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13. E. Fouh, M. Sun, and C.A. Shaffer, “OpenDSA: a creative commons active-ebook”, poster abstract in *Proceedings of the 43rd ACM Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education, SIGCSE 2012*, Raleigh, NC, March 2012, 721.
14. M. Akbar, A.J. Alon, M. Stewart, C.A. Shaffer, S.H. Edwards, “AlgoViz Portal: Lowering the Barriers for Entry into an Online Educational Community,” poster presented at 2010 Conference on Higher Education Pedagogy, Blacksburg VA, February 2010.
15. M. Akbar, Y. Chen, M. Stewart, E.A. Fox, C.A. Shaffer, S.H. Edwards, P. Fan, “Ensemble: Enriching Communities and Collections to Support Education in Computing,” Poster presented at 2010 Conference on Higher Education Pedagogy, Blacksburg VA, February 2010.
16. M. Akbar, A.J. Alon, M. Stewart, C.A. Shaffer, S.H. Edwards, “Building an Online Educational Community,” poster presented at 2010 Conference on Higher Education Pedagogy, Blacksburg VA, February 2010.
17. C.A. Shaffer, S.H. Edwards, and M. Akbar, “The AlgoViz Portal: Lowering the Barriers for Entry into an Online Educational Community,” poster presented at NSF NSDL PIs meeting, November 2009.
18. C.A. Shaffer, M. Agarwal, A. Kumar, and S.H. Edwards, Going Beyond Algorithm Visualization to Algorithm Exploration, *39th ACM Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education (SIGCSE 2008)*, Portland OR, March 2008.
19. L. Thomas, E. Thomas, and C. Shaffer, Algorithm for Automated Detection of Surface Defects on Hardwood Logs, *Forest Products Society, 61st International Convention*, Knoxville, TN, June 2007.
20. R. Randhawa, C.A. Shaffer, and J.J. Tyson, Composition and Aggregation for Biological Pathway Modeling, *The Seventh International Conference on Systems Biology*, Yokohama, Japan, October, 2006, poster FI66.
21. BROWN, P. R., SHAFFER, C. A., AND WEBBER, R. E. A paging scheme for pointer-based quadtrees (abstract only). In *Proceedings of the 19th Annual Conference on Computer Science* (New York, NY, USA, Mar. 1991), CSC '91, ACM, pp. 687–.
22. C.A. Shaffer, V. Miranda, J.J.C. Wang, S. Kriss, L.W. Carstensen, Jr., R.W. Morrill, and E.A. Fox, Computerized Simulations for Introductory Geography Instruction, in *Proceedings of Application of Geographic Information Systems, Simulation Models, and Knowledge-based Systems for Landuse Management*, Blacksburg, VA, Nov 12–14, 1990, 479–480.
23. SHAFFER, C. A., AND HERB, G. M. A real-time robot collision avoidance system (abstract). In *Proceedings of the 1990 ACM Annual Conference on Cooperation* (New York, NY, USA, Feb. 1990), CSC '90, ACM, pp. 441–.
24. H. Samet, A. Rosenfeld, C.A. Shaffer, and R.E. Webber, Quadtree Region Representation in Cartography: Experimental Results, *Proceedings of the IEEE Computer Society Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR'83)*, Washington D.C., Jun 1983, 176–177.

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2. C.A. Shaffer, T.L. Naps, S.H. Rodger, S.H. Edwards, “How to Use Algorithm Visualizations in Your Class,” Workshop presentation, *42nd ACM Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education (SIGCSE'11)*, Dallas TX, March 9, 2011.
3. C.A. Shaffer, Efficient Algorithms for Quadtree-Based Geographic Informations Systems in *Quadtrees and Octree Methods*, SIGGRAPH '87 course notes No. 18, Anaheim, Jul 1987.
4. C.A. Shaffer, H. Samet, R.E. Webber, R.C. Nelson, Y-G. Huang, and A. Rosenfeld, An Implementation for a Geographic Information System Based on Quadtrees in *Quadtrees, Octrees and Related Hierarchical Data Structures*, SIGGRAPH '85 course notes No. 25, San Francisco, Jul 1985.

Edited Collections:

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2. SHAFFER, C. A. Dissertation abstracts in computer graphics. *ACM SIGGRAPH Computer Graphics* 27, 2 (Sept. 1993), 86–98.
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2. JUN, Y., SHAFFER, C. A., AND HEATH, L. S. The swan user’s manual, version 1.1. Tech. rep., Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, Blacksburg, VA, USA, 1995.

