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**CURRENT** ◇ **Princeton University**, Princeton, NJ.  
**POSITION** Senior Lecturer. Department of Computer Science. Fall 2022 – present  
Lecturer. Fall 2010 - Spring 2022

**EDUCATION** ◇ **University of Notre Dame**, Notre Dame, IN.  
Ph.D. in Computer Science and Engineering, 2010.  
Dissertation: *Abstractions for Scientific Computing on Campus Grids*.  
M.S.CSE in Computer Science and Engineering, 2007.  
Thesis: *Flexible Object Based Filesystems for Scientific Computing*.

◇ **College of William and Mary**, Williamsburg, VA.  
B.S. *magna cum laude* in Computer Science, 2004.

**RESEARCH** ◇ Computer Science Education.

**INTERESTS** ◇ Cooperative and Distributed Computing and Storage.

**FOCUS** ◇ Princeton undergraduate curricular enhancement (previously branded as LIFT-CS).  
**PROJECTS** Spring 2016 – present.

◇ Undergraduate independent work supervision.  
Fall 2011 – present.

◇ Abstractions for distributed scientific computing workloads.  
Summer 2007 – Spring 2010. Advisor: Douglas Thain.

◇ Using object-storage techniques for a metadata-based distributed filesystem.  
Summer 2005 – Spring 2007. Advisor: Douglas Thain.

**TEACHING** ◇ **Courses as Primary Instructor of Record or Preceptor**

**HISTORY** · COS 217: Introduction to Programming Systems.

2025 Spring

2024 Fall (precept evaluation 4.7/5)

2024 Spring (lecture evaluation 4.3/5)

2023 Fall (precept evaluation 4.7/5)

2023 Spring (lecture evaluation 4.4/5)

2022 Fall (lecture evaluation 4.1/5)

2022 Spring (precept evaluation 4.6/5)

2021 Fall (precept evaluation 4.3/5)

2021 Spring (precept evaluation 4.1/5) – online

2020 Fall (lecture evaluation 4.2/5) – online

2020 Spring (lecture evaluation 4.0/5) – online

2019 Fall (precept evaluation 4.9/5)

2011 Spring (precept evaluation 4.8/5)

2010 Fall (precept evaluation 4.6/5)

- COS 326: Functional Programming.
  - 2018 Fall (precept evaluation 4.5/5)
  - 2017 Fall (precept evaluation 4.7/5)
  - 2016 Fall (precept evaluation 4.6/5)
  - 2015 Fall (precept evaluation 4.4/5)
  - 2014 Fall (precept evaluation 4.3/5)
  - 2013 Fall (precept evaluation 3.9/5)
- COS 126: Computer Science: An Interdisciplinary Approach.
  - 2018 Spring (precept evaluation 4.5/5)
  - 2012 Fall (precept evaluation 4.7/5)
  - 2012 Spring (precept evaluation 4.7/5)
  - 2011 Fall (precept evaluation 4.2/5)
- COS 333: Advanced Programming Techniques.
  - 2016 Spring (student feedback: 4.4/5)
- EG 10112: Introduction to Engineering Systems. 2010 Spring.
- ◇ **Courses as Secondary co-Instructor or Teaching Assistant**
  - COS 333: Advanced Programming Techniques. 2013-2015,2017,2019 Spring.
  - CSE 20211: Fundamentals of Computing. 2008 Fall.
  - CSE 60111: Algorithms and Complexity. 2006 Spring.
  - CSE 30151: Theory of Computing. 2005 Spring.
  - CSE 30331: Data Structures. 2004 Fall.

