

# Kimberly Ruth

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## Education

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**Stanford University**, Stanford, CA 2020 - Present  
Ph.D. Student, Computer Science Department  
M.S. Computer Science, 2023

**University of Washington**, Seattle, WA 2015 - 2020  
B.S. in Computer Engineering, B.A. in Mathematics  
College Honors; *summa cum laude* GPA 3.99  
Thesis: *Understanding and Designing for Security and Privacy in Multi-User AR Interactions*

## Research Experience

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**Research Assistant, Stanford University** 9/2020 - Present  
Advised by Professor Zakir Durumeric  
Projects:

**CISO Roles and Challenges Study** 9/2022-4/2025

- Led a project interviewing CISOs about their roles, approaches, and challenges [1]
- Designed semi-structured interview, open-coded responses, and collaborated with co-authors on publication

**Web Centralization and Regionalization** 3/2023-2/2024

- Collaborated on project defining and analyzing centralization and regionalization of web infrastructure [9]
- Designed statistical methods, contributed to group discussions, conducted auxiliary analyses, and helped write and edit paper

**Dependency Analysis for Major Software Makers** 6/2023-4/2024

- Mentored summer undergraduate intern on project documenting published dependencies of major software makers [10]
- Guided undergraduate on data collection and analysis; helped write short paper

**Chrome Browsing Behavior Characterization** 9/2021 - 10/2022

- Led a project characterizing web browsing behavior of Chrome users [2]
- Explored data shared under NDA, designed statistical analyses to answer research questions, and collaborated with Google co-authors on publication

**Top List Accuracy Analysis** 9/2020 - 5/2022

- Led a project evaluating the accuracy of popular website lists [3]
- Designed core aspects of methodological approach, wrote evaluation code, and coordinated with Cloudflare co-author to run scripts

**Autonomous System Database** 9/2020 - 11/2021

- Co-mentored master's student lead author on a project cataloguing entities owning Autonomous Systems [4]
- Contributed to methodology discussions, acquired IRB exemption notice, crafted early experiments with crowdworking, assisted in data labeling, and wrote supplementary code

**Research Assistant, University of Washington Security and Privacy Lab**

1/2016 - 6/2020

Co-advised by Professors Franziska Roesner and Tadayoshi Kohno

Projects:

**Secure Sharing for Multi-User Augmented Reality**

6/2017 - 6/2020

- Formulated and led a project addressing user-to-user security and privacy challenges in AR
- Designed, built, and evaluated a module for secure and private AR content sharing (US Patent 11,410,360), released my code as a developer toolkit (available at arsharingtoolkit.com), and mentored two undergraduates to build apps using the toolkit (summer 2019)
- Published work as sole student author on top-tier conference paper [5], and presented work both at the conference [T-6] and at local venues [T-4] [T-7] [T-8]
- Presented as invited speaker at Industry-Academia Summit on Mixed Reality Security, Privacy, and Safety [T-5] and contributed to Summit report [11]

**Augmented Reality User Study**

9/2016-5/2017

- Assisted with the design, execution, and interpretation of a study about user expectations and concerns around immersive multi-user AR
- Co-authored resulting top-tier conference paper [6], and presented as invited speaker in UW ACM's Student Tech Talk series [T-9]

**Augmented Reality Output Security**

1/2016 - 5/2016

- Built components for the evaluation of an AR system prototype that constrains application output according to security policies
- Co-authored resulting top-tier conference paper [7] and invited journal article [8], and presented on this project at UW's Undergraduate Research Symposium [T-10]

## Industry Experience

**Engineering Practicum Intern, Google, Mountain View, CA**

6/2016 - 9/2016

- Worked on Security and Privacy engineering team to facilitate secure practices across Google products
- Contributed to Google-wide transition to strict autoescaping in Closure templates as protection against cross-site scripting vulnerabilities
- Collaborated with Google Analytics team to migrate >1300 of their templates and with Google Search Appliance team to migrate >120 of their templates
- Refactored data pipelines as needed using JavaScript and Closure template system
- Co-presented work at team meeting and at intern project showcase
- Earned Peer Bonus recognition from a Google Analytics team member for quality of work

