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Research interests

My research interests are in *program verification*, *program synthesis*, and *software security*. In particular, I am interested in building practical tools and techniques that make it easier for programmers to construct reliable software.

Research positions

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| Assistant Professor
University of California, San Diego | Sep 2017–present |
| Postdoctoral Associate
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Cambridge, MA)
Advisor: Armando Solar-Lezama | Dec 2014–Aug 2017 |
| Research Intern
Microsoft Research (Redmond, WA)
Mentor: Michał Moskal | May–Aug 2011 |

Education

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| PhD, Computer Science
ETH Zurich (Switzerland)
Thesis: <i>Specified and Verified Reusable Components</i>
Advisor: Bertrand Meyer | Sept 2008–Jul 2014 |
| MSc, Applied Mathematics and Informatics
SPbSU ITMO (Saint-Petersburg, Russia)
Thesis: <i>Dynamic Assertion Inference in a Programming Language with Design by Contract Support (Eiffel Case Study)</i>
Advisor: Anatoly Shalyto
Co-advisor: Ilinca Ciupa (ETH Zurich)
Grade: 5 / 5 | Sept 2006–May 2008 |
| BEng, Applied Mathematics and Informatics
SPbSU ITMO (Saint-Petersburg, Russia)
Thesis: <i>Object-oriented approach to modeling and specification of entities with complex behavior</i>
Advisor: Danil Shopyrin
Grade: 5 / 5 | Sept 2002–May 2006 |

Projects

Synquid Program synthesis from refinement types https://bitbucket.org/nadiapolikarpova/synquid	main author
AutoProof An automated verifier for programs that manipulate complex object structures http://comcom.csail.mit.edu/autoproof	co-author
EiffelBase2 A fully verified container library https://github.com/nadia-polikarpova/eiffelbase2	main author
Boogaloo A symbolic execution engine for Boogie https://bitbucket.org/nadiapolikarpova/boogaloo	main author
Dafny Program Verifier for Functional Correctness http://research.microsoft.com/en-us/projects/dafny	contributor
CITADEL Dynamic invariant inference meets Desing-by-Contract http://people.csail.mit.edu/polikarn/citadel/	main author

Publications

International conferences

- P12. J. P. Inala, N. Polikarpova, X. Qiu, B. S. Lerner, and A. Solar-Lezama. *Synthesis of Recursive ADT Transformations*. 23rd International Conference on Tools and Algorithms for the Construction and Analysis of Systems (**TACAS**), Uppsala, Sweden, April 2017
- P11. N. Polikarpova, I. Kuraj, and A. Solar-Lezama. *Program synthesis from polymorphic refinement types*. 37th ACM SIGPLAN Conference on Programming Language Design and Implementation (**PLDI**), Santa Barbara, CA, June 2016
- P10. N. Polikarpova, J. Tschannen, and C. A. Furia. *A Fully Verified Container Library*. 20th International Symposium on Formal Methods (**FM**), Oslo, Norway, June 2015, **best paper award**
- P9. J. Tschannen, C. A. Furia, M. Nordio, and N. Polikarpova. *AutoProof: Auto-active Functional Verification of Object-oriented Programs*. 21st International Conference on Tools and Algorithms for the Construction and Analysis of Systems (**TACAS**), London, UK, April 2015
- P8. N. Polikarpova, J. Tschannen, C. A. Furia, and B. Meyer. *Flexible Invariants Through Semantic Collaboration*. 19th International Symposium on Formal Methods (**FM**), Singapore, May 2014
- P7. N. Polikarpova, C. A. Furia, and S. West. *To Run What No One Has Run Before*. Fourth International Conference on Runtime Verification (**RV**), Rennes, France, September 2013
- P6. N. Polikarpova, C. A. Furia, Y. Pei, Y. Wei, and B. Meyer. *What Good Are Strong Specifications?* 35th International Conference on Software Engineering (**ICSE**), San Francisco, CA, May 2013
- P5. K. R. M. Leino and N. Polikarpova. *Verified calculations*, Verified Software: Theories, Tools and Experiments (**VSTTE**), Atherton, CA, May 2013