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1. M. Abrams, D. Allison, D. Kafura, C. Ribbens, M.B. Rosson, C. Shaffer, and L. Watson, *PSE Research at Virginia Tech: An Overview*, Computer Science TR 98-21, Virginia Tech, Aug 1998.
2. J.B. Begole and C.A. Shaffer, *Flexible Collaboration Transparency*, Computer Science TR 98-11, Virginia Tech, Apr 1998.
3. J.B. Begole and C.A. Shaffer, *Internet Based Real-Time Multiuser Simulation: Ppong*, Computer Science TR 97-01, Virginia Tech, Feb 1997.
4. J.B. Begole, C.A. Struble, and C.A. Shaffer, *Collaboration Transparency in Java through Event Broadcasting*, Computer Science TR 97-02, Virginia Tech, Feb 1997.
5. J.M.A. Begole, C.A. Shaffer and M. Lattanzi, The **Project GeoSim** Graphical User Interface, *Proceedings of the 23rd Virginia Computer User's Conference*, Oct 1993, 17–28.
6. T.L. Ryan and C.A. Shaffer, Device Independent Perspective Volume Rendering Using Octrees, Computer Science TR 92-05, Virginia Tech, Feb 1992.
7. PEMMARAJU, S. V., AND SHAFFER, C. A. Analysis of the worst case space complexity of a pr quadtree. Tech. rep., Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, Blacksburg, VA, USA, 1992.
8. SHAFFER, C. A., AND FEUSTEL, C. D. A representation and algorithm for exact computation of cascaded polygon intersections with fixed storage requirements. Tech. rep., Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, Blacksburg, VA, USA, 1991.
9. SHAFFER, C. A., CARSTENSEN, L. W., MIRANDA, V. F., KRISS, S. A., MORRILL, R. W., AND FOX, E. A. Project geosim: The first two modules. Tech. rep., Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, Blacksburg, VA, USA, 1991.
10. SHAFFER, C. A., AND HERB, G. M. A real time robot arm collision detection system. Tech. rep., Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, Blacksburg, VA, USA, 1990.
11. C.A. Shaffer and D.B. Boldery, The Elevation Pyramid, Computer Science TR 90-29, Virginia Tech, 1990.
12. SHAFFER, C. A., AND STOUT, Q. F. Linear time distance transforms for quadtrees. Tech. rep., Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, Blacksburg, VA, USA, 1989.
13. SHAFFER, C. A., JUVVADI, R., AND HEATH, L. S. A generalized comparison of quadtree and bintree storage requirements. Tech. rep., Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, Blacksburg, VA, USA, 1989.
14. LATTANZI, M., AND SHAFFER, C. A. An optimal boundary to quadtree conversion algorithm. Tech. rep., Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, Blacksburg, VA, USA, 1989.
15. G.B. Terrell and C.A. Shaffer, A “C” Programming Language Software Tutor, *Proceedings of the 19th Virginia Computer User's Conference*, Blacksburg VA, Sep 1989, 60–68.
16. D.B. Boldery and C.A. Shaffer, Spatial Data Generation through Interpolation, *Proceedings of the 19th Virginia Computer User's Conference*, Blacksburg VA, Sep 1989, 69–77.
17. G.M. Herb and C.A. Shaffer, A Real Time Robot Collision Avoidance Safety System, *Proceedings of the 19th Virginia Computer User's Conference*, Blacksburg VA, Sep 1989, 84–93.
18. SHAFFER, C. A., AND SAMET, H. Set operations for unaligned linear quadtrees. Tech. rep., Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, Blacksburg, VA, USA, 1988.

19. C.A. Shaffer and H. Samet, An in-Core Hierarchical Data Structure Organization for a Geographic Database, Computer Science TR-1886, University of Maryland, Jul 1987.
20. C.A. Shaffer, Application of Alternative Quadtree Representations, Ph.D. Dissertation, Computer Science Department, University of Maryland, College Park MD, 1986 (also Computer Science TR-1672, University of Maryland, Jun 1986).
21. H. Samet, A. Rosenfeld, C. A. Shaffer, R. C. Nelson, Y.-G. Huang, K. Fujimura, Application of Hierarchical Data Structures to Geographic Information Systems: Phase IV Computer Science TR-1578, University of Maryland, Dec 1985
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23. A. Rosenfeld, H. Samet, C.A. Shaffer, and R.E. Webber, Application of Hierarchical Data Structures to Geographic Information Systems: Phase II, Computer Science TR-1327, University of Maryland, Sep 1983.
24. C.A. Shaffer, QED: A Quadtree Editor, Masters Scholarly Paper, CSC-400, Computer Science Department, University of Maryland, 1982.
25. A. Rosenfeld, H. Samet, C.A. Shaffer, and R.E. Webber, Application of Hierarchical Data Structures to Geographic Information Systems, Computer Science TR-1197, University of Maryland, Jun, 1982.

#### Academic awards

April 2021 – Dean’s Award for Excellence in Service.

June 2020 – Winner of Virginia Tech’s Excellence in Access & Inclusion Award

June 2017 – Winner of Virginia Tech 2017 Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Award.

April 2017 – Winner of Virginia Tech XCalibur Award for integrating technology in teaching and learning.