- JOURNAL PAPERS (5)
- ◇ A Framework for Scalable Genome Assembly on Clusters, Clouds, and Grids  
**C. Moretti**, A. Thrasher, L. Yu, M. Olson, S. Emrich, D. Thain  
in *IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems*, 2012.
  - ◇ Harnessing Parallelism in Multicore Clusters with the All-Pairs, Wavefront, and Makeflow  
L. Yu, **C. Moretti**, A. Thrasher, S. Emrich, K. Judd, D. Thain in *Cluster Computing*, 2010.
  - ◇ Middleware Support for Many-Task Computing  
I. Raicu, I. Foster, M. Wilde, Z. Zhang, A. Szalay, K. Iskra, P. Beckman, Y. Zhao, Al. Choudhary, P. Little, **C. Moretti**, Am. Chaudhary, D. Thain in *Id.*
  - ◇ All-Pairs: An Abstraction for Data Intensive Computing on Campus Grids  
**C. Moretti**, H. Bui, K. Hollingsworth, B. Rich, P. Flynn, D. Thain  
in *IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems*, 2010.
  - ◇ Chirp: A Practical Global Filesystem for Cluster and Grid Computing  
D. Thain, **C. Moretti**, J. Hemmes in *J. of Grid Computing*, 2009.
- PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PAPERS (12)
- ◇ Teaching CS to CS Teachers: A Case for Content-focused K-12 Professional Development  
D. Leyzberg, **C. Moretti** at *SIGCSE 2017, Seattle*.
  - ◇ Nailing the TA Interview: Using a Rubric to Hire Teaching Assistants  
D. Leyzberg, J. Lumbroso, **C. Moretti** at *ITiCSE 2017, Bologna*.
  - ◇ Highly Scalable Genome Assembly on Campus Grids  
**C. Moretti**, M. Olson, S. Emrich, D. Thain at *MTAGS '09, Portland*.
  - ◇ Harnessing Parallelism in Multicore Clusters with the All-Pairs and Wavefront Abstractions  
L. Yu, **C. Moretti**, S. Emrich, K. Judd, D. Thain at *HPDC '09, Munich*.
  - ◇ The Quest for Scalable Support of Data Intensive Workloads in Distributed Systems  
I. Raicu, I. Foster, Y. Zhao, P. Little, **C. Moretti**, A. Chaudhary, D. Thain at *Id.*
  - ◇ Scaling Up Classifiers to Cloud Computers  
**C. Moretti**, K. Steinhaeuser, D. Thain, N.V. Chawla at *ICDM '08, Pisa*.

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- ◇ All-Pairs: An Abstraction for Data-Intensive Cloud Computing  
**C. Moretti**, J. Bulosan, D. Thain, P. Flynn at *IPDPS'08, Miami*.
- ◇ Efficient Access to Many Small Files in a Filesystem for Grid Computing  
D. Thain, **C. Moretti** at *GRID07, Austin*.
- ◇ Challenges in Executing Data Intensive Biometric Workloads on a Desktop Grid  
**C. Moretti**, T. Faltemier, D. Thain, P. Flynn at *PCGRID '07, Long Beach*
- ◇ Lessons Learned Building TeamTrak: An Urban/Outdoor Mobile Testbed  
J. Hemmes, D. Thain, C. Poellabauer, **C. Moretti**, P. Snowberger, B. McNutt at *WASA 2007, Chicago*.
- ◇ Transparently Distributing CDF Software with Parrot  
D. Thain, **C. Moretti**, I. Sfiligoi at *CHEP 06, Mumbai*.
- ◇ The Consequences of Decentralized Security in a Cooperative Storage System  
D. Thain, **C. Moretti**, P. Madrid, P. Snowberger, J. Hemmes at *SISW 2005, San Francisco*
  
- BOOK CHAPTERS (2) ◇ Abstractions for Cloud Computing with Condor  
D. Thain, **C. Moretti** in *Cloud Computing and Software Services, 2009*.
- ◇ Towards Data Intensive Many Task Computing  
I. Raicu, I. Foster, Y. Zhao, A. Szalay, P. Little, **C. Moretti**, A. Chaudhary, D. Thain in *Data Intensive Distributed Computing: Challenges for Large-Scale Information Management, 2009*.
  
- INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL FUNDING ◇ Improvements to the Computer Science Intro LabTA Program for COS 217  
McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning, under review (2025) with Xiaoyan Li.
- ◇ UCA support for development of a new COS 217 assignment  
Keller Center, \$2,762 (2020).
- ◇ Biology-specific and Collaborative Self-paced Precept Materials for COS 126  
Council on Science and Technology, \$14,000 (2020) with Soohyun Nam Liao.
- ◇ Advanced Topics Summer Professional Development Workshop for High School CS Teachers  
Google CS4HS, \$35,000 (2016) with Dan Leyzberg.
  
