

ThanhVu (Vu) Huy Nguyen's Curriculum Vitae

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Bio: ThanhVu (Vu) Nguyen is an assistant professor in Computer Science at George Mason University. He completed his Ph.D. in Computer Science at the University of New Mexico-Albuquerque and a postdoc at the University of Maryland-College Park.

Nguyen's research lies at the intersection of Software Engineering and Formal Methods, focusing on safety of AI and correctness of programs. He is the recipient of the NSF CAREER Award, the NSF CRII Award, an Amazon Research Award, an ACM SIGSOFT ICSE 10-year Most Influential Paper Award, and an ACM SIGEVO 10-year Impact Award.

1 Education and Employment History

1.1 Academic Degrees

- **PhD**, Computer Science, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 2007–2014
Advisers: Stephanie Forrest and Deepak Kapur
- **MS**, Computer Science, Penn State University, Harrisburg, PA 2003–2006
Adviser: Thang N. Bui
- **BS**, Computer Science, Penn State University, University Park, PA 1999–2003
- **High School**
 - Bishop McDevitt, Harrisburg, PA 1997–1999
 - McKinley High School, Honolulu, HI 1995–1997

1.2 Academic Positions

- Assistant Professor, Computer Science, George Mason University (GMU) 2021–current
Program Director, MS in Software Engineering 2023–current
- Assistant Professor, Computer Science, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) 2016–2021
- Postdoc, Computer Science, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 2014–2016
Mentor: Jeff Foster
- Research Assistant, Computer Science, University of New Mexico (UNM) 2007–2014

1.3 Industrial and Government Positions

- Internship, Information Technology Division, Naval Research Laboratory 2012–2013
- Internship, Advanced Technology Laboratories, Lockheed Martin 2007
- Internship, Tactical Electrical Warfare Division, Naval Research Laboratory 2004–2006

2 Research

Software Engineering; Formal Methods; Programming Languages; Automated Reasoning; Software Testing and Verification; Neural Networks Verification; Dynamic Invariant Generation; Automatic Program Repair

2.1 Honors and Awards

- **Amazon Research Award** [G2] (Automated Reasoning), Amazon Science 2023
- **Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Award** [G3], NSF 2023
- **CISE Research Initiation Initiative (CRII) Award** [G7], NSF 2020
- **10-year Most Influential Paper Award** [C24], ACM/SIGSOFT and IEEE/TCSE 2019
Most influential paper published at the 2009 Int. Conf. on Software Engineering (ICSE)
- **10-year Impact Award** [C26], ACM/SIGEVO 2019
Highest impact paper published at the 2009 Conf. on Genetic and Evolutionary Computation (GECCO)
- Sigma Xi “Excellence in Graduate Research”, UNM 2014
Voted on by the faculty of the College of Engineering at UNM. Awarded annually to *one graduate student* with outstanding research record
- Dean’s Dissertation Fellowship, \$8K, UNM 2012–2013
Voted on by the faculty of UNM. Awarded annually to *two graduating students* based on academic achievements
- Distinguished Paper Award [C23], Int. Conf. on Software Engineering 2012
- Featured Article [J9], IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering 2012
- Research Highlight [J10], Communication of ACM 2010
- Distinguished Paper Award [C24], Int. Conf. on Software Engineering 2009
- **IFIP TC2 Manfred Paul Award for Excellence in Software: Theory and Practice**, \$1024, Int. Conf. on Software Engineering 2009
Given annually across multiple conferences to individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the advancement of software research and practice
- Best Paper Award (Ant Colony Optimization & Swarm Intelligence Track) [C25] Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conf. 2009
- Best Paper Award (Genetic Programming Track) [C26], Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conf. 2009
- **ACM SIGEVO “Humies” Gold Medal Award**, \$10K, ACM SIGEVO 2009
For human-competitive results produced by genetic and evolutionary computation
- Best Short Paper and Presentation [W3], \$270, Workshop on Search-Based Software Testing 2009
- Walter Karplus Research Grant, \$2.3K, IEEE Computational Intelligence Society 2009
Summer scholarship grant for graduate students with promising research projects
- Space Grant Graduate Fellowship, \$15K, NASA 2008–2010
- Outstanding Submission [W4], High Performance Embedded Computing Workshop 2007
- Best Paper Award [C32], Int. Conf. on Informatics in Control Automation and Robotics 2006
- Incentive Award, Naval Research Laboratory (NRL) 2005
Award given for internship at NRL (2 peer-reviewed conference papers for work performed during the first 6 months [C38, C37] and in total 12 conference and journal papers in 2 years)

