

# UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

## *Defense of a Master's Thesis*

*A Comparative Study of Formal Verification Techniques  
for Authentication Protocols*

by

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*This thesis presents a comparative study of formal verification tools for security protocols for their respective strengths and weaknesses supported by the results from several case studies. Models of well-known security protocols are formalized and verified using explicit model checking (SPIN), symbolic analysis (Proverif), and theorem proving (Coq).*

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