

# Hung Q. Ngo

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

- 1996–2001 **Ph.D. in Computer Science & Engineering**, *University of Minnesota*, Twin Cities.  
Dissertation: “Issues in Interconnection Networks”, Advisor: Ding-Zhu Du
- 1999–2001 **M.S. in Mathematics**, *University of Minnesota*, Twin Cities.  
Thesis: “**P**-Species and the  $q$ -Mehloer Formula”, Advisor: Dennis Stanton
- 1990–1995 **B.S. in Computer Engineering**, *Ho Chi Minh city University of Technology*, Ho Chi Minh city, Vietnam.

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### Employment History

- 2017–present **Principal Computer Scientist**, *RelationalAI Inc.*.
- 2015–2017 **Computer Scientist**, *LogicBlox Inc.*.
- 2001–2017 **Assistant→Associate→Full Professor**, *Computer Science and Engineering, SUNY Buffalo*.

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### Awards and Honors

- 2018 **Gems of PODS**, *Invited to give the “Gems of PODS” talk on Worst-Case Optimal Join Algorithms*.
- 2016 **ACM SIGMOD Research Highlights Award**, *(For the Functional Aggregate Queries paper)*.
- 2016 **Best paper award**, *PODS 2016*.
- 2016 **CSE Sustained Teaching Excellence Award**.
- 2012 **Best paper award**, *PODS 2012*.
- 2008 **Best paper award**, *COCOON 2008*.
- 2005 **Exceptional Scholar (Young Investigator) Award**, *SUNY Buffalo*.
- 2004–2009 **NSF CAREER Award**.
- 2002–2003 **Outstanding Teacher Awards**, *Fall 2002, Spring 2003, Fall 2003*.  
By the Graduate Student Association of the Department of Computer Science & Engineering, SUNY Buffalo
- 2000–2001 **Guidant Fellowship for outstanding achievement**.  
One fellowship was awarded by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, University of Minnesota
- 1992 **Japanese Government Scholarship**.  
Awarded for outstanding achievement to 16 undergraduates in Vietnam to study in Japan
- 1990 **Vietnamese Government Scholarship**.  
Awarded for top scoring in the University Entrance Examination
- 1990 **First prize**, *Ho Chi Minh city Mathematical Olympiad*.
- 1989–1990 **Various prizes**, *Vietnamese Mathematical Olympiads*.
- 1988 **Second prize**, *Ho Chi Minh city Physics Olympiad*, (No first prize awarded).

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### Selected Professional Activities

- PODS 2019 **TPC member**.  
The 37th ACM Symposium on Principles of Database Systems Theory

- PODS 2018 **TPC member.**  
The 36th ACM Symposium on Principles of Database Systems Theory
- ICDT 2017 **TPC member.**  
International Conference on Database Theory
- 2010–2015 **Associate Editor.**  
Discrete Mathematics, Algorithms, and Applications
- INFOCOM **TPC member.**  
2008–2015 IEEE Conference on Computer Communications (INFOCOM)
- COCOON **Conference and program chair.**  
2009 The 15th International Conference on Combinatorics and Computing (COCOON)
- WoWMoM **Local arrangement chair.**  
2006 IEEE International Symposium on a World of Wireless, Mobile and Multimedia Networks
- 2011–2014 **Co-organizer.**  
Coding, Complexity, and Sparsity Workshop
- GLOBECOM **TPC member.**  
2011 IEEE Global Communications Conference
- ICC **TPC member.**  
2008–2010 IEEE International Conference on Communications
- ISAAC 2009 **TPC member.**  
International Symposium on Algorithm and Computation
- AINA **TPC member.**  
2007–2009 IEEE International Conference on Advanced Information Networking and Applications
- HPSR 2006 **TPC member.**  
IEEE Workshop on High Performance Switching and Routing
- COCOON **TPC member.**  
2003 International Conference on Combinatorics and Computing
- NSF Panels **Panelist.**  
Several NSF panels
- 2001–present **Referee.**  
Many professional journals and conferences, including IEEE Transactions on Computers, SIAM Journal on Discrete Mathematics, IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems, IEEE/ACM Transactions on Networking, Journal of Complexity, Theoretical Computer Science, IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Communications, Information Processing Letters, The Computer Journal, IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems, Journal of Combinatorial Optimization, ACM Transactions on Database Systems, ESA, ICC, GlobeCom, COCOON, INFOCOM, SODA, PODS, SIGMOD, ICDT, etc.
- Sporadically **Reviewer.**  
Mathematical Reviews (MathSciNet)

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## Selected Departmental Services

- 2012–2015 **Director of Graduate Studies.**
- 2012–2015 **CSE Executive Committee.**
- 2012–2015 **Alternate Member of SEAS Tenture Committee.**
- 2001–2006 **Graduate Affairs Committee.**  
2007–2012
- 2011–2012 **Faculty Search Committee.**  
2002–2006
- 2006–2007 **Undergraduate Affairs Committee.**
- 2002–2003 **Library Committee.**  
2008–2010