2.2 Research Funding

8 grants (4 NSF, 1 Defense, 2 Industry Gifts, 1 Internal)

Total: \$2,654,587, **my share:** \$1,463,455; **as PI:** \$1,304,605

At GMU: \$1,936,420; **my/GMU share:** \$1,136,428; **as PI:** \$1,136,428

- G1 Nguyen (sole PI). *FMitF: Track II: Cybolic: A Symbolic Execution Technique and Tool for Analyzing CMake Build Scripts*. NSF 2319131. 7/1/2023–1/30/2025, \$97,242. NSF
- G2 Nguyen (sole PI). *Amazon Research Award (Automated Reasoning): Scalable and Precise DNN Constraint Solving with Abstraction and Conflict Clause Learning*. 2023, \$50,000 unrestricted gift. Amazon
- G3 Nguyen (sole PI). *CAREER: NeuralSAT: A Constraint-Solving Framework for Verifying Deep Neural Networks*. NSF 2238133. 8/1/2023–7/31/2028, \$510,509. NSF
- G4 Nguyen (sole PI). *Analysis of CMake Build files using Symbolic Execution*. 2021, \$30,000 unrestricted gift. Facebook/WhatsApp
- G5 Nguyen (PI@GMU), Koskinen (PI@Stevens), Le (Co-PI@Stevens), and Antonopoulos (PI@Yale). *Collaborative: Medium: Ensuring Safety and Liveness of Modern Systems through Dynamic Temporal Analysis*. NSF 2107035; 2200621. 7/15/2021–7/14/2024, \$1,199,871 (sole PI at GMU, my portion: \$399,879). NSF
 Supplementary REU: \$16,000

Before GMU

- G6 Nguyen (sole PI). *Faculty Seed Grant: Analyzing Highly-Configurable Software*. 2021, \$10K. UNL
- G7 Nguyen (sole PI). *CRII: Analyzing Linux KBuild Makefiles*. NSF 1948536; 2304748. 4/1/2020–3/31/2022, \$174,975. NSF
Transferred \$32,768 to GMU
 Supplementary REU: \$16,000
- G8 Dwyer (PI) and Nguyen (Co-PI). *Predictive Failure Avoidance*. ARO (W911NF1910054). 2018–2021, \$549,990 (my portion: \$158,850). Army Research Office

2.3 Publication Record

Google Scholar: citations 3804, h-index 17, i10-index 26 (as of Feb, 2024).

Refereed papers: journal 12, conference 38, workshop 4.

¹, ², ³ denote co-authorship with my undergraduate, MS, and PhD students, respectively.

2.3.1 Under Submission

- Hai Duong³, Linhan Li³, ThanhVu Nguyen, and Matthew Dwyer. *A DPLL(T) Framework for Verifying Deep Neural Networks*. journal, 25 pages. 2023. arXiv: 2307.10266 [cs.LG]
- Yuangong Cyrus Liu, Ton-Chanh Le, Timos Antonopoulos, Eric Koskinen, and ThanhVu Nguyen. *DrNLA: Extending Verification to Non-linear Programs through Dual Re-writing*. journal, 30 pages. 2023. arXiv: 2306.15584 [cs.PL]
- Linhan Li³ and ThanhVu Nguyen. *COOLIO: A Language Support Extension for the Classroom Object Oriented Language*. conference, 6 pages. 2023. arXiv: 2302.04926 [cs.PL]

2.3.2 Refereed Journal Papers (in print)

- J1 Hai Duong³, Dong Xu, ThanhVu Nguyen, and Matthew Dwyer. “Harnessing Neuron Stability to Improve DNN Verification”. In: *Proceedings of the ACM on Software Engineering (PACMSE)* FSE (2024), to appear
- J2 Guangjing Wang, Nikolay Ivanov, Bocheng Chen, Qi Wang, ThanhVu Nguyen, and Qiben Yan. “Graph Learning for Interaction Analysis in Smart Home Rule Data”. In: *Proceedings of the ACM on Management of Data (SIGMOD)* (2023). PDF, pages 1–27
- J3 Thanhvu Nguyen, KimHao Nguyen¹, and Matthew Dwyer. “Using Symbolic States to Infer Numerical Invariants”. In: *Transactions on Software Engineering (TSE)* 48.10 (2021). PDF, 3877–3899. Impact Factor 9.3
- J4 Didier Ishimwe³, KimHao Nguyen¹, and ThanhVu Nguyen. “Dynaplex: analyzing program complexity using dynamically inferred recurrence relations”. In: *Proceedings of the ACM on Programming Languages* 5.(OOPSLA) (2021). PDF, pages 1–23
- J5 TonChanh Le, Timos Antonopoulos, Parisa Fathololumi, Eric Koskinen, and ThanhVu Nguyen. “DynamiTe: Dynamic Termination and Non-termination Proofs”. In: *Proceedings of the ACM on Programming Languages* 4.(OOPSLA) (2020). PDF, pages 1–30
- J6 Benjamin Mariano, Josh Reese, Siyuan Xu, ThanhVu Nguyen, Xiaokang Qiu, Jeffrey S Foster, and Armando Solar-Lezama. “Program Synthesis with Algebraic Library Specifications”. In: *Proceedings of the ACM on Programming Languages* 3.(OOPSLA) (2019). PDF, pages 1–25

