## Valerie Choung

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### **EDUCATION**

Carnegie Mellon University

Ph.D. Computer Science Advisory Phillip Cibbons

Ph.D. Computer Science Advisory Phillip Cibbons

Phys. Computer Science Advisory Phillip Cibbons

PhD Computer Science, Advisor: Phillip Gibbons expected May 2026

Carnegie Mellon University Pittsburgh, PA

BS Computer Science, Concentration: Computer Systems GPA: 3.52/4.00 May 2021

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Prescriptive Memory

Oct 2021 - present

Advisor: Phillip Gibbons

• Bringing application-layer semantics lower into the software stack for better application-specific optimizations.

NormanOS Aug 2020 - Aug 2021

Mentors: Justine Sherry, Hugo Sadok

- Provided OS support for FPGA-programmable smartNICs
- Designed interface between application and NIC
- We need kernel interposition over the network dataplane.

Hugo Sadok, Zhipeng Zhao, Valerie Choung, Nirav Atre, Daniel S. Berger, James C. Hoe,

Aurojit Panda, and Justine Sherry.

HotOS '21: Proceedings of the Workshop on Hot Topics in Operating Systems. June 2021. Pages 152-158.

JIT Fuzzer Jan 2020 - May 2021

Mentors: Bryan Parno, Jay Bosamiya

- Development of fuzzer for finding security vulnerabilities in JIT compilers
- Wrote bug triager for speeding up vulnerability analysis

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

Microsoft - Research Intern

May 2022 - Aug 2022

• Virtualizing tenant networks for Azure

# NVIDIA - Systems Software Intern

May 2020 - Aug 2020

- $\bullet$  Increased number of GPU channels that one GPU context could support
- Improved error-handling for NVSwitch/NVLink

# NVIDIA - Systems Software Intern

May 2019 - Aug 2019

- Refactored GPU interrupt handling mechanism
- Wrote debugging extension for managing interrupts

### Castlight Health - Cybersecurity Intern

May 2018 - Aug 2018

- Set up framework for new in-house security incident and event management solution using ElasticSearch
- Environment setup for third-party security evaluations

### TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

• CMU 15-410 Operating System Design and Implementation	Feb 2021 - May 2021
• CMU 15-410 Operating System Design and Implementation	Jan 2020 - May 2020
• CMU 15-330 Introduction to Computer Security	Aug 2019 - Dec 2019
• CMU 14-513 Introduction to Computer Systems	Aug 2018 - Dec 2018

### OTHER PROJECTS

SouperDamGoodOS (course project partner: Sam Damashek)

Jan 2019 - Dec 2019

- Built OS kernel from scratch
- Supports SMP and limited group scheduling

EasyCTF Jan 2015 - Dec 2018

- Helped organize bi-annual security competition for high school students
- Featured: "Cybersecurity sleuths learn to think like hackers", CNET Magazine, May 15, 2016.

# AWARDS

CDDC CTF - 8th place (Team: PPP)
CSAW CTF - 2nd place (Team: PPP)
DEFCON CTF - 2nd place (Team: PPP)

 $\begin{array}{c} 2020 \\ 2018 \end{array}$ 

2018