- 2003–2004 **Internship Committee.**  
2004–2005 **Chair of the Colloquium Committee.**  
2001–2002 **Facilities Committee.**

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## Research Supervision

- 2013–2016 **Mahmoud Abo Khamis**, *Ph.D. student*, First employer: LogicBlox.  
Thesis title: “FAQ: Querstions Asked Frequently”
- 2006–2011 **Thanh-Nhan Nguyen**, *Ph.D. student*, First employer: IBM.  
Thesis title: “Algorithms for some Network Design Problems”
- 2006–2011 **Anh N. Le**, *Ph.D. student*, First employer: a startup.  
Thesis title: “On Data Flow Masquerading”
- 2005–2010 **Yang Wang**, *Ph.D. student*, First employer: Google.  
Thesis title: “New Results in the Design and Analysis of Non-blocking Switching Networks”
- 2004–2009 **Duc T. Ha**, *Ph.D. student*, First employer: Sumo Logic.  
Thesis title: “Propagating Malicious Codes: Theory and Experiments”
- 2001–2006 **Dazhen Pan**, *Ph.D. student*, First employer: Microsoft.  
Thesis title: “Complexity and Constructions of WDM Switching Networks”
- 2003–2005 **Tuong Nguyen**, *M.S. student*, Currently with M\_Service JSC, Vietnam.
- 2003–2005 **Harleen Dhillon**, *M.S. student*, Currently Vice President at Ennovance Capital LLC.  
Thesis title: “On reducing control overhead in on-demand multicast routing protocol”
- 2001–2003 **Vikas P. Verma**, *M.S. student*, With FCS Business Solulutions.  
Thesis title: “Distributed Algorithms for Computing Connected Dominating Sets.”
- 2001–2003 **Purnima M. Mavinkurve**, *M.S. student*, First employer: Amazon.  
Thesis title: “Centralized and Distributed Algorithms for Power-Conserving Multicasting in Static Wireless Ad Hoc Networks”

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## Ph.D. Dissertation Committee Member

- 2004 **Xiaojun Cao**, *Advisor: Chunming Qiao*, Defended.
- 2005 **Huaming Zhang**, *Advisor: Xin He*, Defended.
- 2005 **Ramkumar Chinchani**, *Advisor: Shambhu Upadhyaya*, Defended.  
**Sumesh Philip**, *Advisor: Chunming Qiao*, defended May 2005.  
**Xiang Yu**, *Advisor: Chunming Qiao*, Defended.
- 2006 **Guang Xu**, *Advisor: Jinhui Xu*, Defended.
- 2007 **Zhenming Chen**, *Advisor: Jinhui Xu*, Defended.  
**Peng Lin**, *Advisor: Chunming Qiao*, Defended.
- 2008 **S. Vidyaraman**, *Advisor: Shambhu Upadhyaya*, Defended.  
**Yulai Xie**, *Advisor: Jinhui Xu*, Defended.  
**Mingen Lin**, *Advisor: Jinhui Xu*, Defended.
- 2009 **Xuming Lu**, *Advisor: Murat Demirbas*, Defended.  
**Madhusudhanan Chandrasekaran**, *Advisor: Shambhu Upadhyaya*, Defended.  
**Xin Liu**, *Advisor: Chunming Qiao*, Defended.  
**Seokhoon Yoon**, *Advisor: Chunming Qiao*, Defended.  
**Xi Zhang**, *Advisor: Jan Chomicki*, Defended.  
**Sunu Mathew**, *Advisor: Shambhu Upadhyaya*, Defended.
- 2010 **Asheq Khan**, *Advisor: Satish Tripathy*, Defended.  
**Onur Soyol**, *Advisor: Murat Demirbas*, Defended.
- 2011 **Steve Uurtamo**, *Advisor: Atri Rudra*, Defended.  
**Yongding Zhu**, *Advisor: Jinhui Xu*, Defended.

- 2012 **Jia Zhao**, Advisor: Chunming Qiao, Defended.  
**Lei Xu**, Advisor: Jinhui Xu, Defended.
- 2013 **Albert Chen**, Advisor: Jason Corso, Defended.  
**Liang Ge**, Advisor: Aidong Zhang, Defended.  
**Swapnooneel Roy**, Advisor: Atri Rudra, Defended.
- 2014 **Manavender Reddy**, Advisor: Venu Govindaraju, Defended.  
**Caiming Xiong**, Advisor: Jason Corso, Defended.  
**Aditya Wagh**, Advisor: Chunming Qiao, Defended.  
**Utkarsh Porwal**, Advisor: Venu Govindaraju, Defended.  
**Dung Nguyen**, Advisor: Alan Selman, Defended.  
**Hu Ding**, Advisor: Jinhui Xu, Defended.
- 2015 **Zilong Ye**, Advisor: Chunming Qiao, Defended.  
**Arti Shivram**, Advisor: Venu Govindaraju, Defended.  
**Yingbo Zhou**, Advisor: Venu Govindaraju, Defended.
- 2016 **Jiun-Jie Wang**, Advisor: Roger He, Defended.  
**Vishrawas Gopalakrishnan**, Advisor: Aidong Zhang, Defended.  
**Devansh Arpit**, Advisor: Venu Govindaraju, Defended.  
**Qi Li**, Advisor: Jing Gao, Defended.