March 2017 – Winner of Best Research Paper at SIGCSE 2017: A.C. Bart, R. Whitcomb, D. Kafura, C.A. Shaffer, and E. Tilevich, Computing with CORGIS: Diverse, Real-world Datasets for Introductory Computing, in *Proceedings of the 2017 ACM SIGCSE Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education (SIGCSE 2017)*, Seattle, WA, March 2017, 57–62.

March 2017 – Paper designated an Exemplary Research Paper at SIGCSE 2017: M.F. Farghally, K.H. Koh, H. Shahin, and C.A. Shaffer, Evaluating the Effectiveness of Algorithm Analysis Visualizations, in *Proceedings of the 2017 ACM SIGCSE Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education (SIGCSE 2017)*, Seattle, WA, March 2017, 201–206.

June 2016 to June 2018 – W.S. “Pete” White Chair for Innovation in Engineering Education.

December 2015 – ACM Distinguished Educator.

April 2015 – Dean’s Award for Excellence in Teaching.

1994 *Journal of Geography* award for best article related to teaching in a University or College.

September, 1994 – Undergraduate Computational Science Award, AMES Laboratory for **Project GeoSim**.

Professional activities, non-local presentations, meetings, and workshops:

November 2019 – “Conducting Education Research for the Medical Field”, presentation to VCOM Research Days conference, Charlotte, NC.

March 2015 – A.C. Bart, E. Tilevich, and C.A. Shaffer, Creating Stimulating, Relevant, and Manageable Introductory Computer Science Projects that Utilize Real-Time, Large, Web-Based Datasets, Workshop presentation, *Proceedings of the 46th ACM Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education (SIGCSE 2015)*, Kansas City, MO.

March 2014 – E. Tilevich, C.A. Shaffer, and A.C. Bart, Creating Stimulating, Relevant, and Manageable Introductory Computer Science Projects That Utilize Real-time Web-based Data, Workshop presentation, *Proceedings of the 45th ACM Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education (SIGCSE 2014)*, Atlanta, GA.

May 30, 2011 – C.A. Shaffer, “How Can We Teach Problem Solving?,” keynote presentation to *Finnish Computer Science Days*, Aalto University, Finland.

May 25, 2011 – C.A. Shaffer, “How Can We Teach Problem Solving?,” keynote presentation to *Second Nordic Network of Engineering Education Research Seminar*, Mustio Manor, Finland.

March, 2011 – C.A. Shaffer, T.L. Naps, S.H. Rodger, and S.H. Edwards, “How to Use Algorithm Visualizations in Your Class,” Workshop presentation, *42nd ACM Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education (SIGCSE 2011)*, Dallas, TX.

item March, 2009 – C.A. Shaffer, T. Naps, and S.H. Edwards, “Building a Community for Algorithm Visualization”, Birds-of-a-Feather session, *40th ACM Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education (SIGCSE 2009)*.

March, 2008 – C.A. Shaffer, T. Naps, and S.H. Edwards, “Algorithm Visualization” Birds-of-a-Feather session, *39th ACM Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education (SIGCSE 2008)*.

June, 2006 – “Modeling the Cell Cycle with JigCell and DARPA’s BioSPICE Software”, presented at *Pathway Databases and Modeling Tools*, Princeton University, <http://www.cs.princeton.edu/picasso/prime/pdmt.php>.

June, 2005 – L. Thomas, E. Thomas, L. Mili, and C.A. Shaffer, “Locating Exterior Defects on Hardwood Logs Using High Resolution Laser Scanning,” presented at the *59th International Forest Products Society Convention*, Quebec City, Canada (presented by L. Thomas).

May, 2005 – “Beyond SBML,” presented at the 3rd Annual Systems Biology Markup Language Hackathon, Tokyo, Japan.

May, 2005 – DARPA BioSPICE PI Meeting, Washington DC.

March, 2005 – C.A. Shaffer, T. Panning, and R. Randhawa, “JigCell,” a presentation and software demonstration at the *3rd Symposium on Computational Cell Biology*, Lenox Massachusetts.

October, 2004 – DARPA BioSPICE PI Meeting, Washington DC.

May, 2003 – DARPA BioSPICE PI Meeting, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

April 2003 – “The DARPA BioSPICE Project,” Virginia Biotechnology Institute Seminar Series, Blacksburg VA.

February, 2003 – DARPA BioSPICE PI Workshop, College Park, MD.

April, 2003 – “User Interface Paradigms for Describing Pathway Models,” presented at Formal Languages for Biological Processes, Cold Spring Harbor Lab.

November 2002 – DARPA BioSPICE PI Workshop, San Diego, CA.

September 2002 – DARPA BioSPICE Model Definition Workshop, Boston, MA.

August, 2002 – DARPA BioSPICE PI sub-group coordination meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

May, 2002 – DARPA BioSPICE PI Workshop, Washington, DC.

April, 2002 – Session chair and presenter, 22nd Annual Seminar of Cancer Researchers in Virginia, “BioSPICE and Problem-Solving Environments for Systems Biology,” Blacksburg, VA.

