

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 2000 PhD Computer Science, Johns Hopkins University
- 1997 MS Computer Science, Johns Hopkins University
- 1995 BS Computer Science and Mathematics (double major); Classics (minor)
Summa Cum Laude, Dartmouth College

Professional Experience

- 2024 – Professor, Chair of Efficient Algorithms, Computer Science, Technical University Munich
- 2024 – Emeritus Professor, Computer Science, University of Arizona
- 2012 – 2024 Professor, Computer Science, University of Arizona
- 2006 – 2012 Associate Professor, Computer Science, University of Arizona
- 2000 – 2006 Assistant Professor, Computer Science, University of Arizona
- 2015 – 2016 Fulbright Distinguished Chair, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic
- 2011 – 2012 Alexander von Humboldt Fellow, Universität Tübingen, Germany
- 2008 – 2009 Research Scientist, AT&T Research Labs, Florham Park, New Jersey
- 2006 – 2007 Fulbright Scholar, Computer Science, University of Botswana

Honors and Awards

- Best Paper Award, 17th IEEE Pacific Visualization Symposium (PACIFICVIS), 2024
- Best Paper Award, 32nd International Symposium on Graph Drawing and Network Visualization (GD), 2024
- Best Paper Award, 48th Intl. Conference on Current Trends in Theory and Practice of Computer Science, 2023
- Galileo Circle Fellowship, College of Science, University of Arizona, 2022
- Distinguished Student Mentoring Award, College of Science, University of Arizona, 2021
- Outstanding Faculty Research Award, Dept. of Computer Science, University of Arizona, 2021
- Outstanding Faculty Service Award, Dept. of Computer Science, University of Arizona, 2021
- Best Paper Award, 28th International Symposium on Graph Drawing and Network Visualization, 2020
- Most Influential Paper Award, IEEE VISSOFT, 2019
- Best Paper Award, 27th International Symposium on Graph Drawing and Network Visualization, 2019
- Best Paper Award, 13th International Conference and Workshops on Algorithms and Computation, 2018
- Best Paper Award, 25th International Symposium on Graph Drawing and Network Visualization, 2017
- Fulbright Distinguished Chair, US Department of State, 2015-2016
- Outstanding Faculty Research Award, Dept. of Computer Science, University of Arizona, 2015
- Humboldt Research Fellow, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Germany 2011-2014
- Outstanding Faculty Teaching Award, Dept. of Computer Science, University of Arizona, 2014
- Best Paper Award, 22nd International Symposium on Algorithms and Computation (ISAAC), 2011
- Fulbright Scholar, US Department of State, 2006-2007
- National Science Foundation CAREER Award, 2005-2011
- Fred Demeritte Graduate Studies Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University, 1995-1998
- Brainerd Memorial Scholarship (full undergraduate studies scholarship), Dartmouth College, 1992-95

Refereed Journal Publications

1. M. Oddo, R. Smith, S. Kobourov, T. Munzner, “Visualization Tasks for Unlabeled Graphs,” *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics*, 2026.
2. K. Smelser, K. Gunaratne, J. Miller, S. Kobourov, “How Scale Breaks ‘Normalized Stress’ and KL Divergence: Rethinking Quality Metrics”, *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics*, 2026.
3. S. Kobourov, M. Loffler, F. Montecchiani, M. Pilipczuk, I. Rutter, R. Seidel, and M. Sorge, “The Influence of Dimensions on the Complexity of Computing Decision Trees,” *Artificial Intelligence Journal (AIJ)*, 2025.