Before PhD

- J7 ThanhVu Nguyen, Deepak Kapur, Westley Weimer, and Stephanie Forrest. “DIG: A Dynamic Invariant Generator for Polynomial and Array Invariants”. In: *Transactions on Software Engineering Methodology (TOSEM)* 23.4 (2014). PDF, 30:1–30:30. Impact Factor 2.07
- J8 Deepak Kapur, Zhihai Zhang, Matthias Horbach, Hengjun Zhao, Qi Lu, and ThanhVu Nguyen. “Geometric Quantifier Elimination Heuristics for Automatically Generating Octagonal and Max-plus Invariants”. In: *Automated Reasoning and Mathematics: Essays in Memory of William W. McCune*. Volume 7788. PDF. Springer, 2013, pages 189–228.
- J9 Claire Le Goues, ThanhVu Nguyen, Stephanie Forrest, and Westley Weimer. “Genprog: A Generic Method for Automatic Software Repair”. In: *Transactions on Software Engineering (TSE)* 38.1 (2011). PDF, pages 54–72. Impact Factor 9.3

Featured Article

1K+ citations

- J10 Westley Weimer, Stephanie Forrest, Claire Le Goues, and ThanhVu Nguyen. “Automatic Program Repair with Evolutionary Computation”. In: *Communications of the ACM (CACM)* 53.5 (2010). PDF, pages 109–116. Impact Factor 14.07

Research Highlight

400+ citations

- J11 Thang Bui, ThanhVu Nguyen, Chirag Patel, and Kim-Anh Phan. “An Ant-based Algorithm for Coloring Graphs”. In: *Discrete Applied Mathematics* 156.2 (2008). PDF, pages 190–200. Impact Factor 0.99

100+ citations

- J12 James F Smith III and ThanhVu H Nguyen. “Autonomous and cooperative robotic behavior based on fuzzy logic and genetic programming”. In: *Integrated Computer-Aided Engineering* 14.2 (2007). PDF, pages 141–159.