November 2001 – DARPA BioSPICE PI Workshop, Monterey, CA.

January, 2001 – Session chair, Integrated Decision-Making for Watershed Management Symposium: Processes and Tools, Chevy Chase, MD.

May, 1998 – Participant, NSF Invitational Workshop on Distributed Information, Computation, and Process Management for Scientific and Engineering Environments, presented position paper “Collaborative Problem Solving Environments.”

September, 1995 – Participant, NSF CISE/EHR Workshop on a Computer Science Research Agenda for Educational Technology.

July, 1991 – Lecture: A real-time robot collision avoidance safety system, University of Iceland, Reykjavik, Iceland.

August, 1990 – Workshop participant: “Data Structures and Access Software for Scientific Visualization” at SIGGRAPH’90, Dallas TX, August 6–7, 1990.

September, 1989 – Invited lecture: Indexing methods for area of interest retrieval from world scale GIS, *International Colloquium on Digital Maps in Geosciences*, Wuerzburg, West Germany, September 1989.

July, 1987 – Course Speaker, SIGGRAPH ’87: *Quadtrees and Octree Methods*

December, 1986 – Invited lecture: A Comparison of Vectors, Rasters, and Quadtrees for Representing Geographic Data, *International Colloquium on the Construction and Display of Geoscientific Maps Derived from Databases*, Dinkelsbuehl, West Germany, December 1986.

October, 1986 – Invited lecture: Hierarchical Rectangle Representations, CNR, Genova, Italy.

July, 1985 – Course Speaker, SIGGRAPH ’85: *Quadtrees, Octrees and Related Hierarchical Data Structures*

March, 1985 – Invited lecture: A Quadtree-based Geographic Information System, IIMAS-UNAM, Mexico City

#### Research Grants:

2017-2020 C.A. Shaffer, S.H. Edwards, P. Brusilovsky (UPitt), K. Koedinger (CMU) “BCC-EHR: Collaborative Research: Community-building and Infrastructure Design for Data-Intensive Research in Computer Science Education”, National Science Foundation DLR-1740765, \$268,941 (Virginia Tech share).

2016-2018 C.A. Shaffer, “Pete White Professorship”, Virginia Tech, \$52,000.

2016-2019 D.G. Kafura, C.A. Shaffer, E. Tilevich, K.S. Cennamo, and J.V. Ernst, “IUSE: A Scaffolded Data-Centric Approach to Improved Learning of Introductory Computing Concepts”, National Science Foundation DUE-1624320, \$594,314.

2015-2017 C.A. Shaffer, J.V. Ernst, S.Rodger (Duke), T.L. Naps (U. Wisconsin–Oshkosh) “Collaborative Research: Assessing and Expanding the Impact of OpenDSA, an Open Source, Interactive eTextbook for Data Structures and Algorithms”, National Science Foundation DUE-1432008, \$998,402 (\$716,000 Virginia Tech share).

2014-2015 D.G. Kafura, E. Tilevich, and C.A. Shaffer, “TUES: EAGER: Scaffolding Big Data for Authentic Learning of Computing”, National Science Foundation DUE-1444094, \$97,658.

2013-2015 S.H. Edwards and C.A. Shaffer, “Classroom Interventions to Reduce Procrastination”, National Science Foundation DUE-1245334, \$199,986.

2013-2014 S. Puntambekar (U. Wisconsin–Madison), N. Narayanan (Auburn U.), and C.A. Shaffer, “EAGER: SAVI: Dynamic Digital Text: An Innovation in STEM Education”, National Science Foundation IIS-1258471, \$247,933 (\$67,208 VT share).

2012-2014 C.A. Shaffer, T.S. Hall, T.L. Naps (U. Wisconsin–Oshkosh), and R. Baraniuk (Rice U.), “Integrating the eTextbook: Truly Interactive Textbooks for Computer Science Education”, National Science Foundation DUE-1139861, \$200,000 (\$125,000 VT share).

2012-2014 E. Tilevich and C.A. Shaffer, “Transforming Introductory Computer Science Projects via Real-TimeWeb Data”, National Science Foundation DUE-1140318, \$199,987.

2011-2013 D.G. Tatar, S. Harrison, D.G. Kafura, M.A. Perez-Quinonez, and C.A. Shaffer, “Planning Grant: Integrating Computational Thinking into Middle School Curriculum”, National Science Foundation, CNS-1132227, \$199,998.

2010-2014 J.J. Tyson, W. Baumann, J. Peccoud, S. Hoops, Y. Cao, and C.A. Shaffer, “Stochastic Models of Cell Cycle Regulation in Eukaryotes,” National Institutes of Health, 2-R01-GM078989-05, \$1,986,688.

2010-2011 C.A. Shaffer and S.H. Edwards, “The AlgoViz Portal: Lowering the Barriers for Entry into an Online Educational Community” National Science Foundation NSDL program, DUE-0937863, \$149,999.