4. W. Evans, K. Koeck, S. Kobourov, "Visualization of Bipartite Graphs in Limited Window Size," *Acta Informatica*, 2025.
5. M. Oddo, S. Kobourov, T. Munzner, "The Census-Stub Graph Invariant Descriptor," *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics*, 2025.
6. H. Förster, F. Klesen, T. Dwyer, P. Eades, S. Hong, S. Kobourov, G. Liotta, K. Misue, F. Montecchiani, A. Pastukhov, F. Schreiber, "GraphTrials: Visual Proofs of Graph Properties", *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics*, 2025.
7. M. Aichem, K. Klein, S. Kobourov, F. Schreiber, "De-emphasise, Aggregate, and Hide: A Study of Interactive Visual Transformations for Group Structures in Network Visualisations," *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics*, 2024.
8. J. Miller, D. Bhatia, S. Kobourov, "State of the Art of Graph Visualization in non-Euclidean Spaces" *Computer Graphics Forum*, 2024.
9. K. Gray, M. Li, R. Ahmed, K. Rahman, A. Azad, K. Börner, "Scalable Methods for Readable Tree Layouts," *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics*, 2023.
10. R. Ahmed, P. Angelini, M. Bekos, G. Di Battista, M. Kaufmann, P. Kindermann, S. Kobourov, M. Nöllenburg, A. Symvonis, A. Villdieu, M. Wallinger, "Splitting Vertices in 2-Layer Graph Drawings," *IEEE Computer Graphics and Applications*, 2023.
11. M. Conroy, C. Gillmann, F. Harvey, T. Mchedlidze, S. Fabrikant, F. Windhager, G. Scheuermann, S. Weingart, T. Tangherlini, C. Warren, M. Rehbein, K. Borner, K. Elo, S. Jäncke, A. Kerren, M. Nöllenburg, T. Dwyer, O. Eide, S. Kobourov, G. Betz, "Uncertainty in Humanities Network Visualization", *Frontiers in Communication*, 2023.
12. R. Ahmed, F. De Luca, S. Devkota, S. Kobourov, M. Li, "Multicriteria Scalable Graph Drawing via Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)²," *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics*, 2022.
13. S. Nickel, M. Sondag, W. Meulemans, S. Kobourov, J. Peltonen, M. Nöllenburg, "Multicriteria Optimization of Dynamic Demers Cartograms," *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics*, 2022.
14. A. Efrat, R. Fulek, S. Kobourov, C. Toth, "Polygons with Prescribed Angles in 2D and 3D," *Journal of Graph Algorithms and Applications*, 2022.
15. S. Cornelsen, M. Pfister, H. Förster, M. Gronemann, M. Hoffmann, S. Kobourov, T. Schneck, "Drawing Shortest Paths in Geodesic Graphs," *Journal of Graph Algorithms and Applications*, 2022.
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17. B. Jacobsen, M. Wallinger, S. Kobourov, M. Nöllenburg, "MetroSets: Visualizing Sets as Metro Maps," *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics*, vol. 27, no. 2, p. 1257-1267, 2021.
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40. W. Evans, S. Felsner, M. Kaufmann, S. Kobourov, D. Mondal, R. Nishat, K. Verbeek, "Table Cartogram," *Computational Geometry: Theory and Applications*, vol. 68, p. 174-185, 2018.
41. J. Alam, S. Kobourov, D. Mondal, "Orthogonal Layout with Optimal Face Complexity," *Computational Geometry: Theory and Applications*, vol. 63, p. 40-52, 2017.
42. E. Welch and S. Kobourov, "Measuring Symmetry in Drawings of Graphs," *Computer Graphics Forum*, special issue on EuroVis'17, vol. 36, no. 3, 2017.
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45. P. Angelini, M. Bekos, F. De Luca, W. Didimo, M. Kaufmann, S. Kobourov, F. Montecchiani, C. Raftopoulou, V. Roselli, A. Symvonis, "Vertex-Coloring with Defects," *Journal of Graph Algorithms and Applications*, vol. 21, no. 3, p. 313-340, 2017.
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47. M. Bekos, T. van Dijk, M. Fink, P. Kindermann, S. Kobourov, S. Pupyrev, J. Spoerhase, A. Wolff, "Improved Approximation Algorithms for Box Contact Representations," *Algorithmica*, vol. 77, no. 3, p. 902-920, 2017
48. B. Saket, C. Scheidegger, S. Kobourov, "Comparing Node-Link and Node-Link-Group Visualizations From An Enjoyment Perspective," *Computer Graphics Forum*, special issue on EuroVis'16, vol. 35, no. 3, p. 41-50, 2016.
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57. B. Saket, P. Simonetto, S. Kobourov, Katy Börner, "Evaluation of Node, Node-Link, and Node-Link-Group Diagrams," *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics (TVCG)*, vol. 20, no. 12, p. 2231-2240, 2014.