## Publications and Talks

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### Peer-Reviewed

#### Conference

- [1] **K. Ruth**, V. A. Rivera, G. Akiwate, A. Fass, P. G. Kelley, K. Thomas, and Z. Durumeric, “‘Perfect is the enemy of good’: The CISO’s role in enterprise security as a business enabler,” in *ACM (CHI’25)*, ACM, April 2025
- [2] **K. Ruth**, A. Fass, J. J. Azose, M. Pearson, E. Thomas, C. Sadowski, and Z. Durumeric, “A world wide view of browsing the world wide web,” in *ACM Internet Measurement Conference (IMC’22)*, ACM, October 2022
- [3] **K. Ruth**, D. Kumar, B. Wang, L. Valenta, and Z. Durumeric, “Toppling top lists: Evaluating the accuracy of popular website lists,” in *ACM Internet Measurement Conference (IMC’22)*, ACM, October 2022
- [4] M. Ziv, L. Izhikevich, **K. Ruth**, K. Izhikevich, and Z. Durumeric, “ASdb: A system for classifying owners of Autonomous Systems,” in *ACM Internet Measurement Conference (IMC’21)*, ACM, November 2021
- [5] **K. Ruth**, T. Kohno, and F. Roesner, “Secure multi-user content sharing for augmented reality applications,” in *Proceedings of the 28th USENIX Security Symposium*, USENIX Association, August 2019
- [6] K. Lebeck, **K. Ruth**, T. Kohno, and F. Roesner, “Towards security and privacy for multi-user augmented reality: Foundations with end users,” in *Proceedings of the 39th IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (Oakland)*, IEEE, May 2018
- [7] K. Lebeck, **K. Ruth**, T. Kohno, and F. Roesner, “Securing augmented reality output,” in *Proceedings of the 38th IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (Oakland)*, IEEE, May 2017

#### Invited Article

- [8] K. Lebeck, **K. Ruth**, T. Kohno, and F. Roesner, “Arya: Operating system support for securely augmenting reality,” *IEEE Security and Privacy Magazine*, vol. 16, pp. 44–53, February 2018

### Non-Refereed

- [9] G. Akiwate, **K. Ruth**, R. Habib, and Z. Durumeric, “On the centralization and regionalization of the web,” 2024
- [10] C. Patrick, **K. Ruth**, and Z. Durumeric, “The code the world depends on: A first look at technology makers’ open source software dependencies,” 2024
- [11] *Contributed to:* University of Washington Security and Privacy Research Lab and UW Reality Lab, “2019 industry-academia summit on mixed reality security, privacy, and safety: Summit report,” April 2020. Ed. Franziska Roesner and Tadayoshi Kohno.

### Talks

#### [T-1] A World Wide View of the World Wide Web

UW Security Seminar, Seattle, WA  
 MIT Security Seminar, Virtual  
 CISPA Web Security Seminar, Virtual

Feb 2023  
 Feb 2023  
 Jan 2023

Stanford Security Lunch, Stanford, CA	Dec 2022
UCSD Security Lunch, San Diego, CA	Oct 2022
Berkeley Security Seminar, Berkeley, CA	Oct 2022
[T-2] <b>A World Wide View of Browsing the World Wide Web</b> Internet Measurement Conference (IMC), Nice, France	Oct 2022
[T-3] <b>Toppling Top Lists: Evaluating the Accuracy of Popular Website Lists</b> Internet Measurement Conference (IMC), Nice, France	Oct 2022
[T-4] <b>Understanding and Designing for Security and Privacy in Multi-User AR Interactions</b> Stanford Security Lunch, Stanford, CA	Sept 2020
Undergraduate Research Symposium, Seattle, WA	May 2020
Microsoft HoloLens Team Brown Bag Lunch Seminar, Seattle, WA	March 2020
[T-5] <b>Understanding and Designing for Security and Privacy in Multi-User AR Interactions</b> Industry-Academia Summit on Mixed Reality Security, Privacy, and Safety, Seattle, WA	Sept 2019
[T-6] <b>Secure Multi-User Content Sharing for Augmented Reality Applications</b> USENIX Security 2019, Santa Clara, CA	Aug 2019
[T-7] <b>Secure Multi-User Content Sharing for Augmented Reality Applications</b> Microsoft Research Crypto Day, Redmond, WA	June 2019
Undergraduate Research Symposium, Seattle, WA	May 2019
[T-8] <b>Designing for Security and Privacy in Multi-User Augmented Reality Interactions</b> Undergraduate Research Symposium, Seattle, WA	May 2018
[T-9] <b>Emerging Security and Privacy Challenges in Augmented Reality</b> UW ACM Student Tech Talk, Seattle, WA	April 2018
[T-10] <b>Securing Application Output of Augmented Reality Systems</b> Undergraduate Research Symposium, Seattle, WA	May 2017