2009–2010 C.A. Shaffer and S.H. Edwards, “Building a Community and Establishing Best Practices in Algorithm Visualization through the AlgoViz Wiki,” National Science Foundation CCLI program, DUE-0836940, \$149,206.

2009–2010 C.A. Shaffer and S.H. Edwards, “AlgoViz Project Steering Committee” National Science Foundation, DUE-0946644, \$8,500.

2009 C.A. Shaffer, “TCNP Driving Biological Problem: Year 4 Renewal: Using Composition to Integrate a Cell Cycle Model with Morphological Checkpoints,” University of Connecticut, \$20,925.

2008–2009 C.A. Shaffer and S.H. Edwards, “Steering Committee Workshop to Build a Community for Algorithm Visualization” National Science Foundation, DUE-0839837, \$8,500.

2008 C.A. Shaffer, “TCNP Driving Biological Problems: Using Composition to Integrate a Cell Cycle Model with Morphological Checkpoints,” University of Connecticut, \$17,738.

2006–2010 J.J. Tyson, W.T. Baumann, Y. Cao, M.R. Paul, A. Sandu, C.A. Shaffer, and L.T. Watson, “Stochastic Models of Cell Cycle Regulation in Eukaryotes,” National Institute of General Medical Sciences, 1-R01-GM078989-01, \$1,437,504.

2006–2007 C.A. Shaffer, “Refinement and Analysis of Log Surface Defect Detection Methods Using High-Resolution Laser Scanning,” Wood Education and Resource Center, USDA Forest Service, \$50,000.

2001–2006 J.J. Tyson, B. Novak, F.R. Cross, M.D. Mendenhall, J.C. Sible, K.C. Chen, C.A. Shaffer, L.T. Watson, and N. Ramakrishnan, “The Eukaryotic Cell Cycle as a Test Case for Modeling Cellular Regulation in a Collaborative PSE,” Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency: \$2,442,399.

2001–2003 J.J. Tyson, L.T. Watson, J. Sible, K. Chen, C.A. Shaffer, N. Ramakrishnan, and P. Mendes, “Problem Solving Environment for Modeling the Cell Cycle,” National Institute of General Medical Sciences, R01-GM64339-01, \$211,038.

2001–2002 J.J. Tyson, C.A. Shaffer, J.C. Sible, N. Ramakrishnan, L.T. Watson, and D.G. Kafura, “Biocomplexity Incubation Activity: A Collaborative PSE for Computational Modeling of Eukaryotic Cell Cycle Controls,” NSF: \$99,965, MCB-0083315.

2001–2005 C.A. Shaffer and R. Ehrich, “Detection of Surface Defects on Barked Hardwood Stems and Logs,” USDA Forest Service, \$54,378.

2000–2001 C.A. Shaffer, “Virginia Tech Computer Science Department Support for ADOPTTECH STTR Phase II Proposal,” ADOPTTECH Corp: \$53,374.

1999–2002 T.S. Rappaport, C.A. Shaffer, W. Tranter, L.T. Watson, N. Ramakrishnan, and D.G. Kafura, “A Collaborative Problem Solving Environment for Modeling of Broadband Wireless Communications Systems”: NSF, \$1,000,000.

1999 D. Bosch, L.T. Watson, N. Ramakrishnan, C.A. Shaffer, R. Dymond, D. Kibler, and D. Orth, “Toward Leadership in Problem Solving Environments for Ecosystem Assessment, Mangement and Policy”: APIRES/Virginia Tech, \$48,600.

1997 F.A. Kamke, L.T. Watson, C.J. Ribbens, D.C.S. Allison, M. Abrams, D. Kafura, M.B. Rosson, and C.A. Shaffer, “Towards Leadership in Problem Solving Environments for Science, Engineering, and Manufacturing”: ASPIRES/Virginia Tech, \$20,000.

1996–1999 C.A. Shaffer, J.B. Campbell, J.M Carroll, N. Hauenstein, and B. Hertel, “Integrating Statistics and Models across the Social Sciences Curricula”: FIPSE, \$277,801, P116A50674.

1996–1998 J.M. Carroll, C.A. Shaffer, M.B. Rosson and J. Burton, “Leveraging Networks for Collaborative Education in the Blacksburg Electronic Village”: NSF NIE program, \$1,117,128. RED-9554206

1996 R.D. Kriz, M. Abrams, Y.J. Beliveau, D.R. Bevan, J.M. Carroll, W.A. Curtin, R.W. Ehrich, D. Farkas, D.S. Hix, B.M. Kleiner, C.A. Shaffer, R.C. Williges, “Acquisition of a CAVE(tm)\*: Breaking Research and Educational Barriers by Developing and Evaluating 3D Visualization Tools with CAVE\* Technology”: NSF-ARI Equipment Acquisition Grant, \$890,000.

1995–1996 C.A. Shaffer and N.D. Barnette, “The GeoSim Interface Library for Introductory Programming Courses”: NSF Course and Curriculum Development program, \$19,768.DUE-9455403.