- UNDER-GRADUATE PROJECT ADVISING ◇ Alex Slisher - Princeton University. 2024-2025 Senior Thesis.  
COS 126 Through the Lens of Astrophysics.
- ◇ Caroline Coen - Princeton University. 2024-2025 Senior Thesis.  
ML Classification of Biblical Translations across Languages and Literary Categories.
- ◇ Alfred Ripoll, IV - Princeton University. 2024-2025 Senior Thesis.  
Timing the Game: How the MLB Pitch Clock Changes the Game.
- ◇ Mason Tate - Princeton University. 2024-2025 Senior Thesis.  
Analysis of Volleyball Defensive Positioning Informed by Object Classification.
- ◇ Max Steinert - Princeton University. 2024-2025 Senior Thesis.  
ML Classification of Soccer National Team Styles of Play.
- ◇ Alfred Ripoll, IV - Princeton University. Spring 2024 JIW.  
Analyzing MLB Draft Prospect Performance with ML Techniques.
- ◇ Andrew Tutuc - Princeton University. 2023-2024 Senior Thesis.  
Towards a Position-Specific WAR Model for International Soccer.
- ◇ Mackenzie Merriman - Princeton University. 2023-2024 Senior Thesis.  
A Machine Learning Approach to Predicting Franchise Valuations.
- ◇ Nasko Tenev - Princeton University. 2022-2023 Senior Thesis.  
Personal Finance Literacy Game.
- ◇ Dylan Snyder - Princeton University. 2021-2022 Senior Thesis.  
Discord Bots for Automating SimpleMMO Administration.

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- ◇ AJ Kawczynski - Princeton University. 2021-2022 Senior Thesis.  
Statistics and Machine Learning Methods for Evaluating Pitching Change Decisions.
- ◇ Justin Yi - Princeton University. 2021-2022 Senior Thesis.  
Gamification for Campus Orientation and Acclimatization.
- ◇ Rohan Joshi - Princeton University. Spring 2021 SIW.  
Web Platform for Medical Tourism.
- ◇ Raymond Park - Princeton University. 2020-2021 Senior Thesis.  
Web platform for mentoring international applicants to US colleges.
- ◇ Robbie Freeman - Princeton University. Spring 2020 SIW.  
ML Workflows for Using Aggregate User Data in Sports Media.
- ◇ Christine Kwon - Princeton University. Spring 2020 JIW.  
Accessibility Tools for Campus Software Development.
- ◇ Ilene E - Princeton University. Spring 2020 JIW.  
Accessibility Tools for Campus Software Development.
- ◇ Rod Joseph - Princeton University. 2019-2020 Senior Thesis.  
A Content-Based Language Learning Tool.
- ◇ Hari Raval - Princeton University. Fall 2019 JIW.  
Bag of Words - Natural Language Processing Assignment for COS 126.
- ◇ V. Abebe, Khandaker M., K. Rauwe - Princeton University. 2019 SPE.  
Simple Games Productivity App. (Co-advisor: D. Leyzberg)
- ◇ Ricki Heicklen - Princeton University. 2018-2019 Senior Thesis.  
Curriculum development and delivery of a prison computer science teaching initiative.
- ◇ Dominic Whyte - Princeton University. Fall 2018 SIW.  
Repunch - An end-to-end system for modernizing loyalty punchcards.
- ◇ Michael Kim - Princeton University. Fall 2018 SIW.  
DAPZ - The non-Dating App.
- ◇ Mikako Inaba, Anja Tonkovic-Capin - Princeton University. 2018 SPE.  
Localized study groups app.
- ◇ Matthew Yeh - Princeton University. Spring 2018 JIW.  
A Tool for Autograding Assignments in POL345.
- ◇ Rani Jaiswal - Princeton University. 2017-2018 Senior Thesis.  
Continuous adaptive color-blindness accessibility software.
- ◇ Cam Porter - Princeton University. 2017-2018 Senior Thesis. (Co-advisor: G. van der Vink)  
Systematic Target Market Identification using Weak Signal Analysis.
- ◇ Zhan Chen - Princeton University. 2017-2018 Senior Thesis.  
A web visualization engine for e-sports team composition.
- ◇ Claire Chiu - Princeton University. Fall 2017 JIW.  
Automated Scheduling for the Performing Arts Council.
- ◇ Sally Lemkemeier - Princeton University. Fall 2017 JIW.  
Evaluating Q&A Platforms for Educational Purposes.
- ◇ Simisola Olofinboba - Princeton University. Fall 2017 JIW.  
ReserveSpace: Princeton's One-Stop-Destination for Scheduling Needs.
- ◇ A. Chu, V. Deokar, M. Jiang - Princeton University. 2017 SPE.  
Location-aware events app using React Native and Firebase.
- ◇ Ethan Cohen - Princeton University. Spring 2017 JIW.  
End-game strategies that optimize winning outcomes for 20 years of NBA play-by-play data.