- P4. N. Polikarpova N and M. Moskal. *Verifying implementations of security protocols by refinement*. Verified Software: Theories, Tools and Experiments (**VSTTE**), Philadelphia, PA, January 2012
- P3. P. Müller, N. Shankar, G. T. Leavens, T. Ridge, T. Tuerk, V. Klebanov, M. Ulbrich, B. Weiß, K. R. M. Leino, R. Chapman, R. Monahan, N. Polikarpova, D. Bronish, R. Arthan, E. Alkassar, E. Cohen, M. Hillebrand, S. Tobies, B. Jacobs, F. Piessens, and J. Smans. *The 1st Verified Software Competition: Experience Report*. 17th International Symposium on Formal Methods (**FM**), Limerick, Ireland, June 2011, **best paper award**
- P2. N. Polikarpova, C. Furia, and B. Meyer. *Specifying Reusable Components*. Verified Software: Theories, Tools and Experiments (**VSTTE**), Edinburgh, UK, August 2010
- P1. N. Polikarpova, I. Ciupa, and B. Meyer. *A comparative study of programmer-written and automatically inferred contracts*. 18th International Conference on Software Testing and Analysis (**ISSTA**), Chicago, IL, July 2009

Papers in Submission

- S1. N. Polikarpova, J. Yang, S. Itzhaky, T. Hance, and A. Solar-Lezama. *Enforcing Information-Flow Policies with Type-Targeted Program Synthesis*. In Submission.

National conferences

- N2. N. Polikarpova, V. Tochilin, and A. Shalyto. *Applying Genetic Programming to Implementation of Systems with Complex behavior* (in Russian). IV International Theoretical and Practical Conference “Integrated Models and Soft Computing in Artificial Intelligence”, Kolomna, Russia, May 2007
- N1. N. Polikarpova. *Object-oriented approach to modeling and specification of entities with complex behavior*. Software Engineering Conference in Russia (**SEC(R)**), Moscow, Russia, November 2006

Books

- B1. N. Polikarpova and A. Shalyto. *Automata-based Programming* (in Russian). Piter, 2009

Teaching

Lecturer

Programming Languages (undergraduate)	UCSD, Spring 2018
Program Synthesis (graduate)	UCSD, Fall 2017

Teaching assistant

Java and C# in depth	ETH Zurich, 2010, 2014
Introduction to Programming	ETH Zurich, 2008–2013
Software Architecture	ETH Zurich, 2009

Guest Lecturer

Foundations of Program Analysis	MIT, 2015
Software Verification	ETH Zurich, 2009–2013
Software Architecture	ETH Zurich, 2011
Eiffel: Analysis, Design and Programming	ETH Zurich, 2009

Mentoring

- Isaac Grosf. *Symmetry Reduction in Synquid*, Undergraduate Advanced Project, MIT, May 2016
- Severin Kozak. *A Front-End for Synquid*, Undergraduate Research Project, MIT, November 2015
- Tobias Kiefer. *Model-Based Contracts for C#*, Bachelor Thesis, ETH Zurich, October 2012
- Elena Mokhon. *Model-Based Contracts for C# collections*, Master Thesis, ETH Zurich and Tver State University (Russia), April 2011
- Flaviu Roman. *Improving Relevancy of Dynamically-Inferred Contracts in Eiffel*, Master Thesis, ETH Zurich and Technical University of Cluj-Napoca (Romania), June 2009

Awards

- Best Paper Awards: Formal Methods 2015, Formal Methods 2011.
- ACM SIGSOFT Recognition of Services Award in appreciation for the contribution as a Deputy General Chair of ESEC/FSE 2013.