1993–1995 E.A. Fox, J.A.N. Lee, H. Rex Hartson, C.A. Shaffer and N.D. Barnette, “Interactive Learning with a Digital Library in Computer Science”: NSF Educational Infrastructure grant, \$449,088, EIA-9312611.

1992–1995 C.A. Shaffer, L.W. Carstensen, Jr., R.W. Morrill and E.A. Fox, “**GeoSim**: A GIS-Based Simulation Laboratory for Introductory Geography”: NSF, \$107,940, USE-9155943; FIPSE, \$149,571, P116B20130.

1992 A.L. Abbot, C.A. Shaffer and J.W. Roach, “Real-Time Planning and Control for Cooperative Manipulators in the Virginia Tech AI/Robotics Laboratory”: NSF equipment grant, \$36,000.

1990 C.A. Shaffer, NASA/ASEE Summer Faculty Fellowship Program participant at Goddard SFC, Greenbelt MD, \$10,000.

1989 C.A. Shaffer, SIGGRAPH Conference Grant for Educators, estimated value: \$1,000.

1989–1990 C.A. Shaffer, “Hierarchical Data Structures for Robot Collision Avoidance”: NASA Goddard, \$27,500.

1989–1990 C.A. Shaffer, L.W. Carstensen, Jr., J.B. Campbell and E.A. Fox, “A Prototype Geographic Information System for Personal Workstations”: General Dynamics \$43,000; Virginia Center for Innovative Technology \$33,890.

1988–1989 C.A. Shaffer, Matching Grants award from Virginia Tech: \$1000.

1987–1989 C.A. Shaffer, Small Grants Pilot Project award from the College of Arts and Sciences, Virginia Tech: \$2400.

#### Major research projects:

2017-present: Co-principle Investigator for SPLICE: Standards, Protocols, and Learning Infrastructure for Computing Education. See <http://csssplice.org>.

2011-present: Principle Investigator for the OpenDSA project to develop an open-source active eTextbook for algorithms and data structures courses. See <http://algoviz.org/OpenDSA>.

2006–2019: Principle Investigator for the AlgoViz project to develop a community of users and developers of algorithm visualization in computer science education. This includes development of the AlgoViz Portal (<http://algoviz.org>).

2004–2006: Principal Investigator for an investigation of log surface defect detection methods using high-resolution laser scanning.

2001–present: Co-Principal Investigator for the JigCell project, a problem-solving environment for biochemical pathway analysis. With support from DARPA, NSF, and NIH, this is a major multidisciplinary project involving faculty from Biology and Computer Science. My major role is as system architect, primarily for developing user interfaces and visualizations for the system, and overseeing general software development and system integration.

1999–2004: Co-Principal Investigator for the NSF-supported “A Collaborative Problem Solving Environment for Modeling of Broadband Wireless Communications Systems.”

1999–2001: Co-Principal Investigator for Virginia Tech ASPIRES project to develop a Problem Solving Environment for watershed assessment.

1996–1999: Principal Investigator for FIPSE-supported “Integrating Statistics and Models across the Social Sciences Curricula.” This project integrates statistical processing with large databases and tutorials to teach Social Sciences students basic statistics and data visualization.

1996–1998: Co-Principal Investigator for NSF-supported “Leveraging Networks for Collaborative Education in the Blacksburg Electronic Village.” University researchers are working with the local county K12 school system to build a “virtual school” over the internet. Stressing collaborative, interactive courseware and a shared environment, our goal is to allow students from both rural and suburban schools to work together.

1990–1996: Project director for Project GeoSim, a series of software modules that apply geographic information systems and simulation to introductory geography education. This software simulates of various geographic and economic processes, such as migration and population dynamics.



1989–90: Principal Investigator for projects aimed at applying sophisticated GIS techniques to personal workstations. Primary contributions of this project include the elevation pyramid, a method for compressing DEMs by up to 5:1 with little or no loss of accuracy. Supported by General Dynamics Electronics Division and the Virginia Center for Innovative Technology.

1989–1990: Principal Investigator for a real-time robot arm collision avoidance safety system. Supported by NASA/Goddard SFC.

1986–1987: Initial designer for the Combat Information Processor mapping system for Harry Diamond U.S. Army Laboratory.

1986: Designed and implemented the low-level mapping system used on the NBS (now NIST) Autonomous Underwater Vehicle project.

1980–1987: Designer and chief implementor for the **QUILT** project, the first Geographic Information System based on advanced hierarchical data structures.

#### PhD Students Graduated:

Mostafa Mohammed, *Teaching Formal Languages through Visualizations, Machine Simulations, Auto-Graded Exercises, and Programmed Instruction*, July 2021.

Ayaan Kazerouni, *Measuring the Software Development Process to Enable Formative Feedback*, April 2020.

Austin Cory Bart, *Motivating Introductory Computing Students with Pedagogical Datasets*, May 2017.

