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Affiliations

Assistant Professor Department of Computer Science University of Maryland, College Park, MD	2024—
Research Assistant Professor Department of Computer Science Boston University, Boston, MA	2020—2024
Civic Technology Fellow Faculty of Computing and Data Science Boston University, Boston, MA	2020—2022
Visiting Scholar Hariri Institute for Computing Boston University, Boston MA	2019—2020

Education

Johns Hopkins University , Baltimore, MD <i>PhD, Computer Science</i> Advisors: Prof. Matthew Green and Prof. Aviel Rubin <i>Dissertation Title: New Applications of Public Ledgers</i>	2015—2020
Johns Hopkins University , Baltimore, MD <i>Masters of Science, Computer Science</i>	2015—2018
Johns Hopkins University , Baltimore, MD <i>Bachelor of Science, Double Major in Computer Science and Electrical Engineering, Minor in Mathematics</i>	2011—2015

Publications

Following the norm in mathematics and theoretical computer science, authors are listed alphabetically by default. Publications in which authors are listed by contribution are marked with a star.

Peer-Reviewed Conference Publications

- Dora: A Simple Approach to Zero-Knowledge for RAM Programs**
Aarushi Goel, Mathias Hall-Andersen, and [GABRIEL KAPTCHUK](#)
ACM CCS 2024. November 2024
- Pulsar: Secure Steganography through Diffusion Models***
Tushar M. Jois, Gabrielle Beck, and [GABRIEL KAPTCHUK](#)
ACM CCS 2024. November 2024
- Scalable Multiparty Garbling**
Gabrielle Beck, Aarushi Goel, Aditya Hegde, Abhishek Jain, Zhengzhong Jin, and [GABRIEL KAPTCHUK](#)
ACM CCS 2023. November 2023

What Are the Chances? Explaining the Epsilon Parameter in Differential Privacy★

Priyanka Nanayakkara, Mary Anne Smart, Rachel Cummings, [GABRIEL KAPTCHUK](#), and Elissa M. Redmiles
USENIX Security 2023. August 2023

Speed-Stacking: Fast Sublinear Zero-Knowledge Proofs for Disjunctions

Aarushi Goel, Mathias Hall-Andersen, [GABRIEL KAPTCHUK](#), and Nicholas Spooner
EUROCRYPT 2023, Part II. April 2023

Stacking Sigmas: A Framework to Compose Σ -Protocols for Disjunctions

Aarushi Goel, Matthew Green, Mathias Hall-Andersen, and [GABRIEL KAPTCHUK](#)
EUROCRYPT 2022, Part II. May / June 2022

Fluid MPC: Secure Multiparty Computation with Dynamic Participants

Arka Rai Choudhuri, Aarushi Goel, Matthew Green, Abhishek Jain, and [GABRIEL KAPTCHUK](#)
CRYPTO 2021, Part II. August 2021

“I need a better description”: An Investigation Into User Expectations For Differential Privacy

Rachel Cummings, [GABRIEL KAPTCHUK](#), and Elissa M. Redmiles
ACM CCS 2021. November 2021
Best Paper Runner-Up

Meteor: Cryptographically Secure Steganography for Realistic Distributions★

[GABRIEL KAPTCHUK](#), Tushar M. Jois, Matthew Green, and Aviel D. Rubin
ACM CCS 2021. November 2021

Order-C Secure Multiparty Computation for Highly Repetitive Circuits

Gabrielle Beck, Aarushi Goel, Abhishek Jain, and [GABRIEL KAPTCHUK](#)
EUROCRYPT 2021, Part II. October 2021

Abuse Resistant Law Enforcement Access Systems

Matthew Green, [GABRIEL KAPTCHUK](#), and Gijs Van Laer
EUROCRYPT 2021, Part III. October 2021

Improving Signal’s Sealed Sender★

Ian Martiny, [GABRIEL KAPTCHUK](#), Adam J. Aviv, Daniel S. Roche, and Eric Wustrow
NDSS 2021. February 2021

Giving State to the Stateless: Augmenting Trustworthy Computation with Ledgers★

[GABRIEL KAPTCHUK](#), Matthew Green, and Ian Miers
NDSS 2019. February 2019

Fairness in an Unfair World: Fair Multiparty Computation from Public Bulletin Boards