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- ◇ Harry Heffernan - Princeton University. Spring 2017 JIW.  
Using player coordinate data to build metrics for soccer analytics.
- ◇ L. Peña, V. Davidjohn, R. Morkos - Princeton University. 2016 SPE.  
An environmentally conscious Unity3D game. (Co-advisor: L. Roberts)
- ◇ Jack Hudson - Princeton University. Spring 2016 SIW.  
Tiger Treats: Development and Policy Analysis of a Local Minor Gift Service.
- ◇ Ben Leizman - Princeton University. Spring 2016 JIW.  
Integrated iOS and Web Scorekeeping for Squash and Other Sports.
- ◇ Abhinav Khanna - Princeton University. Fall 2015 SIW.  
Building a Trust Network for Cancer Patients.
- ◇ Catherine Morrison - Princeton University. Fall 2015 SIW.  
Summer Stay - A Web Application to Aid in the Short-Term Housing Search.
- ◇ Matthew Wang - Princeton University. Spring 2015 JIW.  
Python Pieces - Bridging the gap in Python education environments.
- ◇ Richard Freling - Princeton University. Spring 2015 JIW.  
Pronto: A localized micro-task app for iPhone.
- ◇ Matthew Colen - Princeton University. Spring 2015 JIW.  
Exploring theoretical bounds in football result prediction.
- ◇ Jamie Smith - Princeton University. 2014-2015 Senior Thesis.  
Speaker identification in non-studio environments.
- ◇ Valentina Barboy - Princeton University. 2014-2015 Senior Thesis.  
Analysis and Expert System Design for Course Scheduling.
- ◇ Jonathan Neilan - Princeton University. 2014-2015 Senior Thesis (inc).  
Stackframe Visualizer for COS217 Programs.
- ◇ Cole McCracken - Princeton University. Fall 2014 JIW. (Co-advisor: Mark Braverman)  
Machine learning models for sports betting markets.
- ◇ Samuel Jordan - Princeton University. Fall 2014 JIW.  
Mobile app for campus geotracking and artifact collection.
- ◇ Parth Mehta - Princeton University. Fall 2014 JIW.  
Code editing interface for the Dart programming language.
- ◇ I. Ingato, E. Bradley, R. Aguilar - Princeton University. 2014 SPE.  
Facebook scrapbook application with face recognition functionality.
- ◇ Reed Tantiviramanond - Princeton University. Spring 2014 JIW.  
Exposing a Local Filesystem-Like Interface for Remote Dropbox File Operations.
- ◇ Brendan Wright - Princeton University. Spring 2014 JIW.  
Algorithms for Player selection in Fantasy Hockey Pools.
- ◇ Virginia Willis - Princeton University. Spring 2014 JIW.  
Volleyball Analytics.
- ◇ Jacob Lee - Princeton University. Spring 2014 JIW.  
Design and Implementation of a Squash Coaching App for iPad.
- ◇ Rahji Abdurehman - Princeton University. Fall 2013 JIW.  
Software and numeric analysis of Bradley-Terry comparison in NCAA hockey rankings.
- ◇ A. Gallagher, O. Bradley-Skill, K. Koutras - Princeton University. 2013 SPE.  
Web infrastructure for Princeton independent work workflows.
- ◇ Brian Matejek - Princeton University. Spring 2013 JIW.  
Software and analysis for identifying and optimizing sports gambling arbitrage opportunities.