2.3.3 Refereed Conference Papers (in print)

- C1 Tung Dao, Na Meng, and ThanhVu Nguyen. “Triggering Modes in Spectrum-Based Multi-Location Fault Localization”. In: *Foundations of Software Engineering (Industry Track)*. 2023, pages 1774–1785
- C2 Quoc-Sang Phan, KimHao Nguyen¹, and ThanhVu Nguyen. “The Challenges of Shift Left Static Analysis”. In: *International Conference on Software Engineering: Software Engineering in Practice (ICSE-SEIP)*. PDF. IEEE, 2023, pages 340–342
- C3 Simón Gutierrez Brida, Germán Regis, Guolong Zheng³, Hamid Bagheri, ThanhVu Nguyen, Nazareno Aguirre, and Marcelo Frias. “ICEBAR: Feedback-Driven Iterative Repair of Alloy Specifications”. In: *Automated Software Engineering (ASE)*. PDF. ACM, 2022, pages 1–13. Acceptance 22%
- C4 Guolong Zheng³, ThanhVu Nguyen, Simón Gutiérrez Brida, Germán Regis, Marcelo Frias, Nazareno Aguirre, and Hamid Bagheri. “ATR: Template-based Repair for Alloy Specifications”. In: *International Symposium on Software Testing and Analysis (ISSTA)*. PDF. ACM, 2022, pages 666–677. Acceptance 26.6%
- C5 KimHao Nguyen¹, ThanhVu Nguyen, and Quoc-Sang Phan. “Analyzing the CMake Build System”. In: *International Conference on Software Engineering: Software Engineering in Practice (ICSE-SEIP)*. PDF. IEEE, 2022, pages 27–28
- C6 Thanh-Dat Nguyen, Thanh Le-Cong, ThanhVu H Nguyen, Xuan-Bach D Le, and Quyet-Thang Huynh. “Toward the Analysis of Graph Neural Networks”. In: *International Conference on Software Engineering-New Ideas and Emerging Results (ICSE-NIER)*. PDF. 2022, pages 116–120. Acceptance 28%
- C7 Didier Ishimwe³, KimHao Nguyen¹, and ThanhVu Nguyen. “Dynaplex: Inferring Asymptotic Runtime Complexity of Recursive Programs”. In: *International Conference on Software Engineering-Tool Demo (ICSE-Demo)*. PDF. IEEE, 2022, pages 61–64. Acceptance 50%
- C8 ThanhVu Nguyen, KimHao Nguyen¹, and Hai Duong³. “SymInfer: Inferring Numerical Invariants using Symbolic States”. In: *International Conference on Software Engineering-Tool Demo (ICSE-Demo)*. PDF. IEEE, 2022, pages 197–201. Acceptance 50%
- C9 KimHao Nguyen¹ and ThanhVu Nguyen. “GenTree: Using decision trees to learn interactions for configurable software”. In: *International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE)*. PDF. IEEE, 2021, pages 1598–1609. Acceptance 22%, artifact evaluation
- C10 Guolong Zheng³, ThanhVu Nguyen, Simón Gutiérrez Brida, Germán Regis, Marcelo F Frias, Nazareno Aguirre, and Hamid Bagheri. “FLACK: Counterexample-guided fault localization for alloy models”. In: *International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE)*. PDF. IEEE, 2021, pages 637–648. Acceptance 22%, artifact evaluation
- C11 Simón Gutierrez Brida, Germán Regis, Guolong Zheng³, Hamid Bagheri, ThanhVu Nguyen, Nazareno Aguirre, and Marcelo Frias. “Bounded exhaustive search of alloy specification repairs”. In: *International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE)*. PDF. IEEE, 2021, pages 1135–1147. Acceptance 22%, artifact evaluation
- C12 KimHao Nguyen¹ and ThanhVu Nguyen. “GenTree: Inferring Configuration Interactions using Decision Trees”. In: *Automated Software Engineering-Tool Demo*. PDF. IEEE, 2021, pages 1232–1236. Acceptance 47%

- C13 Guolong Zheng³, ThanhVu Nguyen, Simón Gutiérrez Brida, Germán Regis, Marcelo F Frias, Nazareno Aguirre, and Hamid Bagheri. “FLACK: Localizing Faults in Alloy Models”. In: *Automated Software Engineering-Tool Demo*. PDF. IEEE, 2021, pages 1218–1222. Acceptance 47%
- C14 Simón Gutierrez Brida, Germán Regis, Guolong Zheng³, Hamid Bagheri, ThanhVu Nguyen, Nazareno Aguirre, and Marcelo Frias. “BeAFix: An Automated Repair Tool for Faulty Alloy Models”. In: *Automated Software Engineering-Tool Demo*. PDF. IEEE, 2021, pages 1213–1217. Acceptance 47%
- C15 ThanhVu Nguyen and KimHao Nguyen¹. “Using Symbolic Execution to Analyze Linux KBuild Makefiles”. In: *International Conference on Software Maintenance and Evolution*. PDF. IEEE, 2020, pages 712–716. Acceptance 37%
- C16 Guolong Zheng³, Hamid Bagheri, and ThanhVu Nguyen. “Debugging Declarative Models in Alloy”. In: *2020 IEEE International Conference on Software Maintenance and Evolution*. PDF. IEEE, 2020, pages 844–848
- C17 TonChanh Le, Guolong Zheng³, and ThanhVu Nguyen. “SLING: Using Dynamic Analysis to Infer Program Invariants in Separation Logic”. In: *Programming Language Design and Implementation (PLDI)*. PDF. ACM, 2019, pages 788–801. Acceptance 27%
- C18 Paul Gazzillo, Ugur Koc, Thanhvu Nguyen, and Shiyi Wei. “Localizing Configurations in Highly-Configurable Systems”. In: *International Systems and Software Product Line Conference (Challenge Track)*. PDF. 2018, pages 269–273
- C19 ThanhVu Nguyen, Matthew Dwyer, and William Visser. “SymInfer: Inferring Program Invariants using Symbolic States”. In: *Automated Software Engineering (ASE)*. PDF. IEEE, 2017, pages 804–814. Acceptance 21%
- C20 ThanhVu Nguyen, Timos Antonopoulos, Andrew Ruef, and Michael Hicks. “Counterexample-guided approach to finding numerical invariants”. In: *Foundations of Software Engineering (FSE)*. PDF. 2017, pages 605–615. Acceptance 24%
- C21 ThanhVu Nguyen, Deepak Kapur, Westley Weimer, and Stephanie Forrest. “Connecting Program Synthesis and Reachability: Automatic Program Repair using Test-Input Generation”. In: *International Conference on Tools and Algorithms for the Construction and Analysis of Systems (TACAS)*. PDF. Springer, 2017, pages 301–318. Acceptance 28%
- C22 ThanhVu Nguyen, Ugur Koc, Javran Cheng, Jeffrey S. Foster, and Adam A. Porter. “iGen: Dynamic Interaction Inference for Configurable Software”. In: *Foundations of Software Engineering (FSE)*. PDF. ACM, 2016, pages 655–665. Acceptance 27%