Talks

- Refinement Types for Program Verification and Synthesis*
Tutorial at PLDI'17 (with Ranjit Jhala and Niki Vazou) June 2017
- Type-Driven Program Synthesis and Repair*
University of California San Diego (invited seminar) Jun 2016
Microsoft Research Redmond (invited seminar) Aug 2016
University of Pennsylvania (invited seminar) Oct 2016
- Program Synthesis with Synquid*
MIT Programming Languages Offsite (tutorial) May 2016
- Programs Synthesis from Refinement Types*
Kyoto University (invited seminar) Mar 2015
Shonan Meeting Mar 2015
MIT (ExCAPE PI meeting) Jun 2015
Microsoft Research Redmond (invited seminar) Aug 2015
IBM PL Day Nov 2015
University of Washington (invited seminar) Jan 2016
University of Toronto (invited seminar) Jan 2016
University of Waterloo (invited seminar) Jan 2016
McMaster University (invited seminar) Jan 2016
Dagstuhl seminar Apr 2016
CMU (invited seminar) Apr 2016
University of Pennsylvania (ExCAPE PI meeting) May 2016
- A Fully Verified Container Library*
Shonan Meeting Sep 2015
- Program verification and synthesis*
Women's Technology Program, MIT Jul 2015
- Developing Verified Programs with Dafny*
MIT Programming Languages Offsite (tutorial) May 2015

Practical Techniques for Auto-Active Verification

Yale University (postdoc interview talk)	Jun 2014
Rice University (postdoc interview talk)	Jun 2014
CMU (postdoc interview talk)	Jun 2014
MIT (postdoc interview talk)	Jul 2014
Imperial College London (postdoc interview talk)	Jul 2014
Microsoft Research Cambridge (invited seminar)	Jul 2014
EPFL (postdoc interview talk)	Jul 2014

EiffelBase2: strong contracts for design and verification

Workshop “Eiffel at 25”, ETH Zurich	Nov 2010
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Specifying reusable components with model-based contracts

IFIP WG 2.3 meeting 50, Lachen (Switzerland)	Mar 2010
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Summer Schools, Seminars, and Competitions

Rising Stars: An academic career workshop for women. CMU, USA. Oct 30–Nov 1, 2016.

Dagstuhl seminar on Language Based Verification Tools for Functional Programs. Schloss Dagstuhl, Germany. Mar 28–Apr 1, 2016.

Shonan Meeting on Semantics and Verification of Object-Oriented Languages. Shonan village, Japan. Sep 21–25, 2015.

4th VerifyThis Verification Competition. London, UK. Apr 12, 2015.

Shonan Meeting on Static Analysis Meets Runtime Verification. Shonan village, Japan. Mar 16–19, 2015.

Workshop on Software Correctness and Reliability. Zurich, Switzerland. Oct 3–4, 2014.

VSCOMP’14 Verified Software Competition. Jun 14–15, 2014.

Dagstuhl seminar on Evaluating Software Verification Systems: Benchmarks and Competitions. Schloss Dagstuhl, Germany. Apr 22–25, 2014.

Workshop on Software Correctness and Reliability. Zurich, Switzerland. Oct 4–5, 2013.

LASER summer school on Innovative Languages for Software Engineering. Elba, Italy. Sep 2–8, 2012.

VSCOMP’12 Verified Software Competition (**bronze medal**). Nov 8–10, 2011.

1st VerifyThis Verification Competition. Turin, Italy. Oct 4, 2011.

LASER summer school on Tools for Practical Software Verification. Elba, Italy. Sep 4–10, 2011.

LASER summer school on Empirical Software Engineering. Elba, Italy. Sep 5–11, 2010.

VSCOMP’10 Verified Software Competition. Edinburgh, Scotland. Aug, 2010

SICSA Summer School on Formal Reasoning & Representation of Complex Systems. Edinburgh, Scotland. Aug 14–15, 2010.

LASER summer school on Concurrency and Correctness. Elba, Italy. Sep 7–13, 2008.

Professional Activities

Program Co-chair, iFM'17

Program Committee member: OOPSLA'18, POPL'18, CAV'17, APLAS'16, FTfJP'16, SYNT'16, VSTTE'16, TAP'16, iFM'16, FESCA'16, VMCAI'16, PSI'15, FTfJP'15, FESCA'15, RV'14, FESCA'14

Artifact Evaluation Committee member: POPL 2017, ESEC/FSE 2015

Journal reviewer: ACM Transactions on Programming Languages and Systems, Journal of Functional Programming, Formal Aspect of Computing

Tutorials chair and **Proceedings chair**, RV 2014

Deputy general chair, ESEC/FSE 2013

Publicity chair: LASER Summer School 2011–2014, SEAFOOD 2010