Mohammed F. Farghally, *Visualizing Algorithm Analysis Topics*, November 2016.

Sally Hamouda, *Enhancing Learning of Recursion*, December, 2015.

Eric Fouh, *Building and Evaluating a Learning Environment for Algorithm and Data Structure Courses*, May, 2015.

Monika Akbar, *Integrating Community with Collections in Educational Digital Libraries*, December, 2013.

Ranjit Randhawa, *Composition and Aggregation in Modeling Macromolecular Regulatory Networks*, April, 2008.

Liya Thomas, *Automated Detection of Surface Defects on Barked Hardwood Logs and Stems Using 3-D Laser Scanned Data*, September, 2006.

Nicholas A. Allen, *Computational Software for Building Biochemical Reaction Network Models with Differential Equations*, November, 2005.

James M.A. Begole, *Flexible Collaboration Transparency: Supporting Worker Independence in Replicated Application-Sharing Systems*, December, 1998.

#### MS Students Graduated:

Mark Lattanzi (1989), Dave B. Boldery (1990), Gregory M. Herb (1990), Matt Zukoski (1990), Sheryl Kriss (1991), Vincent Miranda (1991), Mahesh Ursekar (1991), Timothy Ryan (1992), Patrick R. Brown (1992), Tungsheng Yu (1992), Colin Klipsh (1993), Nirupama Thiruvengadam (1993), James M.A. “Bo” Begole (1994), Jun Yang (1995), David Hines (1996) John Raley (1996), Philip L. Isenhour (1998), Amit Goel (1999), Ali Ashgar Zafer (2001), Purvi Saraiya (2002), Dhananjay Mishra (2004), Matthew L. Cooper (2007), A.J. Alon (2010), U.J. Mobassera (2011), Gayathri Subramanian (2012), Daniel A. Breakiron (2013), Ann M. Paul (2013), Nabanita Maji (2015), Hosam Shahin (2017), Ehsan Elgendi (2019), Hamza Manzoor (2019), Jieun Chon (2019), Jackson Wonderly (2019).

#### Courses taught:

CS1206 Operating Systems Tools II (freshman CS majors – created new course).

CS1705 Introduction to Programming (freshman CS major first course – including partial revision of course material for semester system; as part of undergraduate curriculum committee, instituted major revision of first year major’s course content).

CS2104 Problem Solving in Computer Science (undergraduate introductory course in problem solving; created and piloted course).

CS3114 (previously, CS2606, CS2604, and CS3301) Data Structures (undergraduate – complete revision of course material for semester system; wrote textbook; most faculty at Virginia Tech teaching this course since 1988 have used my textbook, course notes, and overheads).

CS4104 Data and Algorithm Analysis (undergraduate – developed new course notes).

CS4204 Introductory Computer Graphics (undergraduate – developed new course notes).

CS4944 Advanced UNIX Topics (undergraduate seminar – developed course).

CS5014 Research Methods in Computer Science (graduate – developed new course notes).

CS5034 Models of Computation (graduate – developed course).

CS5114 Theory of Algorithms (graduate – complete revision of course material).

CS5362 Spatial Data Structures and Algorithms (graduate seminar – developed course).

CS6104 Advanced Computer Graphics (graduate seminar – developed course).

CS6604 Advanced Computer Graphics and Computational Geometry (graduate seminar – codeveloped course).

CS6604 Algorithm Visualization (graduate seminar – developed course).

CS6604 Reinventing CS Education through the eTextbook (graduate seminar – developed course).

CS6604 Designing and Implementing Online Education Systems (graduate seminar – developed course).

CS6704 Design Patterns and Component Frameworks (graduate seminar – developed course).

#### Educational writings:

“Minimalist UNIX” – an introductory guide to UNIX, used in our introductory courses.

“Your Guide to GNU” – an introductory guide to EMACS and GNU software.

“Elements of Programming Style” – departmental programming style guidelines, used in all programming classes.

“Keeping Your Password Safe: A User’s Introduction to Computer Security” – departmental security guidelines used in all introductory classes, including lecture notes for one hour lecture one basic computer security issues.

#### Professional service:

March 2021: Co-chair for 7th SPLICE Workshop, in conjunction with SIGCSE’21 (Virtual).

February 2019: Co-chair for 4th SPLICE Workshop, in conjunction with SIGCSE'19 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

February 2018: Co-chair for 2nd SPLICE Workshop, in conjunction with SIGCSE'18 in Baltimore, Maryland.

2017: Member, Associate Program Chair Committee for ITiCSE 2017.

March, 2016: Member, external departmental review panel, Computer Science Department, University at Albany, SUNY.

2014-present: Specialty Chief Editor for Digital Education, *Frontiers in ICT*.

2008-present: Associate editor, *Simulation: Transactions of the Society for Modeling and Simulation International*.

2012-present: Member of the Editorial Board, *Computational Biology Journal*.

2005-present: Member, Editorial Review Board, AACE Journal of Interactive Learning Research (JILR).