### Posters

[P-1] <b>Secure Multi-User Content Sharing for Augmented Reality Applications</b> UW Allen School Women's Research Day 2020, Seattle, WA	April 2020
[P-2] <b>Secure Multi-User Content Sharing for Augmented Reality Applications</b> UW Allen School Affiliates Research Day 2019, Seattle, WA	Nov 2019
[P-3] <b>Secure Multi-User Content Sharing for Augmented Reality Applications</b> UW Allen School Women's Research Day, Seattle, WA	April 2019

## Awards and Honors

*National recognition marked with \**

* NSF Graduate Research Fellowship (GRFP)	2020
Stanford EDGE Fellowship	2020
* CRA Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher Award Winner	2020
UW Allen School Best Senior Thesis Award	2020
UW Allen School Outstanding Senior	2020

UW College of Engineering Dean's Medalist (based on academic and extracurricular achievement)	2020
* CRA Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher Award Finalist	2018, 2019
Lisa Simonyi Prize (based on excellence, leadership, and diversity in Allen School)	2019
* Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society	2019
Barbara Sando Scholarship in Mathematics (awarded by UW math department)	2019
* Barry Goldwater Scholar	2018
Husky 100 Award (based on contribution to UW community)	2018
Washington Research Foundation Fellowship	2017, 2018, 2019
* William Lowell Putnam Competition Top 15%	2017
* Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society (early induction; top 1/8 of junior class)	2017
University of Washington Honors Undergraduate Scholar Award	2017, 2018
* Scholarship for Women Studying Information Security (sponsored by ACSA)	2017, 2018
* Rebecca Gurley Bace Scholarship (sponsored by ACSA)	2017
Everett R. Dillman Endowed Scholarship	2017
University of Washington Mary Gates Research Scholar	2017
* William Lowell Putnam Competition Top 20%	2016
Patricia G. Lynch and Theodora & Eugene Russell Memorial Scholarship	2016
* National Merit Scholar	2015
University of Washington Mary Gates Honors Scholar	2015

## Teaching Experience

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<b>CS 249i Course Assistant, Stanford University, Stanford, CA</b>	1/2025-3/2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Served as TA for 36-person "The Modern Internet" upper-division networking course</li> <li>Gave 80-minute guest lecture on security, eCrime, and attacks; held weekly office hours</li> <li>Assisted with reworking assignments and rubrics and grading projects and final exam</li> </ul>	
<b>CS 249i Course Assistant, Stanford University, Stanford, CA</b>	1/2024-3/2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Served as sole student-facing TA for 65-person "The Modern Internet" upper-division networking course</li> <li>Gave 80-minute guest lecture on security, eCrime, and attacks; held weekly office hours</li> <li>Assisted with provisioning infrastructure and grading projects and final exam</li> </ul>	
<b>CS 356 Course Assistant, Stanford University, Stanford, CA</b>	9/2023-12/2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Served as TA for 36-person "Topics in Computer and Network Security" graduate security course</li> <li>Ran 5 class sessions (25% of the course): moderated student presentations and paper discussions</li> <li>Contributed to updating paper reading list</li> <li>Graded weekly paper reading responses; assisted with grading project deliverables</li> </ul>	
<b>TA/Grader, Art of Problem Solving, San Diego, CA</b>	4/2015 - 12/2019

- Guided 50+ highly motivated middle and high school students as teacher assistant in fast-paced online introductory and intermediate-level Python programming classes
- Assisted online math classes as substitute TA as needed (from pre-algebra through pre-calculus)
- Wrote detailed suggestions for Intermediate Python course content based on observations as TA
- Named AoPS Python All-Star for consistently high quality of Python grader written feedback

**Peer Tutor, University of Washington Allen School, Seattle, WA**

10/2017 - 6/2018

- Served as volunteer tutor for CSE 311 (Foundations of Computing), an introduction to mathematics and proofs for computer science and engineering majors
- Ran weekly tutoring meetings for 3 students; prepared original practice materials beforehand
- Communicated status to tutoring program organizers for further development of undergraduate tutoring program

**Computer Science Tutor, Independent Consultant, Bellevue, WA**

9/2015 - 1/2016

- Worked with student on introductory-level Python programming
- Taught code design, development, debugging, and documentation

## Advising and Mentoring

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**Undergraduate and Master's Student Researchers**

