

# Andrew Woods

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Personal Details

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### Education

2003–2006 **BSc(Eng)**, *Electrical and Computer Engineering*, University of Cape Town.  
*First Class Honours*  
2007–2009 **MSc(Eng)**, *Electrical Engineering*, University of Cape Town.  
*Expected to graduate first half of 2010*

#### Undergraduate Dissertation

title *An FX Software Correlator for the Karoo Array Telescope Project*  
supervisors Prof. Michael Inggs, Dr Alan Langman and Dr Marc Welz

#### Postgraduate Dissertation

title *Accelerating Radio Astronomy Correlation with FPGA and GPU Hardware*  
supervisors Prof. Michael Inggs and Dr Alan Langman

### Experience

#### Vocational

2009 – present **Research Scientist.**  
Centre for High Performance Computing, CSIR  
Responsibilities include: investigation and application development using reconfigurable computing and GPU hardware; undergraduate student supervision and laboratory administration.

## Research Experience

- 2007 – 2008 **Graduate Student**, Prof. Michael Inggs and Dr Alan Langman.  
Karoo Array Telescope and Department of Electrical Engineering, UCT  
*Investigations into the use of high performance reconfigurable computing, GPUs and high performance computing for signal processing applications for the Karoo Array Telescope.*
- March – May 2007 **Visiting Student Researcher**, Dr Mark Parsons and Dr Rob Baxter.  
Edinburgh Parallel Computing Centre, University of Edinburgh  
*Implementation and analysis of radio astronomy signal processing algorithms on a cluster reconfigurable computer.*
- 2008 – 2009 **Student Researcher**, Prof. Michael Inggs and Dr Jeff Chen.  
Centre for High Performance Computing, CSIR and Department of Electrical Engineering, UCT  
*Developing signal processing applications for the Karoo Array Telescope using FPGA, GPU and computing clusters.*

## Teaching Experience

- 2008 **Teaching Assistant**, for Dr Craig Steffen (NCSA, University of Illinois).  
NCSA Reconfigurable Computing Course, hosted at CHPC, Cape Town
- 2009 **Teaching Assistant**, for Prof. Kunle Olukotun (Departments of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Stanford University).  
Stanford Parallel Computing Architecture and Programming Course, hosted at CHPC, Cape Town

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## Technical Competencies

### Software Technical Experience

programming languages	C/C++, Python, Java (J2SE, J2ME)
engineering	CUDA, VHDL, Verilog, MATLAB, Simulink, Altera Quartus, Xilinx ISE
open source	Linux, POSIX API, MySQL, PHP
standards	OpenMP, MPI, XHTML, XML, XSL
software engineering	UML
microsoft	.NET Framework
preferred development environment	Unix-like systems

### Hardware Technical Experience

microprocessors	ARM9, Motorola 68HC05, MIPS32, x86, POWER
fpga	Altera Cyclone II, Xilinx Virtex 4
other architectures	Nvidia GPUs (CUDA), IBM Cell BE

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## Workshops and Conferences Attended

### Poster Presentations

- 2008 "Reconfigurable Computing Implementation of a Astronomy Accelerator"  
International Supercomputer Conference  
*Dresden, Germany, 17-20 June*
- 2009 "Accelerating a Software Radio Astronomy Correlator using FPGA co-processors"  
Symposium on Application Accelerators in High-Performance Computing  
*NCSA, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, USA, 28-30 July*

### Attended

- 2007 Manchester Reconfigurable Supercomputing Conference  
*The University of Manchester, Manchester, UK*  
EPCC Parallel Programming Workshop  
*University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK*  
Centre for High Performance Computing (CHPC) National Meeting  
*Cape Town*  
SA SKA Postgraduate Bursary Conference  
*Cape Town 26-30 November*  
IBM Cell Broadband Engine Architecture Workshop  
*Cape Town*
- 2008 International Supercomputer Conference  
*Dresden, Germany, 17-20 June*  
SA SKA Postgraduate Bursary Conference  
*Stellenbosch 1-5 December*
- 2009 Symposium on Application Accelerators in High-Performance Computing  
*NCSA, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, USA, 28-30 July*  
Many-Core Programming Summer School  
*NCSA, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, USA, 10-14 August, presented by Dr David Kirk and Prof. Wen-Mei Hwu*  
CHPC Parallel Programming Workshop  
*CHPC, 5-7 October, presented by Prof. Dongarra, University of Tennessee*  
Centre for High Performance Computing (CHPC) National Meeting  
*Johannesburg, 7-9 December*

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## Honours and Awards

- 2003–2005 Dean's Merit List  
Award is eligible for students in the first 3 years of study when "academic performance over the year is meritorious".
- 2006 Graduated with First Class Honours  
Averaging 75% or greater throughout undergraduate degree
- 2007–2008 Karoo Array Telescope M.Sc. Bursary
- 2008 UCT Postgraduate Scholarship

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## References

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