Arka Rai Choudhuri, Matthew Green, Abhishek Jain, [GABRIEL KAPTCHUK](#), and Ian Miers
ACM CCS 2017. October / November 2017

Outsourcing Medical Dataset Analysis: A Possible Solution★

[GABRIEL KAPTCHUK](#), Matthew Green, and Aviel D. Rubin
FC 2017. April 2017

Dancing on the Lip of the Volcano: Chosen Ciphertext Attacks on Apple iMessage

Christina Garman, Matthew Green, [GABRIEL KAPTCHUK](#), Ian Miers, and Michael Rushanan
USENIX Security 2016. August 2016

A Practical Implementation of a Multi-Device Split Application for Protecting Online Poker★

[GABRIEL KAPTCHUK](#) and Aviel Rubin
Annual Security Conference. April 2016

Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications

Safer Digital Intimacy for Sex Workers and Beyond: A Technical Research Agenda

Vaughn Hamilton, [GABRIEL KAPTCHUK](#), Allison McDonald, and Elissa M. Redmiles
IEEE Security & Privacy Magazine, 2023

SocioTy: Practical Cryptography in Smart Home Contexts*

Tushar Jois, Gabrielle Beck, Sofia Belikovetsky, Joseph Carrigan, Alishah Chator, Logan Kostick, Maximilian Zinkus, [GABRIEL KAPTCHUK](#), and Avi Rubin
PoPETs, 2024(1), January 2024

“I need a better description”: An Investigation Into User Expectations For Differential Privacy

Rachel Cummings, [GABRIEL KAPTCHUK](#), and Elissa M. Redmiles
Journal of Privacy and Confidentiality, 13(1), August 2023

Efficient Proofs of Software Exploitability for Real-world Processors

Matthew Green, Mathias Hall-Andersen, Eric Hennenfent, [GABRIEL KAPTCHUK](#), Benjamin Perez, and Gijs Van Laer
PoPETs, 2023(1), January 2023

Efficient Set Membership Proofs using MPC-in-the-Head

Aarushi Goel, Matthew Green, Mathias Hall-Andersen, and [GABRIEL KAPTCHUK](#)
PoPETs, 2022(2), April 2022

How Good is Good Enough? Quantifying the Impact of Benefits, Accuracy, and Privacy on Willingness to Adopt COVID-19 Decision Aids*

[GABRIEL KAPTCHUK](#), Daniel G. Goldstein, Eszter Hargittai, Jake M. Hofman, and Elissa M. Redmiles
ACM Journal on Digital Threats: Research and Practice, 3(3), March 2022

Peer-Reviewed Workshop and Non-Archival Publications

Models Matter: Setting Accurate Privacy Expectations for Local and Central Differential Privacy

Priyanka Nanayakkara, Mary Anne Smart, Rachel Cummings, [GABRIEL KAPTCHUK](#), and Elissa M. Redmiles*
Theory and Practice of Differential Privacy Workshop Series (TPDP). September 2023

Models Matter: Setting Accurate Privacy Expectations for Local and Central Differential Privacy

Priyanka Nanayakkara, Mary Anne Smart, Rachel Cummings, [GABRIEL KAPTCHUK](#), and Elissa M. Redmiles*
Theory and Practice of Differential Privacy Workshop Series (TPDP). September 2023

Designing Safer Systems for Digital Intimacy

Vaughn Hamilton, [GABRIEL KAPTCHUK](#), Allison McDonald, and Elissa M. Redmiles
IEEE Workshop on Security for Harassment Online, Protections, and Empowerment (SecHOPE). May 2023

Improving Education on Differential Privacy Protections

Priyanka Nanayakkara, Mary Anne Smart, Rachel Cummings, [GABRIEL KAPTCHUK](#), and Elissa M. Redmiles*
Privacy Interventions and Education (PIE). April 2023

Improving Education on Differential Privacy Protections

Priyanka Nanayakkara, Mary Anne Smart, Rachel Cummings, [GABRIEL KAPTCHUK](#), and Elissa M. Redmiles*
Theory and Practice of Differential Privacy Workshop Series (TPDP). September 2022

Designing for Trust and Truth in Digital Intimacy

Vaughn Hamilton, [GABRIEL KAPTCHUK](#), Allison McDonald, and Elissa M. Redmiles
Proceedings of the 2022 Truth and Trust Online Conference (TTO). October 2022