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59. Y. Hu, S. Kobourov, S. Veeramoni, "Embedding, Clustering and Coloring for Dynamic Maps," *Journal of Graph Algorithms and Applications*, vol. 18, no. 1, p. 77-109, 2014.
60. C. Duncan, D. Eppstein, M. Goodrich, S. Kobourov, M. Nöllenburg, "Drawing Trees with Perfect Angular Resolution and Polynomial Area," *Discrete & Computational Geometry*, Vol. 49, no. 2, p. 157-182, 2013.
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63. M. Bekos, M. Kaufmann, S. Kobourov, A. Symvonis, "Smooth Orthogonal Layouts," *Journal of Graph Algorithms and Applications*, vol. 17, no. 5, p. 575-595, 2013.
64. J. Alam, T. Biedl, S. Felsner, M. Kaufmann, S. Kobourov, T. Ueckerdt, "Computing Cartograms with Optimal Complexity," *Discrete & Computational Geometry*, vol. 50, no. 3, p. 784-810, 2013.
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2. M. Wallinger, J. Miller, A. Maftai, S. Kobourov, “Quantitative Metrics for Edge Bundling of Network Visualizations,” *28th Eurographics Conference on Visualization (EuroVis)*, 2026.
3. L. Felder, J. Miller, M. Wallinger, S. Kobourov, C. Chen, “Quantitative Metrics for Edge Bundling of Network Visualizations,” *28th Eurographics Conference on Visualization (EuroVis)*, 2026.
4. A. Chiu, M. Ghosh, R. Ahmed, K.-S. Jun, S. Kobourov, M. Goodrich, “Learning-Augmented Algorithms for Graph Sparsification and Steiner Trees,” *Workshop on Graphs, Architectures, Programming, and Learning (GrAPL)*, 2026.
5. E. Arkin, A. Efrat, O. Filtser, S. Kobourov, J. Kratochvíl, J. Mitchell, A. Rosenberg, “The Gate-Cover Problem,” *20th International Conference and Workshop on Algorithms and Computation (WALCOM)*, 2026.
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3. MPSE: Multi-Perspective, Simultaneous Embedding (MPSE) allows one to visualize multiple relationships defined on the same set of objects, <http://mpse.arl.arizona.edu>
4. Twitter4Food: Analyzing the Language of Food on Social Media: different visualizations of a large Twitter food-related dataset, <https://sites.google.com/site/twitter4food/>
5. MoCS: Maps of Computer Science: MoCS provides a method to visualize concept maps of topics from the DBLP database of computer science research papers, <http://mocs.cs.arizona.edu>
6. WordCloud: A semantics-aware word-cloud visualization tool, using NLP tools to compute similarities and place related words close to each other, <http://wordcloud.cs.arizona.edu>
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9. SMorph: Tool for smooth, continuous, and intersection-free morphing of planar graph drawings on the surface of the sphere, <http://smorph.cs.arizona.edu>
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4. co-PI, *UA-TRIPODS: Building Theoretical Foundations for Data Sciences*, NSF-CCF, \$1,368,500, 2017-22
5. co-PI, *Data Science Pathways for a Vibrant TRIPODS Commons at Scale*, NSF-DMS, \$200,000, 2018-21
6. PI, *Visualizing the Knowledge Landscape*, UA-ORD, \$268,944, 2016-2018
7. co-PI, *T2 Diabetes Risk Detection via Machine Learning and Visualization*, UA-ORD, \$97,356, 2017-2018
8. PI, *Geometry and Combinatorics of Intersections and Contacts*, NSF-CCF, \$60,002, 2016-17
9. PI, *Putting Network Security on the Map*, Office of Naval Research, \$4,157,490, 2011-16
10. PI, *ImageQuest: Calibrated Imaging and Validated Analysis*, NSF-IBIV, \$1,268,593, 2010-13
11. PI, *CAREER: Embedding, Morphing, & Visualizing Dynamic Graphs*, NSF-CCF, \$419,645, 2006-11
12. PI, *Algorithms for Visualizing Data with Contact Graphs*, NSF-CCF, \$296,001, 2011-14
13. PI, *Visualization of Giga-Graphs and Graph Processes*, NSF-ACR, \$240,358, 2002-05
14. PI, *Proportional Graph Visualization*, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, \$98,800, 2011-2013
15. PI, *Visualization of Giga-Graphs and Graph Processes*, NSF-REU Suppl., \$42,500, 2002-05
16. co-PI, *Collaborative Mind-Mapping Solution to the Obesity Challenge*, USDA, \$500,000, 2010-2012
17. co-PI, *Bootstrapping Broad-Coverage Network Services*, NSF-CNS, \$94,000, 2004-05