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- ◇ Jae Young Lee - Princeton University. Spring 2013 JIW.  
Software for web analysis of NBA statistical repositories.
- ◇ Austin Walker - Princeton University. 2012-2013 Senior Thesis.  
Fault tolerance, file encryption, and fairness policies for the Chirp filesystem.
- ◇ Dylan Bowman - Princeton University. Fall 2012 JIW.  
Smart learning: Spaced repetition software for the iPhone.
- ◇ Jimmy Zuber - Princeton University. SPE 2012.  
Java environment for evolution simulation.
- ◇ Willa Chen - Princeton University. 2011-2012 JIW. (Co-advisor: Susan Sugarman)  
JavaScript development environment for adolescent computer science education.
- ◇ David Mittelman - University of Connecticut. Summer 2009 REU. (Under Douglas Thain)  
Distributed computing on small mobile devices.
- ◇ Jared Bulosan - University of Notre Dame. Summer 2007 REU. (Under Douglas Thain)  
Designing web interfaces for harnessing distributed computing.

SERVICE

- ◇ Computer Science master's program - Princeton University.  
Admissions Reviewer: 2015–  
Admissions Chair: 2016–
- ◇ Computer Science placement officer - Princeton University. 2014–
- ◇ Computer Science teaching faculty hiring committee - Princeton University. 2016–2020, 2022,  
2024–2025.  
Committee Chair: 2019, 2022
- ◇ Computer Science UCA co-coordinator - Princeton University. 2023–2025
- ◇ Computer Science representative on Princeton Lecturer Corps - Princeton University. 2025–
- ◇ Computer Science teaching faculty promotion committee - Princeton University. 2022–2023
- ◇ Computer Science curriculum committee - Princeton University. 2018–2021
- ◇ Teaching faculty rep. to Schmidt Hall Executive Committee - Princeton University. 2020
- ◇ ES+SEAS Commons and Library Working Group - Princeton University. 2019–2020
- ◇ Computer Science space committee - Princeton University. 2016–2017
- ◇ Computer Science BSE Advisor - Princeton University. Classes of 2017, 2021, 2024
- ◇ SEAS BSE Freshman Advisor - Princeton University. Classes of 2016, 2017, 2021, 2028, 2029
- ◇ Advanced Placement Exam Reader - ETS. 2014–  
Leader 2016–
- ◇ Advanced Placement Consulting - College Board and ETS. 2017–2018, 2023–
- ◇ Reviewer and Session Chair - *ACM SIGCSE Symposium*
- ◇ Reviewer and Associate Program Chair - *ACM ITiCSE*
- ◇ PC - *Workshop on Many-Task Computing on Clouds, Grids and Supercomputers*
- ◇ Reviewer - *IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems*
- ◇ Reviewer - *IEEE Transactions on Services Computing*
- ◇ Reviewer - *Workshop on Many-Task Computing on Grids and Supercomputers*

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- ◇ Reviewer - *Journal of Parallel and Distributed Computing*
- ◇ Reviewer - *Euro-Par*
- ◇ Reviewer - *Parallel and Cloud Computing Research*
- ◇ Reviewer - *MJCS*

- AWARDS
- ◇ Princeton University Engineering Council Excellence in Teaching Award for the School of Engineering and Applied Science (2016, 2022, 2023)
  - ◇ University of Notre Dame First Year Engineering Teaching Apprenticeship (2010)
  - ◇ Ateyeh Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award (2009)
  - ◇ Monroe Scholar of The College of William and Mary (2001–2004)
  - ◇ National Merit Scholar - SAIC (2001–2004)