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With over 20 years of software engineering experience, Chris has developed tools in a variety of domains, most notably algorithmic music composition and computer-aided musicology. Prior to joining Research Affiliates, he was a visiting assistant professor of music at MIT, assistant editor of the Computer Music Journal, and assistant professor of recording arts and music technology at Towson University.

Chris has a BA in music with honors from Harvard University and an MA and PhD in music theory and composition from New York University.