AJ Kruse (Summer 2019), Henry Bowman (Summer 2019), Maya Ziv (Academic Year 2020-21), Luca Pistor (Summer 2021), Nathan Bhak (Summer 2021), Basheerah Abdus-Shakur (Summer 2022), America Sophia George (Summer 2022), Aditya Saligrama (Academic Year 2022-25), Sasha Ronaghi (Academic Year 2022-23), Mo Akintan (Academic Year 2022-24), Cadence Patrick (Summer 2023), Anna Ascherman (Spring 2024), Ifeoluwa Shode (Summer 2024), Raymond Buernor Obu (Academic Year 2024-25), Gavin Li (Academic Year 2024-25), Tara Dixit (Academic Year 2024-25), Vedant Singh (Winter 2025), Divya Ganesan (Academic Year 2024-25)

**Other Mentorship**

Mentor, Stanford EDGE Fellowship Program, 9/2022-6/2024

Mentor, Stanford CS Mentor Program, 10/2020-6/2024

Mentor, UW SWEsters, 11/2016-6/2019

## Professional Service

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**Reviewing**

RAID 2024

IEEE S&P Magazine invited review, 2023

RAID 2023 – Especially Noteworthy Reviewer (top 20%)

SOUPS Poster Jury 2023

SOUPS Poster Jury 2022

**Subreviewing**

IEEE S&P (Oakland) 2024  
USENIX 2024  
EuroS&P 2023  
IEEE S&P (Oakland) 2023  
USENIX 2022  
IMC 2021  
NSDI 2021

**Stanford-Berkeley Women in CS/EE Research Meetup organizer**

Lead organizer, 1/2024-4/2024

- Lead organization of all-day event hosted at Stanford for women and nonbinary researchers at all career levels
- Coordinate 8 volunteers across 2 campuses to arrange talks, panels, a poster session, and networking time
- Event attracted over 100 RSVPs

Supporting lead, 3/2025-4/2025

- Managed announcements and carpool coordination on Stanford side of Berkeley-hosted event
- Event attracted over 40 Stanford RSVPs

**Ph.D. Student Admissions Committee member**, 12/2022 - 2/2023

**Student-Applicant Support Program reviewer**, 11/2022, 11/2023, 11/2024

**Stanford Security Reading Group organizer**, 7/2022 - Present

**Stanford Security Lunch organizer**, 7/2021 - 8/2022

- Ran weekly lunch seminar attracting 25-40 attendees in hybrid meeting format
- Invited and coordinated with both internal and external presenters

**Women's Research Day undergraduate liaison**, 12/2017 - 4/2018, 1/2019 - 4/2019, 1/2020 - 4/2020

- Represented undergraduate perspective on organizing committee for UW Allen School Women's Research Day event
- Recruited 5 female undergraduate researchers each year as poster presenters and lightning talk presenters
- Presented on current research via lightning talk in 2018 and via poster in 2019 and 2020

**Go Figure founder/web developer**, 6/2013 - Present

- Create and run initiative to showcase elegance of math and inspire middle school students
- Develop and maintain website [www.gofiguremath.org](http://www.gofiguremath.org)
- Write web pages clearly explaining topics in mathematics; create worksheets and other resources for students and teachers; conduct presentations and activity sessions in local area
- Selected as Davidson Institute for Talent Development Young Scholar Ambassador

## **Volunteering**

Panelist, CS Virtual Preview Day, 10/2023  
Panelist, EDGE Perspectives on Identifying Your Research Project Panel, 2/2023  
External reviewer, Stanford Intersect (undergraduate-run journal), 5/2022  
Panelist, CURIS Graduate School Panel, 8/2021, 9/2021  
Poster judge, Stanford Undergraduate Research Conference, 4/2021  
Panelist and Mentor, Stanford/Berkeley Graduate Pathways to STEM, 2/2021-5/2021  
Mentor, Math Prize for Girls alumni mixer, 10/2020  
Panelist, Student Advisory Council Research Panel, 5/2020  
Speaker and Panelist, ACM Research Night, 2/2020  
Volunteer, UW Math Circle, 10/2019  
Lightning talk speaker, Kobe University Scholars visit, 8/2019  
Lightning talk speaker, Undergraduate Research Lightning Talks at UW Libraries, 5/2019  
Panelist, Admitted Student Preview Day Research Panel, 4/2019  
Panelist, Direct Admit Freshman Seminar, 10/2016, 11/2017, 10/2018  
Lightning talk speaker, CSE Undergraduate Research Lunch, 8/2018  
Volunteer, UW Engineering Discovery Days, 4/2018  
Mentor, ACM New Student Welcome, 9/2016, 3/2017, 9/2017  
Panelist and Mentor, Direct Admit “CSE Startup” course, 8/2017  
Panelist, SWE Undergraduate Research Panel, 11/2016

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