

# Simon Chu

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## EDUCATION

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### Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA

May 2020 - Present

Ph.D. in Software Engineering  
Institute for Software Research  
School of Computer Science

### Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Aug. 2016 - May 2020

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science  
Minor in Mathematics  
GPA: 3.94/4.00

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### Carnegie Mellon University

May 2020 – Present

*Ph.D. Student, ABLE Research Group*

*Pittsburgh, PA*

- Exploring applying formal methods in designing safety-critical self-adaptive/cyber-physical systems.
- Investigating N-way feature interaction in cyber-physical systems via a drone case study.
- Developed Python-based general-purpose model checker prototype for Signal Temporal Logic (STL).

### Carnegie Mellon University

May 2019 – Aug. 2019

*Research Intern, REUSE Program, Wyvern Project*

*Pittsburgh, PA*

- Designed typing rules for safe recursive initialization construct and dynamic composition mechanism.
- Implemented option-type syntactic sugar, enhanced the language expressiveness.
- Improved code reliability and efficiency by refactoring parser and lexical analyzer rules.
- Maintained Wyvern language documentation and continuous integration (CI) configuration.
- Presented at the REU student research presentation session at Carnegie Mellon University.

### Wilkes University

May 2017 – May 2019

*Undergraduate Researcher, Math and CS Dept.*

*Wilkes-Barre, PA*

- Designed the training, testing and evaluating framework for ML models using Python API.
- Developed the scikit-learn models using SVM for classifying animal images with over 80% accuracy.
- Implemented scripts that facilitate distributed model training, evaluation, and statistical analysis.
- Trained and improved face-cropping Haar Cascades, with over 85% face detection accuracy.
- Presented at Eastern College Science Conference (ECSC) 2018 at Ithaca College.

### Wilkes University

Mar. 2018 – May 2019

*Researcher/Developer, Integrative Media Dept.*

*Wilkes-Barre, PA*

- Developed 3D virtual campus tour VR application for HTC VIVE using Unity platform.
- Explored different navigation methods for porting between 500+ high-resolution 3D images/videos.
- Conducted user experience (UX) research using A/B testing for the VR application.
- Reduced loss for format conversion by applying algorithmic enhancement, improved user experience.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Wilkes University** May 2017 – May 2019  
*System Manager/Lab Assistant, Math and CS Dept.* Wilkes-Barre, PA

- Maintained Computer Science departmental networks, LDAP server, and lab computers.
- Implemented scripts to automate routine updates, software installation, system accounts, and backups.
- Assisted with large-scale Ubuntu system migration, hardware replacement, and programming contests.

**LSEO, LLC** Jan. 2018 – May 2018  
*Software Engineering Intern* Wilkes-Barre, PA

- Assisted the content marketing team with the development of 5+ clients' web-based projects.
- Analyzed the traffic data, conducted keyword/ranking algorithm research using SEMrush.
- Monitored web traffic, detected malicious network requests and vulnerabilities in clients' projects.

**Wilkes University** Aug. 2017 – May 2020  
*Teaching Assistant, Math and CS Dept.* Wilkes-Barre, PA

- Updated lab procedures and software manuals for introductory computer science courses.
- Assisted students with troubleshooting algorithmic errors and debugging the programs.

**Wilkes University** Aug. 2017 – May 2020  
*Resident Assistant/Student Mentor, Office of Residence Life* Wilkes-Barre, PA

- Served as a leader for over 40 residents by planning 20 community and career development events.
- Responsible for the safety and residential needs of 340 residents throughout the academic year.

## PRESENTATIONS

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**“Exploring the Feature Interaction Problem in Cyber-Physical Systems”** Nov. 2020  
*ISR Departmental Seminar (SSSG), Carnegie Mellon School of Computer Science* Pittsburgh, PA

**“Towards a Language for Better Code Reusability”** Aug. 2019  
*REU in Software Engineering (REUSE '19), Carnegie Mellon University* Pittsburgh, PA

**“Image Classification Dataset and API Design for SVM Experimentation”** April 2018  
*Eastern College Science Conference (ECSE '18), Ithaca College* Ithaca, NY

## SERVICE

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**Admissions Committee Member** Jan. 2021 – Feb. 2021  
*REU in Software Engineering (REUSE), Carnegie Mellon University* Pittsburgh, PA

**Social Coordinator** May 2019 – Aug. 2019  
*REU in Software Engineering (REUSE '19), Carnegie Mellon University* Pittsburgh, PA

**Math/Computer Science Mentor** Nov. 2019  
*STEM Discovery Day, Wilkes University* Wilkes-Barre, PA

**Robotics/Programming Mentor** July 2017  
*Women Empowered by Science Summer Camp (WEBS '17), Wilkes University* Wilkes-Barre, PA

## SKILLS

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**Programming** Python, Java, C/C++, HTML/CSS/JavaScript, Swift, Go, Haskell, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X  
**Specialty** Compiler Design, Deep Learning, Web/iOS Development, UI Design  
**Languages** English, Mandarin, Elementary-Spanish, Elementary-French