Saul Shanabrook

resume for Computer Science and Engineering PhD

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EDUCATION

National Science Foundation, CSGrad4US Fellowship Recipient

September 2023 • Received based on my "strong commitment to collaborative open-source development and a more inclusive and equitable society"

Recurse Center, Participant

January 2023 - May 2023

- Created a Python library to expose the egglog rust project as built-in Python constructs.
- Built visualizations for the egglog project using Graphviz to make the project more accessible.
- Pair programmed with other students, helping them navigate their projects and sharing my process.

University of Massachusetts, Bachelor of Science, Amherst, MA September 2015 - December 2017

- Major: Computer Science. GPA: 3.7/4.0. Commonwealth Honors College
- Investigated my own relationships using topic modeling on SMS and social media messages.
- Co-developed project processing congressional bills for text reuse and ideology, using maximum likelihood estimation.
- Researching with Lee Spector, at Hampshire College, on his Clojush library for genetic programming

PUBLICATIONS

- Shanabrook S. (2023) Egg-smol Python: A Pythonic Library for E-graphs. E-Graph Research, Applications, Practices, and Human-factors Symposium. ACM SIGPLAN Conference on Programming Language Design and Implementation.
- Meurer A., Reines A., Gommers R., Fang Y., Barber M., Hover S., Mller A., Zha S., Shanabrook S., Gacha S., Lezcano-Casado M., Fan T., Reddy T., Passos A., Kwon H., Oliphant T. (2023) Python Array API Standard: Toward Array Interoperability in the Scientific Python Ecosystem. Python in Science Conference (SciPy).
- Helmuth T., Spector L., McPhee N.F., Shanabrook S. (2018) Linear Genomes for Structured Programs. In: Riolo R., Worzel B., Goldman B., Tozier B. (eds) Genetic Programming Theory and Practice XIV. Genetic and Evolutionary Computation. Springer, Cham
- Spector L., Cava W.L., Shanabrook S., Helmuth T., Pantridge E. (2018) Relaxations of Lexicase Parent Selection. In: Banzhaf W., Olson R., Tozier W., Riolo R. (eds) Genetic Programming Theory and Practice XV. Genetic and Evolutionary Computation. Springer, Cham

EXPERIENCE

Software Developer, Linea, San Francisco

- As one of the first employees, created processes for our team work together remotely.
- Implemented a human-centered design process to go from clients' needs to development work.
- Worked with researchers to design and implement Python program slicing library.

Core Contributor, Project Jupyter

- Recognized as a Distinguished Contributor for consistent participation in the open-source community.
- Applied for and received Chan Zuckerberg Initiative grant to work on real-time collaboration in Jupyter.
- Helped coordinate releases of the package, triaged issues, and responded to the community on Github.
- Supported new members of the community in becoming involved.
- Contributed to multiple JupyterLab plugins, funded by clients and grants.

Software Developer, Quansight

- Built tools for the Array Data APIs Consortium to collect usage data of array methods based on downstream usage in other open-source libraries.
- Participated in diverse distributed open-source Jupyter community as a core contributor to JupyterLab.

March 2021 - April 2022

March 2018 - October 2020

March 2018 - October 2020

- Implemented JIT compilation of low-level array primitives by building on top of Numba.
- Built dataflow visualizations for the Vega library to aid in debugging and performance optimization.
- Mentored interns and new hires on JupyterLab extension development and data science in Python.
- Built open source interactive large data visualization tool integration Vega and Ibis.
- Worked with a variety of clients to build custom data science tooling to meet their needs.

Researcher, Computational Intelligence Lab, Hampshire College October 2015 - December 2017 • Profiling and creating a reproducible benchmark pipeline to help double the throughput of the experimental system for researchers.

- Redesigned our research flow, to enhance group collaboration and reproducibility, using Jupyter, Apache Parquet, and Apache Spark.
- Simplified management of our Clojure framework for genetic programming by adding support for automatic releases, testing, and documentation generation using Travis CI.

Researcher, Statistical Social Language Analysis Lab, Univ. of Massachusetts Sept. - December 2017

- Collaborated with the Fatal Encounters non-profit to create an interactive visualization of police fatalities using a React frontend, a Flask backend, and a Pandas/Numpy data pipeline.
- Improved backend responsiveness by profiling to improve pipeline and processing speeds.

Software Contractor, Burke Software, New York City

• Refactored our cryptography API in Typescript to provide better type safety and usability.

- Improved reliability, concurrency, and performance of CI builds for the Lab by provisioning isolated Docker Compose builds with Gitlab CI, using Ansible
- Designed and implemented infrastructure for client's microservice deployment infrastructure using Ansible, Terraform, Mesos and Docker on AWS.
- Supervised and on-boarded new team member through video chat, working through problems together.
- Implemented a polyfill for the Web Cryptography API for Nativescript and React Native with E2E tests.

Researcher, Intelligent Coordination and Logistics Lab, Carnegie Mellon University May - August 2016

- Developed and implemented technique to find shortest path on a sphere around polygon obstacles.
- Presented in a paper, poster session, and a presentation for the lab.

Creator, lucibus: modern stage lighting control

- Collaborated with other lighting designers to produce design document.
- Designed and implemented near-realtime multi-user experience using Go, React, and Cerebral.
- Constructed multi-layered continuous integration system to build and test the system.

Tutor, Department of Physics, Colgate University

- Helped students one on one to improve their code.
- Created best practices Guide for the 32 students in the class.
- Graded submitted student scripts based on style (PEP8), comments, and usage of functions

Software Intern, Paddle8, New York City

- June August 2013 & 2014 • Simplified development environment experience, using Docker Compose to replace error prone and tedious manual setup
- Developed integration testing using CasperJS and MeteorJS.
- Improved UI on bidding page, adding scroll header to give users a real time display of current bids.
- Worked in agile team of seven, using Jira for task management with daily standups

Website Developer, CANADA, New York City

- Rewrote www.canadanewyork.com in Django, migrating data from Wordpress.
- Created full production pipeline; testing on Travis, and rollbacks with Heroku pipelines
- Spin off multiple open source libraries for Django, including django-dumper and django-simpleimages

June - August 2015

February 2015 - March 2015

December 2014 - August 2017

August 2011 - August 2013