Improving Education on Differential Privacy Protections

Priyanka Nanayakkara, Mary Anne Smart, Rachel Cummings, [GABRIEL KAPTCHUK](#), and Elissa M. Redmiles*
Annual Symposium on Applications of Contextual Integrity. September 2022

“I need a better description”: An Investigation Into User Expectations For Differential Privacy

Rachel Cummings, [GABRIEL KAPTCHUK](#), and Elissa M. Redmiles
Theory and Practice of Differential Privacy Workshop Series (TPDP). September 2021

Public Preprints

Enforcing Demographic Coherence: A Harms Aware Framework for Reasoning about Private Data Release

Mark Bun, Marco Carmosino, Palak Jain, [GABRIEL KAPTCHUK](#), and Satchit Sivakumar

2025, URL <https://arxiv.org/abs/2502.02709>

Models Matter: Setting Accurate Privacy Expectations for Local and Central Differential Privacy

Mary Anne Smart, Priyanka Nanayakkara, Rachel Cummings, [GABRIEL KAPTCHUK](#), and Elissa Redmiles

2024, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2408.08475>

Public Comments on Government Calls

Comment on “NIST SP 800-226: Guidelines for Evaluating Differential Privacy Guarantees”

Rachel Cummings, Shlomi Hod, [GABRIEL KAPTCHUK](#), Priyanka Nanayakkara, Jayshree Sarathy, and Jeremy Seeman

2024, [Link to Comment].

Request for Information (RFI) on Advancing Privacy Enhancing Technologies

Ran Canetti, Gabe Kaptchuk, Leonid Reyzin, Adam Smith, and Mayank Varia

2022, [Link to Comment].

Op-eds and Public Media

People want data privacy but don’t always know what they’re getting

Rachel Cummings, [GABRIEL KAPTCHUK](#), and Elissa M. Redmiles

Business Insider, Houston Chronicle, The Conversation, and other national media outlets. October 2020

The Success of Contact Tracing Doesn’t Just Depend on Privacy*

Elissa M. Redmiles, [GABRIEL KAPTCHUK](#), and Eszter Hargittai

Wired. May 2020

Talks

Conference Presentations

The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly—Lessons from an MPC for Social Good Deployment

Real World Crypto Symposium. March 2024

Efficient Proofs of Software Exploitability for Real-world Processors

Privacy Enhancing Technologies Symposium. January 2023

Designing for Trust and Truth in Digital Intimacy

2022 Truth and Trust Online Conference (TTO). October 2022

Efficient Set Membership Proofs using MPC-in-the-Head

Privacy Enhancing Technologies Symposium. April 2022

Commit Acts of Steganography—Before it’s too late

Real World Crypto Symposium. April 2022

Abuse Resistant Law Enforcement Access Systems

TCC Special In-Person Workshop. November 2021

“I need a better description”: An Investigation Into User Expectations For Differential Privacy

ACM CCS 2021. November 2021

Meteor: Cryptographically Secure Steganography for Realistic Distributions

ACM CCS 2021. November 2021

Abuse Resistant Law Enforcement Access Systems

EUROCRYPT 2021, Part II. October 2021

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Giving State to the Stateless: Augmenting Trustworthy Computation with Ledgers

NDSS 2019. February 2019

The Hill We Must Die On: Cryptographers and Congress

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Fairness in an Unfair World: Fair Multiparty Computation from Public Bulletin Boards

ACM CCS 2017. October / November 2017

Outsourcing Medical Dataset Analysis: A Possible Solution

FC 2017. April 2017

A Practical Implementation of a Multi-Device Split Application for Protecting Online Poker

Annual Security Conference. April 2016

Workshop Presentations (Contributed and Invited)

Demographic Coherence: Designing A Privacy Notion With Ergonomics In Mind

Workshop on Defining Holistic Private Data Science for Practice 2025. January 2025

Invited Talk: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly — Lessons from an MPC for Social Good Deployment

CFAIL 2024. August 2024

Analyzing Cryptography in Context: The Case Study of Apple's CSAM Scanning Proposal

Cryptographic Applications Workshop (CAW). May 2024

The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly — Lessons from an MPC for Social Good Deployment