Before PhD

- C22 ThanhVu Nguyen, Deepak Kapur, Westley Weimer, and Stephanie Forrest. “Using Dynamic Analysis to Generate Disjunctive Invariants”. In: *International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE)*. PDF. IEEE, 2014, pages 608–619. Acceptance 20%
- C23 ThanhVu Nguyen, Deepak Kapur, Westley Weimer, and Stephanie Forrest. “Using Dynamic Analysis to Discover Polynomial and Array Invariants”. In: *International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE)*. PDF. IEEE, 2012, pages 683–693. Acceptance 21%

100+ citations

Distinguished Paper Award

- C24 Westley Weimer, ThanhVu Nguyen, Claire Le Goues, and Stephanie Forrest. “Automatically Finding Patches Using Genetic Programming”. In: *International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE)*. PDF. IEEE, 2009, pages 364–367. Acceptance 12%
- 10-year Most Influential Paper Award** (received in 2019)
- 900+ citations**
- Distinguished Paper Award**
- IFIP TC2 Manfred Paul Award for Excellence in Software: Theory and Practice**
- C25 Thang Bui, ThanhVu Nguyen, and Joseph Rizzo Jr. “Parallel Shared Memory Strategies For Ant-based Optimization Algorithms”. In: *Conference on Genetic and Evolutionary Computation (GECCO)*. PDF. ACM, 2009, pages 1–8. Acceptance 41%
- Best Paper Award**
- C26 Stephanie Forrest, ThanhVu Nguyen, Westley Weimer, and Claire Le Goues. “A genetic programming approach to automated software repair”. In: *Conference on Genetic and Evolutionary Computation (GECCO)*. PDF. 2009, pages 947–954. Acceptance 41%
- 10-year Impact Award** (received in 2019)
- 300+ citations**
- Best Paper Award**
- C27 James Smith III and ThanhVu Nguyen. “Fuzzy Decision Trees for Planning and Autonomous Control of a Coordinated Team of UAVs”. In: *International Society for Optical Engineering*. PDF. SPIE, 2007
- C28 James Smith III and ThanhVu Nguyen. “Genetic Program based Data Mining of Fuzzy Decision Trees and Methods of Improving Convergence and Reducing Bloat”. In: *International Society for Optical Engineering*. PDF. SPIE, 2007
- C29 Thang N Bui and ThanhVu H Nguyen. “An Agent-based Algorithm for Generalized Graph Colorings”. In: *Conference on Genetic and Evolutionary Computation (GECCO)*. PDF. 2006, pages 19–26. Acceptance 46%
- C30 James Smith III and ThanhVu Nguyen. “Guiding Genetic Program Based Data Mining Using Fuzzy Rules”. In: *Intelligent Data Engineering and Automated Learning (IDEAL)*. PDF. Springer, 2006, pages 1337–1345
- C31 James Smith III and ThanhVu Nguyen. “Evolutionary Data Mining Approach to Creating Digital Logic”. In: *International Conference on Informatics in Control Automation and Robotics (ICINCO)*. PDF. Springer, 2006, pages 107–113
- C32 James Smith III and ThanhVu Nguyen. “Fuzzy Logic Based Resource Manager for a Team of UAVs”. In: *Annual Meeting of the North American Fuzzy Information Processing Society (NAFIPS)*. PDF. IEEE, 2006, pages 463–470
- Best Paper Award**
- C33 James Smith III and ThanhVu Nguyen. “Fuzzy Logic Based UAV Allocation and Coordination”. In: *International Conference on Informatics in Control Automation and Robotics (ICINCO)*. PDF. Springer, 2006, pages 81–94
- C34 James Smith III and ThanhVu Nguyen. “Creating Fuzzy Decision Algorithms Using Genetic Program Based Data Mining Program”. In: *Annual Meeting of the North American Fuzzy Information Processing Society (NAFIPS)*. PDF. IEEE, 2006, pages 471–477
- C35 James Smith III and ThanhVu Nguyen. “Resource Manager for an Autonomous Coordinated Team of UAVs”. In: *International Society for Optical Engineering*. PDF. SPIE, 2006, pages 118–129