2006-present: Member, Editorial Review Board, AACE Journal of Computers in Mathematics and Science Teaching (JCMST).

2005-present: Member, Virginia State University's Computer Science Advisory Board.

2015: Member, SPLASH-E 2015 Program Committee

2015: Member of International Program Committee, 5th International Conference on Simulation and Modeling Methodologies, Technologies and Applications - SIMULTECH 2015

March 2009: Vice General Chair, 2009 Spring Simulation Multiconference (SpringSim'09), San Diego, CA.

April 2008: Program Chair, 2008 High Performance Computing & Simulation Symposium (HPCS), Ottawa, Canada.

March 2007: Program Co-chair for the 2007 Symposium on High Performance Computing (HPC 2007), Norfolk VA.

2010, 2009, 2007, 2005, 2004, 1997, 1994, 1993: Member, NSF program review panels.

2002, 2001, 1999, 1998, 1994: Reviewer, FIPSE Comprehensive Program.

1996, 1997: Judge for ThinkQuest student WWW site competition.

1991-1995: Coordinator, ACM SIGGRAPH Computer Graphics Thesis Abstracts Project.

1992: Member, Department of Energy panel for reviewing DOE National Labs projects in Robotics for nuclear waste cleanup.

1989: Scientist partner for the Bell Atlantic-AAAS Institute for Middle School Science and Technology Teachers

Referee/Reviewer (within past 5 years): *ACM SIGCSE 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, ACM ITiCSE 2015, 2016, 2017, SIMULTECH 2017, IEEE Transactions on Industrial Informatics, Learning and Individual Differences: Journal of Psychology and Education, 4th International Joint Conference on Computational Sciences and Optimization (CSO 2011), Winter Simulation Conference 2010, AACE Journal of*

*Computers in Mathematics and Science Teaching (JCMST), AACE Journal of Interactive Learning Research (JILR), ACM Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics, ACM Transactions on Computing Education, Bioinformatics BMC Bioinformatics, Routledge Publishing, Journal of Computational Chemistry, IEEE Transactions on Learning Technologies, Journal of Theoretical Biology, IET Systems Biology, ASEE Computers in Education Journal Acta Cybernetica International Journal of STEM Education*

Professional Societies: Distinguished Educator of ACM. Senior Member of IEEE, IEEE Computer Society. Member of ACM SIGCSE. Member of ASEE.

#### University and departmental service

2017 to present – Associate Department Head for Graduate Studies  
2016 to 2017 – Chair, Department of Computer Science Graduate Admissions Committee  
2016 to 2017 – Chair, Department of Computer Science Collegiate Faculty Search Committee  
2015 – Chair, Department of Computer Science Faculty Search Committee  
2014 – Member, Department of Computer Science Faculty Search Committee  
2013 to 2014 – Member, Department of Computer Science Personnel Committee  
2010 to 2012 – Chair, Department of Computer Science Personnel Committee  
2008 to 2010 – Member, Department of Computer Science Personnel Committee  
2007 to 2010 – Member, University Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies (Vice Chair, 2007-2008)  
2008 to 2009 – Member, Degree Requirements, Standards, Criteria and Academic Policies Committee (DRSCAP)  
2007 to 2008 – Chair, University Graduate Curriculum Committee  
2005 to 2007 – Member, University Faculty Leadership Development Academy Committee  
2003 to 2006 – Representative, College of Engineering Executive Committee  
1998 to 2006 – Chair, Department of Computer Science Graduate Program Committee  
2004 to 2006 – Member, College of Engineering Graduate Curriculum Committee  
1990 to 1992; 2006 to 2009 – Member, Department of Computer Science Undergraduate Program Committee  
1997 to 2000 – University Faculty Senate (Secretary/Treasurer 1998 to 1999)  
1997 to 2000 – University Transportation and Parking Committee (Chair 1997–1998)  
1996 to 1998 – Member of four Departmental Faculty Search Committees  
1997 to 1998 – Member, Department of Computer Science Graduate Admissions Committee  
1996 Member, Departmental M.S. Orals Defense Committee  
1995 to 1996 – Chair, Departmental M.S. Orals Defense Committee  
1992 to 1995; 1997 to 1998 – Member, Department of Computer Science Graduate Program Committee

1992 to 1993 – Chair, Departmental Ph.D. Qualifier Committee

1992 – Chair, Computer Science Department Security Taskforce

1989 to 1990 – Member, Departmental Undergraduate PC Taskforce

1988 to 1990 – Cosponsor of graduate student seminar in computer graphics and computational geometry.

1987 to 1990 – Member, Departmental Computer Resources Committee

1987 – Member, Departmental Undergraduate PC Selection Committee

Current research interests:

Computational Biology and Bioinformatics, Problem Solving Environments, Digital Education, Algorithm Visualization, Visualization, Hierarchical Data Structures, Geographic Information Systems, Computer Graphics, Algorithm Design and Analysis, Data Structures.