Re-Imagining Cryptography and Privacy (ReCAP) Workshop. April 2024

Early Career Researchers Roundtable

Symposium on the Future of Computing Research. October 2022

Invited Panel Participation

Ensuring the Online Coexistence of Human Rights and Child Safety

Internet Governance Forum (IGF) 2024. December 2024

Best Practices for Sharing Data and Future Implications for Other Domains

Keynote Panel at the Privacy and Public Policy Conference. September 2024

What to know getting started in Usable Security

Panel Discussion at Annual Boston Security Usability Research Day (ABSURD). April 2024

What Are the Consequences of Backdoors for Online Privacy?

Panel Discussion hosted by Center for Data Innovation. April 2023

Reading Group, Seminar, and PI Meeting Presentations

Meteor, Pulsar, and Beyond: Steganography for the Machine Learning Age

Anonymity Day at Brown University. April 2024

Disjunctive Zero-knowledge

Boston Computation Club. November 2022

Speed Stacking: Fast Sublinear Zero-Knowledge Proofs for Disjunctions

DARPA SIEVE PI Meeting. October 2022

Stacking Sigmas: Framework to Compose Σ -Protocols for Disjunctions

DARPA SIEVE PI Meeting. April 2022

Weaving Social Accountability into Cryptographic Systems

Charles River Area Crypto Day. March 2022

Abuse Resistant Law Enforcement Access Systems

Cornell Tech Security Seminar. November 2021

Abuse Resistant Law Enforcement Access Systems

DARPA SIEVE PI Meeting. October 2021

Abuse Resistant Law Enforcement Access Systems

Cornell Tech Security Seminar. November 2021

“I need a better description”: An Investigation Into User Expectations For Differential Privacy

George Washington University Security Seminar. September 2021

“I need a better description”: An Investigation Into User Expectations For Differential Privacy

Invited Talk at Brave. September 2021

Disjunctive Zero-knowledge

Boston Computation Club. November 2022

The Hill We Must Die On: Cryptographers and Congress

Boston University Cyber Alliance. December 2019

Blockchain Technology Beyond Cryptocurrencies

US Naval Academy Seminar. October 2017

Teaching and Mentorship

CMSC839C: Governing Algorithms and Algorithmic Governance

FA24

Department of Computer Science & School of Information, University of Maryland, College Park

Links to Course Reviews: [FA24](#).

CS 558: Network Security

SP23, SP22, SP21

Department of Computer Science, Boston University

Links to Course Reviews: [SP23](#), [SP22](#), and [SP1](#)

DS 457/657, JD 673: Law and Algorithms

SP23, SP22

Faculty of Computing and Data Science & School of Law, Boston University

Co-taught with Prof. Andrew Sellers, Prof. Ran Canetti, and Prof. Mayank Varia

Links to Course Reviews: [SP23](#) and [SP22](#).

DS 199: Confronting Surveillance

SP22

Faculty of Computing and Data Science, Boston University

No course reviews collected for seminar course.

EN 601.414/614: Computer Network Fundamentals

SP20

Department of Computer Science, Johns Hopkins University

Co-taught with Prof. Aviel Rubin

Links to Course Reviews: [Section 1](#) and [Section 2](#)

EN 601.226.21: Data Structures

Sum19

Department of Computer Science, Johns Hopkins University

Co-taught with Prof. Joanne Selinski

Links to Course Reviews: [Sum19](#)

EN 500.111: HEART—Introduction to Computer Security and Applied Cryptography

F19, F18

Whiting School of Engineering, Johns Hopkins University

Links to Course Reviews: [F18 Section 1](#), [F18 Section 2](#), and [F19 Section 1](#)

Course Support Experience

Guest Lecturer for EN 601.414/614 Computer Network Fundamentals, Johns Hopkins University SP17, Sp16

Head Teaching Assistant for EN 601.445/645 Practical Cryptographic Systems, Johns Hopkins University SP15

Course Assistant for EN 601.433/633 Introduction to Algorithms, Johns Hopkins University	F14
Course Assistant for EN 601.271 Automata and Computation Theory, Johns Hopkins University	F14