- C36 James Smith III and ThanhVu Nguyen. “Genetic Program based Data Mining to Reverse Engineer Digital Logic”. In: *International Society for Optical Engineering*. PDF. SPIE, 2006, pages 24–35
- C37 James Smith III and ThanhVu Nguyen. “Distributed Autonomous Systems: Resource Management, Planning, and Control Algorithms”. In: *International Society for Optical Engineering*. PDF. SPIE, 2005, pages 65–76
- C38 James Smith III and ThanhVu Nguyen. “Data Mining based Automated Reverse Engineering and Defect Discovery”. In: *International Society for Optical Engineering*. PDF. SPIE, 2005, pages 232–242

2.3.4 Refereed Workshop Papers (in print)

- W1 ThanhVu Nguyen, Didier Ishimwe³, Alexey Malyshev², Timos Antonopoulos, and Quoc-Sang Phan. “Using Dynamically Inferred Invariants to Analyze Program Runtime Complexity”. In: *International Workshop on Software Security from Design to Deployment*. PDF. 2020, pages 11–14
- W2 Guolong Zheng³, Quang Loc Le, ThanhVu Nguyen, and Quoc-Sang Phan. “Automatic Data Structure Repair using Separation Logic”. In: *Java PathFinder Workshop*. PDF. 2018, pages 66–66

Before PhD

- W3 ThanhVu Nguyen, Westley Weimer, Claire Le Goues, and Stephanie Forrest. “Using Execution Paths to Evolve Software Patches”. In: *International Conference on Software Testing, Verification and Validation Workshops*. PDF. IEEE, 2009, pages 152–153

Best Short Paper Award

Best Presentation Award

- W4 G Viamontes, M Amduka, J Russo, Craven M, and T Nguyen. “Efficient Memoization Strategies for Object Recognition with a Multi-Core Architecture”. In: *Annual High Performance Embedded Computing Workshop*. PDF. IEEE, 2007

Outstanding Submission

2.3.5 Dissertation

- T1 ThanhVu Nguyen. “Automating Program Verification and Repair Using Invariant Analysis and Test-input Generation”. PDF. PhD thesis. University of New Mexico, Aug. 2014

Pass with Distinction

Sigma Xi Award

Dean’s Dissertation Fellowship

- T2 ThanhVu Nguyen. “On the Graph Coloring Problem and Its Generalizations”. PDF. Master’s thesis. The Pennsylvania State University, Dec. 2006

2.3.6 Patents

1. Hamid Bagheri, Thanhvu Nguyen, and Guolong Zheng. “Systems, methods, and media for fault localization in declarative specification languages”. Patent US Patent App. 17/887,827. Feb. 2023

2.4 Invited Talks

T1 W. Weimer, C. Le Goues, T. Nguyen, S. Forrest. “It Does What You Say, Not What You Mean: Lessons From A Decade of Program Repair”

Plenary Sessions: Most Influential Paper, Int. Conf. on Software Engineering (ICSE), 2019

T2 “Scalable DNN Verification using Constraint Solving”

Virginia Tech (Northern VA campus), Fall 2022

Michigan State University, Fall 2022

T3 “Improving Software Quality using Automatic Invariant Discovery and Program Repair”

Summer School on Formal Techniques, SRI, Spring 2021

CS Seminar, George Mason University, Spring 2021

CS Seminar, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Spring 2016

CS Seminar, Auburn, Spring 2016

Galois, Spring 2016

CS Seminar, Virginia Tech, Spring 2014

2.5 Media Coverage

M1 Amazon Science. *79 Amazon Research Awards recipients announced.* <https://www.amazon.science/research-awards/program-updates/79-amazon-research-awards-recipients-announced>. 2023

M2 Thanh Nien News VN. *Tien Si Goc Viet Duoc Tai Tro Nghien Cuu AI.* <https://thanhvien.vn/tien-si-goc-viet-duoc-tai-tro-nghien-cuu-ai-185230304234603638.htm>. 2023

M3 GMU. *Boom crash: Mason researcher receives half million NSF grant that could steer AI safely.* <https://www.gmu.edu/news/2023-02/boom-crash-mason-researcher-receives-half-million-nsf-grant-could-steer-ai-safely>. 2023

M4 UNL. *Nguyen earns ICSE 2019 Most Influential Paper Award.* <https://computing.unl.edu/nguyen-earns-icse-2019-most-influential-paper-award/>. 2019

