pennsylvania.
- 08/2011 Studied population codes of spike trains using information-theoretic techniques

#### Industry

- 05/2018- Software Engineering Intern, Google, Mountain View.
- 08/2018 Research in model selection problems

- 05/2017- Data Science Intern, Button, New York City.
- 08/2017 Researched and implemented models for adaptive anomaly detection in Python. Enabled automatic learning and tracking of new partner launches. Deployed models to process all production data in real time
- 05/2014– Computer Vision Intern, Lily Robotics.
- 08/2014 Researched and implemented a vision-based people tracking system in C++ and OpenCV for use on a quadrotor platform. Used techniques from multiscale object detection, online machine learning, and sensor fusion
- 05/2013– **Research Intern**, *MIT Lincoln Laboratory*.
- 08/2013 Designed feature extraction algorithms for time series obtained from radar. Wrote internal paper

# Teaching

#### Columbia University

- Fall 2016 Programming and Problem Solving, Teaching Assistant.
- Spring 2016 Advanced Machine Learning, Teaching Assistant.
- Fall 2015 Algorithms for Massive Data, *Teaching Assistant*. University of Pennsylvania
- Spring 2013 Algorithms, Teaching Assistant.
  - Fall 2012 Theory of Computation, Teaching Assistant.

## Service

- 2017–2018 Organizer, Data Science Institute Student Seminar, Columbia University.
  - 2016 Organizer, Computer Science Department Coffee Hour, Columbia University.
- 2012 –2014 Chair, Penn Undergraduate Math Society, University of Pennsylvania. Reviewer, STOC 2016, JMLR 2016.

## Awards

- 03/2018 Oscar and Verna Byron Fellowship, Columbia University.
- 04/2017 Computer Science Service Award, Columbia University.
- 09/2014 **PennApps Hackathon**, *Top 20*, University of Pennsylvania. SmartBoard functionality using multiple webcams to track finger location and a projector to draw
- 09/2013 **PennApps Hackathon**, *Top 20*, University of Pennsylvania. Automatic page-turner which listens to the musician and matches location in sheet music
- 12/2012 **Putnam Math Competition**, *Top 500*.
- 10/2012 SAP Code Slam Grand Finals, 1st Place.

# Technical Skills

Proficient with Python, Matlab, Java, Tensorflow Familiar with C++, OpenCV, SQL