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## M.S. Thesis Committee Member

- 2003 **Ranjani Sridharan**, Advisor: Ramalingam Sridhar, Defended.  
2004 **Aarthie Muthukrishnan**, Advisor: Shambhu Upadhyaya, Defended.  
2005 **Aruna Balasubramanian**, Advisor: Ramalingam Sridhar, Defended.  
2005 **Madhusudhanan Chandrasekaran**, Advisor: Shambhu Upadhyaya, Defended.

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## Grant Support

- 2014–2018 **National Science Foundation (NSF)**, Proposal # *CNF-1409551*, **PI**, \$1,215,973.  
“TWC: **Medium**: Collaborative: Data is Social: Exploiting Data Relationships to Detect Insider Attacks.” (UB co-PIs: Varun Chandola, Oliver Kennedy, Shambhu Uphadyaya. Michigan co-PI: XuanLong Nguyen.) UB’s share \$975,999.00. 2014–2018
- 2013–2016 **National Science Foundation (NSF)**, Proposal # *CCF-1319402*, **PI**, \$499,999.  
“AF:III:Small:Collaborative Research: New Frontiers in Join Algorithms: Optimality, Noise, and Richer Languages.” (UB Co-PI: Atri Rudra, Stanford Co-PI: Chris Ré.) UB’s share \$326,101.00.
- 2012–2015 **National Science Foundation (NSF)**, Proposal # *CCF-1161196*, **co-PI**, \$1,199,230.  
“AF: **Medium**: Collaborative Research: Sparse Approximation: Theory and Extensions.” (Lead PI: Anna Gilbert, Michigan; UB’s co-PI: Atri Rudra, Rutgers’s co-PI: Muthu Muthukrishnan). UB’s share \$305,467.
- 2004–2009 **National Science Foundation (NSF)**, Proposal # *CCF-0347565*, **PI**, \$409,999.  
“CAREER: Designs and Analyses of WDM Switching Architectures.”
- 2004–2006 **The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)**, **co-PI**, \$1,292,295.  
“Mitigating the Insider Threat using High-dimensional Search and Modeling.” (Lead PI: Eric Van Den Berg, Telcordia Technologies; UB’s PI: Shambhu Upadhyaya. We were a subcontractor from Telcordia. The other subcontractor is R. Maxion, CMU.) UB’s share \$ 255,862.
- 2012–2013 **Gift from LogicBlox Inc.**, \$35,000.

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## Selected Invited Talks

- PODS 2018 **Gems of PODS**, *Worst-case Optimal Join Algorithms: Techniques, Results, and Open Problems*.  
The 37th Symposium on Principles of Database Systems. Houston, TX, U.S.A.

- AMW 2018 **Keynote**, *Worst-case Optimal Join Algorithms: Techniques, Results, and Open Problems*.  
The 12th Alberto Mendelzon International Workshop on Foundations of Data Management, Cali,  
Colombia, May 22–25, 2018.
- Oxford 2017 **Information Systems Seminar**, *Disjunctive Datalog, Shannon-type Inequalities, and Sub-  
modular Width*.  
Department of Computer Science, Oxford University, UK. Fall 2017.
- HIGHLIGHTS **Keynote**, *Disjunctive Datalog, Shannon-type Inequalities, and Submodular Width*.  
2017 Highlights of Logic, Games, and Automata, Sep 2017, London, U.K.
- Stanford 2017 **Logic Group Seminar**, *Functional Aggregate Queries are FAQs*.  
Computer Science Department, Stanford University, Spring 2017.
- Berkeley 2017 **RISE Lab Seminar**, *Way Beyond Worst-Case Optimal Algorithms*.  
Computer Science and Engineering, UC Berkeley, Spring 2017.
- UCSD 2016 **Database Seminar**, *Functional Aggregate Queries Asked Frequently*.  
Department of Computer Science, UCSD, Spring 2016.
- Wisconsin **Database Seminar**, *Functional Aggregate Queries Asked Frequently*.  
2016 Department of Computer Science, University of Wisconsin at Madison, Spring 2016.
- Oxford 2015 **Database and Knowledge Representation Seminar**, *Functional Aggregate Queries Asked  
Frequently*.  
Department of Computer Science, Oxford University, UK. Fall 2015.