Doctoral Exams/Thesis Committees

Benjamin Sela (University of Maryland, College Park), Preliminary Exam 2024
Wentao Guo (University of Maryland, College Park), Preliminary Exam 2024
Noemi Glaeser (University of Maryland, College Park), Thesis Committee 2024
Tushar M. Jois (Johns Hopkins University), Thesis Committee 2023
Rawane Issa (Boston University), Thesis Committee 2022

Work Experience

Bolt Labs Inc , Baltimore, MD <i>Cryptographer</i>	2019—2023
Senator Ron Wyden's Personal Office, US Senate , Washington, DC <i>Cryptography Fellow</i>	Summer 2018
Intel Labs , Portland, OR <i>Research Intern</i>	Summer 2017
Onshape , Boston, MA <i>DevOps Intern</i>	Summer 2013, Summer 2014
Proscia , Baltimore, MD <i>Technical Lead</i>	2013—2014

Service

Area Chair

ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency (FAccT)	2023
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Guest Editor

ACM Journal on Digital Threats: Research and Practice (DTRAP)	2022
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Program Committee Member

USENIX Security Symposium	2025,2024,2023,2021
USENIX Security Symposium Distinguished Reviewer Award	2024,2023
ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (ACM CCM)	2025,2024,2023,2022
IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (IEEE S&P)	2023
Real World Crypto Symposium	2025
IACR Theory of Cryptography Conference (TCC)	2022
Financial Cryptography	2021
TPDP	2024
Workshop on Technology and Consumer Protection (ConPro)	2022

External Reviewer

IACR Asiacrypt	2023
IACR ITCS	2022
USENIX Security Symposium	2022,2019,2016
IEEE International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems (ICDCS)	2021
IACR Eurocrypt	2020
ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (ACM CCS)	2019
Financial Cryptography	2019,2015

Departmental Service

Award Committee, Department of Computer Science, University of Maryland, College Park	2024
Graduate Award Committee, Department of Computer Science, Boston University	2022
External Department Head Search Committee, Department of Computer Science, Johns Hopkins University	2018
Science Graduate Student Council, Department of Computer Science, Johns Hopkins University	2018—2020
Curriculum Committee (non-voting), Department of Computer Science, Johns Hopkins University	2016—2020

Workshop Organizer

PETs in the Public Interest	2023,2022
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Funding

[NSF] “Collaborative Research: ReDDDoT Phase 2: Enabling Participatory Privacy Protections for AI Training Data”, 2024—2027

Award Information: Responsible Design, Development, and Deployment of Technologies, Number 2429839

PIs: Elissa M Redmiles (Georgetown University), dana boyd (Georgetown University), Gabriel Kaptchuk (University of Maryland, College Park), Sean Kross (Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center), and Rachel Cummings (Columbia University). *Other Key Personnel:* Priyanka Nanayakkara (Harvard University), Jayshree Sarathy (Northeastern University), Hal Triedman (Wikimedia Foundation and Cornell Tech)

Total Funding: \$1,500,000

[NSF] “Secure Censor-resistant Overlay Resilient Networks”, 2022—2023

Award Information: Convergence Accelerator Track G, Number 49100422C0024

PIs: Qinqing Zhang (Peraton Labs), Gabriel Kaptchuk (Boston University), Ufuk Topcu (University of Texas at Austin), and Hongyi Wu (University of Arizona)

Total Funding: \$750,000.00

[DARPA] “Guarding Against User Misperceptions of Differential Privacy”, 2021—2024

Award Information: Sub-awardee on Prof. Rachel Cummings’ Young Faculty Award, Number W911NF-21-1-0371

Team: Rachel Cummings (Columbia University), Gabriel Kaptchuk (Boston University), and Elissa M. Redmiles (MPI for Software Systems)

Total Funding: \$495,346.00

[NSF & CRA] Computing Innovation Fellowship, 2020—2023

Award Information: Award Number #2030859

PIs: Gabriel Kaptchuk (Boston University)

Total Funding: \$150,000.00

Smaller Awards

[Schmidt Futures] Workshop on PETs and the Future of Governance, *Total Funding:* \$25,000 2021-2022

[BU CAR] Research and Policy Team, *Total Funding:* \$26,000 2021-2022

[BU CDS] Civic Technology Fellow, *Total Funding:* \$10,000 2020-2022

[Tech Congress] Summer Fellow, *Total Funding:* \$4,000 2018