Steering Committees, Scientific Directorates, Editorial Boards

Steering Committee Chair, International Symposium on Graph Drawing and Network Visualization (GD)
 Steering Committee Member, German Computer Graphics and Visualization Society (GI FB GDV)
 Member of the Scientific Directorate of Schloss Dagstuhl - Leibniz Center for Informatics
 Editorial Board, IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics (TVCG)
 Editorial Board, Journal of Computational Geometry, Theory and Applications (CGTA)
 Editorial Board, Journal of Graph Algorithms and Applications (JGAA)

Program Chair

Co-chair, Dagstuhl Seminar 250105, “Perception-Informed Network Visualization”, Germany, 2026
Co-chair, Dagstuhl Seminar 216026, “Perception in Network Visualization”, Germany, 2023
Co-chair, Dagstuhl Seminar 21152, “Multi-Level Graph Representation...”, Germany, 2021
PC co-chair, 21st Conference on Algorithm Engineering and Experiments (ALENEX), San Diego, 2019
Co-chair, Dagstuhl Seminar 16452, “Beyond-Planar Graphs: Algorithmics and Combinatorics”, Germany, 2016
Co-chair, Dagstuhl Seminar 13151, “Drawing Graphs and Maps with Curves”, Germany, 2013
Co-chair, Dagstuhl Seminar 12261, “Putting Data on the Map”, Germany, 2012
PC co-chair, 5th IEEE Pacific Visualization Symposium (PacificVis), Songdo, Korea, 2011
Co-chair, Dagstuhl Seminar 11191, “Graph Drawing with Algorithm Engineering Methods”, Germany, 2011
Co-chair, Dagstuhl Seminar 08191, “Graph Drawing Applications to Bioinformatics and Social Sciences”, 2008
Chair, 13th Annual Graph Drawing Contest Committee, Karlsruhe, Germany, 2006
Co-chair, Dagstuhl Seminar 05191, “Graph Drawing”, Germany, 2005
Chair, 12th Annual Graph Drawing Contest Committee, Limerick, Ireland, 2005
Chair, 11th Annual Graph Drawing Contest Committee, New York, NY, 2004
PC co-chair, 10th International Symposium on Graph Drawing (GD), Irvine, CA, 2002

Program Committee Service

PC member, 40th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), Singapore, 2026
PC member, 28th IEEE Eurographics Conference on Visualization (EuroVis), UK, 2026
PC member, 20th IEEE Pacific Visualization Symposium (PacificVis), Sydney, Australia, 2026
PC member, IEEE VIS: Visualization and Visual Analytics (VIS), Vienna, Austria 2025
PC member, 27th IEEE Eurographics Conference on Visualization (EuroVis), Luxembourg, 2025
PC member, 37th ACM/IEEE Supercomputing Conference (SC), St. Louis, MO, USA, 2025
PC member, 19th IEEE Pacific Visualization Symposium (PacificVis), Taipei, Taiwan, 2025
PC member, 33rd International Symposium on Graph Drawing (GD), Norrköping, Sweden, 2025
PC member, 27th Conference on Algorithm Engineering and Experiments (ALENEX), New Orleans, 2025
PC member, 32nd European Symposium on Algorithms (ESA), London, UK, 2024
PC member, 26th IEEE Eurographics Conference on Visualization (EuroVis), Odensee, Denmark, 2024
PC member, 18th IEEE Pacific Visualization Symposium (PacificVis), Tokyo, Japan, 2024
PC member, 7th International Workshop on Big Data Visual Exploration and Analytics (BigVis) at VLDB 2024
PC member, IEEE VIS: Visualization and Visual Analytics, Melbourne, Australia, 2023
PC member, 15th ACM Symposium of Eye Tracking Research & Applications (ETRA), Germany, 2023
PC member, 16th IEEE Pacific Visualization Symposium (PacificVis), Seoul, Korea, 2023
PC member, 49th Intl. Workshop on Graph-Theoretic Concepts in Computer Science (WG), Switzerland, 2023
PC member, IEEE VIS: Visualization and Visual Analytics, Oklahoma City, OK, 2022
PC member, 15th IEEE Pacific Visualization Symposium (PacificVis), Tsukuba, Japan, 2022
PC member, 30th International Symposium on Graph Drawing (GD), Tokyo, Japan, 2022
PC member, 16th Intl. Conference & Workshops on Algorithms and Computation (WALCOM), Indonesia, 2022
PC member, IEEE VIS: Visualization and Visual Analytics (VIS), New Orleans, LA, 2021
PC member, 1st SIAM Applied Computational & Discrete Algorithms (ACDA), Spokane, 2021
PC member, 13th IEEE Pacific Visualization Symposium (PacificVis), Tianjin, China, 2020
PC member, 35th Symposium on Computational Geometry (SoCG), Portland, 2019
PC member, 12th IEEE Pacific Visualization Symposium (PacificVis), Bangkok, Thailand, 2019
PC member, 11th ACM Symposium on Eye Tracking Research & Applications (ETRA), 2019
PC member, 21st IEEE Eurographics Conference on Visualization (EUROVIS), Lisbon, Portugal, 2019
PC member, 2nd Workshop on Big Data Visual Exploration and Analytics (BigVis), Lisbon, Portugal, 2019
PC member, 23rd IEEE Information Visualization Symposium (INFOVIS), Berlin, Germany, 2018
PC member, 20th IEEE Eurographics Conference on Visualization (EUROVIS), Brno, Czech Republic, 2018
PC member, IEEE Conference on Software Visualization (VISSOFT), Madrid, Spain, 2018
PC member, 26nd International Symposium on Graph Drawing (GD), Barcelona, Spain, 2018
PC member, 11th IEEE Pacific Visualization Symposium (PacificVis), Kobe, Japan, 2018
PC member, IEEE Visual Analytics Science and Technology Conference (VAST), Phoenix AZ, 2017
PC member, 19th IEEE Eurographics Conference on Visualization (EUROVIS), Barcelona, Spain, 2017
PC member, 10th IEEE Pacific Visualization Symposium (PacificVis), Seoul, Korea, 2017