3 Teaching and Student Advising

3.1 Courses

Note: † a new course I developed

- SWE619: OO Software Specification and Construction Spring’24
- CS695/SWE699: AI Safety and Assurance† Fall’23
Enrollment 35
- SWE619 Online Course Development† Fall’22
Developed an online version of the SWE619 course with Wiley publishing. Course launched in Spring’23 and taught every semester.
- SWE419: OO Software Specification and Construction Fall’22
Enrollment 16, Resp 16, Instr. Rating 4.4, Course Rating 4.5
- SWE619: OO Software Specification and Construction Spring’22
Enrollment 33, Resp 17, Instr. Rating 4.3, Course Rating 4.3
- SWE619: OO Software Specification and Construction Fall’21

Enrollment 32, Resp 7, Instr. Rating 3.86, Course Rating 3.86

Before GMU

- CSCE990: Software Verification Seminar[†] (graduate, enrollment 4) Spring'21
- CSCE425: Compiler Construction[†] (undergraduate, enrollment 8) Spring'21
- CSCE467/861: Software Testing, Verification, and Analysis[†] (undergraduate, enrollment 15) Fall'20
- CSCE425: Compiler Construction[†] (graduate and undergraduate, enrollment 11) Spring'20
- CSCE990: Software Verification Seminar[†] (graduate, enrollment 4) Spring'20
- CSCE467/861: Software Testing, Verification, and Analysis[†] (undergraduate) Fall'19
- Enrollment 82, Resp 37, Instr. Rating 3.76
- CSCE990: Software Verification Seminar[†] (graduate) Spring'19
- Enrollment 10, Resp 4, Instr. Rating 4.34
- SOFT260: Software Engineering III (undergraduate) Fall'18
- Enrollment 48, Resp 18, Instr. Rating 4.72
- CSCE428: Automata, Computation, and Formal Languages (graduate) Spring'18
- Enrollment 34, Resp 3, Instr. Rating 4.13
- CSCE990: Software Verification Seminar[†] (graduate) Fall'17
- Enrollment 7, Resp 6, Instr. Rating 4.33
- CSCE428: Automata, Computation, and Formal Languages (graduate) Spring'17
- Enrollment 35, Resp 10, Instr. Rating 3.80
- CSCE990: Software Verification Seminar[†] (graduate) Fall'16
- Enrollment 6, Resp 5, Instr. Rating 4.97

3.2 Student Advising

3.2.1 Current

- Nguyen Khoi (PhD student) Fall 2024–current
- Hai Duong (PhD student) Fall 2022–current
- Linhan Li (PhD student) Spring 2021–current
- Didier Ishimwe (PhD student, All but dissertation) Fall 2019–current
- Huong Bui (undergrad) Spring 2024–current
- Stefania Piciorea (undergrad) Spring 2024–current

3.2.2 Graduated

- KimHao Nguyen (BS, UNL) graduated, May 2023
- First job: Jump Trading
- Outstanding Undergraduate Senior Award** Spring 2023
- Outstanding Undergraduate Research Assistant Award** Spring 2021
- Winner**, College of Arts and Science, Nebraska Student Research Days (for GenTree C9) Spring 2021
- UNL UCARE Award
- Garmin Computer Engineering Scholarship (2020–2023)
- Co-author of 9 refereed papers [J3, J4, C2, C5, C7, C8, C9, C12, C15]

- Guolong Zheng (PhD, UNL) graduated, May 2022
 First job: A10Networks
 PhD Dissertation: *Ensure Correctness for Imperative and Declarative Programs*
 Co-author of 9 refereed papers [C3, C4, C10, C11, C13, C14, C16, C17, W2]
- Alexey Malyshev (MS, UNL), Fulbright scholarship graduated: Spring 2021
 First job: Oracle
 MS Thesis: *Discovering Program Invariants Using Static and Dynamic Analysis Techniques*
 Co-author of [W1]
- Mitch Girrard (MS, UNL), co-advised with Matthew Dwyer graduated, Fall 2019
 Continued to UVA and obtained PhD in 2022
 MS Thesis: *Cooperation Among Program Analyzers*
- **Undergraduate Research:**
 - GMU: James (Phap) Nguyen; Phuong Priscilla Nguyen (Undergraduate, Boston University); Michael Vittori
 - UNL: Max Nguyen (UCARE¹), Linhan Li (UCARE, continued on PhD program at GMU), Quan Nguyen (UCARE), Ben Galusha (NSF REU), Ethan Butt (Honor Thesis), Conner Hallett (UCARE), Chase Pearson, Nancy Pham, Zixuan Hao.

