

# Sophia Yoo

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## Education

**Princeton University**, Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering September 2020 - Current  
Advisors: Prof. Jennifer Rexford (COS) and Prof. Maria Apostolaki (ECE)

**Princeton University**, Master of Arts in Engineering May 2022

**Temple University**, Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering May 2020  
Computer Engineering Concentration, Minors in Computer Science and Music  
*summa cum laude* (4.0 GPA)

## Research Interests

Network Security & Privacy, Programmable Data Planes,  
Software-Defined Networking, Hardware-Software Co-Design

## Languages

English (Fluent, Native)  
Korean (Proficient)

## Publications

### **SmartCookie: Blocking Large-Scale SYN Floods with a Split-Proxy Defense on Programmable Data Planes**

*Sophia Yoo*, Xiaoqi Chen, Jennifer Rexford. *USENIX Security*, August 2024.

### **On the Criticality of Integrity Protection in 5G Fronthaul Networks**

*Sophia Yoo\**, Jiarong Xing\*, Xenofon Foukas, Daehyeok Kim, Michael K. Reiter. *USENIX Security*, August 2024.

### **Tango: Secure Collaborative Route Control across the Public Internet**

Henry Birge-Lee, *Sophia Yoo*, Benjamin Herber, Jennifer Rexford, Maria Apostolaki. *NSDI*, April 2024.

### **Sieve: Layered Network Defenses against Large-Scale Attacks**

*Sophia Yoo*, Satadal Sengupta, Maria Apostolaki, Jennifer Rexford. *ONF P4 Workshop*, April 2023.

### **Distributed In-Network SYN Flooding Mitigation**

*Sophia Yoo*, Xiaoqi Chen, Jennifer Rexford. *Princeton Research Day Poster*, April 2022.

### **Secure Keyed Hashing on Programmable Switches**

*Sophia Yoo*, Xiaoqi Chen. *ACM SIGCOMM Workshop on Secure Programmable Network Infrastructure*, August 2021.

## Relevant Professional Experience

### **Microsoft Research, AFO - Graduate Research Intern (Advisor: Daehyeok Kim) 5.2022 - 5.2023**

- Explore vulnerabilities and new attack vectors in emerging next-generation 5G cellular infrastructure
- Discover novel denial-of-service attacks to user devices over the O-RAN fronthaul interface
- Design new countermeasures and leverage programmable data planes to defend against newly discovered attacks

### **NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory - Graduate Software Computing Systems Intern 5.2020 - 8.2020**

- Programmed in C the gimbal drive electronics unit emulator for the Multi-Angle Imager for Aerosols (MAIA) mission
- Modified command and telemetry dictionaries for MAIA instrument electronics flight software to coordinate with AMMOS Instrument Toolkit (AIT), tested uplink/downlink command and telemetry processing
- Performed black-box system testing with AIT from an east-coast Linux platform to a west-coast flight electronics box

### **Temple University Engineering Department - Undergraduate Research Assistant 8.2019 - 12.2019**

- Conducted independent research on embedded systems under Dr. Dennis Silage of Temple's ECE department
- Executed analysis of PYNQ Linux operating system on Xilinx PYNQ-Z1 board

### **Honeywell System Sensors - Firmware Engineer Intern 5.2019 - 8.2019**

- Modified electric circuit design of fire alarm strobe to use existing integrated microcontroller comparator, removed external comparator component, and reduced production cost of boards by over \$250,000 yearly
- Programmed firmware in C and Assembly for compatibility with product specs in newly designed embedded system

## Relevant Teaching Experience

- Princeton University, Information Security - Assistant Instructor** 1.2022 - 5.2022
- Weekly office hours and precept instruction throughout the semester
  - Logistical management of hands-on security assignments and grading for 300 students per semester
- Temple University, Principles of Electric Circuits - Diamond Peer Teacher** 1.2020 - 5.2020
- Independently planned, designed, & led weekly recitations/assessments for 2 sections of Principles of Electric Circuits
  - Engaged and instructed students in group settings and individually with weekly office hours
- Temple University, Intro to Engineering - Undergraduate Teaching Assistant** 1.2018 - 5.2019
- Organized and restructured curriculum; reduced grade disputes by 80%
  - Designed quizzes for testing and improving understanding of 300 students per semester
- Temple University Student Success Center - STEM Tutor** 10.2017 - 10.2019
- Tutored peers in Physics, Chemistry, Math, Computer Science, and Engineering courses
  - Developed students' problem solving skills, devised learning strategies, documented individualized progress reports

## Notable Awards & Academic Honors

- Graduate Research Fellowships Program Award (DGE-2039656), National Science Foundation 2022 - 2025
- Applied Networking Research Prize (ANRP) for *Tango [NSDI'2024]* Work 2025
- Graduate Student Award for Excellence in Service, Princeton University ECE Department 2023, 2024
- Pramod Subramanian \*17 Early Career Graduate Award, Princeton University 2022
- Princeton Research Day Innovation & Entrepreneurial Mindset Award, Princeton University 2022
- Top Honors Recognition, Temple University, ECE Department 2020
- Iota Sigma Chapter of Eta Kappa Nu, International IEEE Honor Society 2020
- Diamond Award, Highest Academic Recognition, Temple University 2020
- PECO Scholars Program Award, Philadelphia 2019 - 2020
- Korean American Scholarship Foundation Award, Eastern Regional Chapter 2019 - 2020
- President's Scholar Full Scholarship Award, Temple University 2016 - 2020

## Leadership & Volunteer Engagement

- Princeton ECE Graduate Social Committee Co-Founder and Member, Princeton University** 2022 - 2024
- Propose and establish the inaugural ECE Social Committee on behalf of all ECE grad students & postdocs
  - Run weekly social hangouts and larger events to grow department-wide community, diversity, & inclusion
- Princeton Lakeside Graduate Housing External Relations Delegate, Princeton University** 2022 - 2024
- Advocate on behalf of ~700 graduate students & families in the Lakeside community to the university
  - Act as a liaison between students and the Graduate School, Facilities, Housing, Transpo, Public Safety, etc.
- Princeton/Intel Research Experience for Undergraduates, Princeton University** 2022
- Mentor undergraduate students in network security research, programmable switch DDoS defenses
- Princeton Pre-Application Support Program, Princeton University** 2021 - 2023
- Mentor Ph.D. applicants from underrepresented backgrounds, guide their application process
- Institute of Electrical & Electronics Engineers** 2018 - present
- Active member, support organization members for continual professional development
- Joy Music Studio, Music Instructor and Associate Director** 2011 - present
- Train children and adults with tailored lesson plans for each student in violin, piano, harp, and music theory
- Joyful Sound of Music, Musician and Program Coordinator** 2008 - present
- Share music (violin, piano, harp, voice) at local elderly communities, weddings, funerals, parties, banquets
- Society of Women Engineers, Temple University Chapter** 2017 - 2020
- Engage in community and youth outreach, serve on planning committee, attend national SWE conference