PC member, 21th IEEE Information Visualization Symposium (INFOVIS), Baltimore, 2016
 PC member, 18th IEEE Eurographics Conference on Visualization (EUROVIS), Groningen, Netherlands, 2016
 PC member, 10th IEEE Pacific Visualization Symposium (PacificVis), Taipei, Taiwan, 2016
 PC member, IEEE Conference on Software Visualization (VISSOFT), Raleigh, North Carolina, 2016
 PC member, 24nd International Symposium on Graph Drawing (GD), Athens, 2016
 PC member, 7th Intl. Conf. on Information, Intelligence, Systems and Applications (IISA), Greece, 2016
 PC member, 21th IEEE Information Visualization Symposium (INFOVIS), Chicago, IL, 2015
 PC member, 17th IEEE Eurographics Conference on Visualization (EUROVIS), Cagliari, Italy, 2015
 PC member, 8th IEEE Pacific Visualization Symposium (PacificVis), Hangzhou, China, 2015
 PC member, 20th IEEE Information Visualization Symposium (INFOVIS), Paris, France, 2014
 PC member, 16th IEEE Eurographics Conference on Visualization (EuroVis), Swansea, UK, 2014
 PC member, IEEE Conference on Software Visualization (VISSOFT), Victoria, BC, Canada, 2014
 PC member, 22nd International Symposium on Graph Drawing (GD), Würzburg, Germany, 2014
 PC member, 7th IEEE Pacific Visualization Symposium (PacificVis), Yokohama, Japan, 2014
 PC member, IEEE Conference on Software Visualization (VISSOFT), Eindhoven, Netherlands, 2013
 PC member, 23st Fall Workshop on Computational Geometry (FWCG), New York NY, 2013
 PC member, 6th IEEE Pacific Visualization Symposium (PacificVis), Sydney, Australia, 2012
 PC member, 20th International Symposium on Graph Drawing (GD), Seattle WA, 2012
 PC member, 21st Fall Workshop on Computational Geometry (FWCG), New York NY, 2011
 PC member, 18th International Symposium on Graph Drawing (GD), Konstanz, Germany, 2010
 PC member, 7th ACM Symposium on Software Visualization (SOFTVIS), Salt Lake City UT, 2010
 PC member, 16th European Symposium on Algorithms (ESA), Karlsruhe, Germany, 2008
 PC member, 16th International Symposium on Graph Drawing (GD), Crete, Greece, 2008
 PC member, 3rd International Conference on Human Computer Interaction, Innsbruck, Austria, 2008
 PC member, 17th ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms (SODA), Miami FL, 2006
 PC member, 3rd ACM Symposium on Software Visualization (SOFTVIS), Brighton UK, 2006
 PC member, 14th International Symposium on Graph Drawing (GD), Karlsruhe, Germany, 2006
 PC member, 8th International Symposium on Graph Drawing (GD), Williamsburg, VA, 2000