3.3 Other Teaching Accomplishments

- Mentor, Google Summer of Code, Project: Java PathFinder [W2] Summer'18

4 Service

4.1 Professional Service

4.1.1 Research Proposal Review

- Panelist, NSF Proposal Review Panel 2019–current (at least once *every year*)

4.1.2 Conference Committee Members (International)

TPC: Technical Program Committee

- TPC, Programming Language Design and Implementation (PLDI) 2024
- TPC, Object-Oriented Programming, Systems, Languages & Applications (OOPSLA) 2024
- TPC, Int. Symposium on Software Testing and Analysis (ISSTA) 2023
- TPC, Foundation of Software Engineering (FSE) 2018, 2019
- TPC, Automated Software Engineering (ASE) 2018, 2019, 2020
- TPC, Java PathFinder Workshop (JPF) 2019, 2020
- New Faculty Symposium Panel, Int. Conf. of Software Engineering (ICSE) 2020
- TPC, Int. Conf. of Software Engineering Demo Track (ICSE DEMO) 2020
- TPC, Int. Conf. of Software Engineering Posters Track (ICSE Posters) 2020
- TPC, Genetic Improvement Workshop 2017, 2020

¹The Undergraduate Creative Activities and Research Experience (UCARE) program is a paid-position for undergraduate students to do research with UNL faculty

- TPC, ASE Journal First 2019
- TPC, Systems and Software Product Line-Challenge Track (SPLC) 2018
- External Review Committee, Programming Language Design and Implementation (PLDI) 2018
- Artifact Evaluation Committee, Principles of Programming Languages (POPL) 2017
- TPC, Formal Methods and Models for System Design (MEMOCODE) 2016, 2017, 2018

4.1.3 Conference Organization and Journal Editorships

- Proceedings Co-Chair, Int. Conf. of Software Engineering (ICSE) 2022
- Editor Board, Journal of Systems and Software 2017–2021

4.1.4 Conference Committee Member (Regional)

- Co-Organizer, Midwest Big Data Summer School (Iowa State), Software Analytic Track 2018

4.1.5 Journal Reviewing

Reviewer for Transactions on Software Engineering (TSE), Journal of Systems and Software (JSS), Transactions on Software Engineering and Methodology (TOSEM), Journal of Symbolic Computation, Journal of Evolutionary Intelligence, Transactions on Evolutionary Computation

4.2 Departmental and University Services

4.2.1 Departmental Services

- Program Director, MS Software Engineering 2023–current
- Member, Dept. Chair Renewal Committee 2024
- Member, Web Committee 2022–current
 - CS Web Site Migration Committee 2024
- Member, MS Software Engineering Admission Committee 2023–current
- Member, Executive Committee 2022–2023
- Member, PhD Admission Committee 2021–current
 - Co-organize Virtual Open House (VOH) events 2021–2023
 - Create VOH'23 website (<https://cs-gmu.github.io/cs-phd-voh-s23/>)

Before GMU (At UNL)

- Member, Graduate CS Program Committee 2020–2021
- Member, General Search Committee 2019–2020
- Member, Awards Committee 2018–2019
- Member, Software Engineering Search Committee 2018–2019
- Member, Graduate Recruitment 2018
- Member, Graduate Admission 2016–2020
- Member, Qualifying Exam Committee-Theory Track 2016–2018

4.2.2 University Programs and Services

- Mentor, ORIEI NSF CAREER Cohort 2024
- Scholarship Judge, GMU CEC Representative for the Kimmy Long Scholarship Foundation 2024
- Panelist, GMU New Faculty Panel 2022
- Reviewer, UNL Graduate Travel Award Program Committee 2017
- Fellow, UNL Research Development Fellows Program 2016–2017

4.3 Other Services

- Interviewer, Vietnamese Education Foundation 2.0 (VEF2.0) Fellowship Program 2023–2024
Evaluate applications and interview VEF2.0 fellows for CS PhD applications in the US
- Judge, Thomas Jefferson Highschool (Fairfax, VA) Science and Engineering Fair 2023

5 Miscellaneous

- My Erdős number is ≤ 4
ThanhVu (Vu) Huy Nguyen ↔ Thang Bui (MS Adviser) ↔ Tom Leighton ↔ Fan Chung ↔ Pál Erdős
- My Math/CS Genealogy:
ThanhVu (Vu) Huy Nguyen ↔ Deepak Kapur (PhD Advisor) ↔ Barbara Liskov (Turing Award 2008) ↔ John McCarthy (Turing Award 1971) ↔ Solomon Lefschetz ↔ William Story ↔ ...
ThanhVu (Vu) Huy Nguyen ↔ Stephanie Forrest (PhD Advisor) ↔ John Holland ↔ Arthur Burks ↔ Cooper Langford ↔ Edwin Boring ↔ Edward Titchener ↔ ...