Conference Committee Service

Organizer, NSF Postdoctoral Conference, Tucson, AZ, 2016
 Organizing Committee, 22nd ACM Symposium on Computational Geometry, Sedona, AZ, 2006
 Organizing Committee, 13th International Symposium on Graph Drawing, Limerick, Ireland, 2005
 Organizing Committee, 12th International Symposium on Graph Drawing, New York, NY, 2004

PhD Advisees

Cesim Erten, “Simultaneous Embedding and Visualization of Graphs,” April 2005
 Alejandro Estrella-Balderramma, “Simultaneous Embedding and Level Planarity,” April 2009
 Joe Fowler, “Unlabeled Level Planarity,” April 2009
 Sankar Veeramoni, “How to Color a Map,” December 2014
 Jawaherul Alam, “Contact Representations of Graphs in 2D and 3D,” May 2015
 Sabrina Nusrat, “Cartogram Visualization: Methods, Applications, and Effectiveness,” June 2017
 Reyhan Ahmed, “Multi-Level Graph Spanners,” July 2021
 Richard Spence, “Graph Sparsification with Priority,” July 2021
 Kathryn Gray, “Novel Techniques for Visualization of Graphs and Trees,” April 2024
 Jacob Miller, “Generalizations of Stress-based Graph Layout to Non-Euclidean Geometries,” April 2024
 Matt Oddo, 3rd year PhD student
 Timo Brand, 2nd year PhD student
 Aaron Büngener, 1st year PhD student

Postdoctoral Advisees

Carsten Görg (PhD, Universität Trier), 2006
 Katharina Zweig (PhD, Universität Tübingen), 2007
 Michael Schulz (PhD, Universität zu Köln), 2008
 Aparna Das (PhD, Brown University), 2010-2012

Thienne Johnson (PhD, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil), 2011-2013
Joe Fowler (PhD, University of Arizona), 2011-2013
Sergey Pupyrev (PhD, Ural State University), 2013-2015
Paolo Simonetto (PhD, University of Bordeaux), 2013-2015
Iqbal Hossein (PhD, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology), 2016-2018
Felice De Luca (PhD, University of Perugia), 2018-2020
Keaton Hamm (PhD, Texas A&M University), 2018-2020
Radoslav Fulek (PhD, Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne), 2019-2020
Faryad Sahneh (PhD, Kansas State University), 2017-2020
Raymundo Navarrete (PhD, University of Michigan), 2018-2021
Vahan Huroyan (PhD, University of Minnesota), 2018-2022
Richard Spence (PhD, University of Arizona), 2021-2022
Miroslav Kryven (PhD, Universität Würzburg), 2021-2022
Henry Förster (PhD, Universität Tübingen), 2024-2026
Jacob Miller (PhD, University of Arizona), 2024–
Markus Wallinger (PhD, TU Wien), 2024–
Joannes Zink (PhD, Universität Würzburg), 2024–
Soeren Terziadis (PhD, TU Wien), 2025–

Courses Taught and Developed

Algorithmic Information Visualization (developed and taught at Arizona)
Analysis of Discrete Structures (developed and taught at Arizona)
Automata, Grammars and Languages (revised and taught at Arizona)
Concepts in Computing (revised and taught at Dartmouth)
Data Structures in C++ (revised and taught at Johns Hopkins University)
Design and Analysis of Algorithms (revised and taught at Arizona)
Experimental Algorithmics, or Making Algorithms Work (developed and taught at Arizona)
Fundamentals of Algorithms and Data Structures (developed and taught at Technical University Munich)
Geometric Representation of Graphs (developed and taught at Charles University)
Graph Theoretic Concepts in Computer Science (developed and taught at Arizona)
Graph Visualization: From Algorithms to Systems (developed and taught at Arizona)
Human Computer Interaction (developed and taught at Arizona)
Information Theory and Theory of Computation (developed and taught at Technical University Munich)
Introduction to Algorithms (revised and taught at Arizona)
Introduction to Data Visualization (developed and taught at Arizona)
Multi-Level Graph Representation (developed and taught at Arizona)
Operating Systems (revised and taught at Dartmouth)
Research Methods in Computer Science (developed and taught at the University of Botswana)
Theory of Computation (revised and taught at Arizona)