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## Education

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- 08/2018 – **Carnegie Mellon University** **Pittsburgh, PA, USA**  
06/2024 Ph.D. in Human-Computer Interaction  
(expected) School of Computer Science  
Thesis: *Discovering the Right Human Experiences to Design with Artificial Intelligence*  
Advisors: John Zimmerman and James McCann  
Committee: Jodi Forlizzi (HCI Institute), Kayur Patel (Apple AI/ML)
- 06/2007 – **Middle East Technical University** **Ankara, Turkey**  
09/2014 M.Sc. in Industrial Design (Informatics track)  
B.ID. in Industrial Design  
Graduated with Honors

## Experience

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- 06/2022 – **Google People + AI Research** **Cambridge, MA, USA**  
08/2022 Research Intern (Mentors: Fernanda Viegas, Martin Wattenberg)  
Investigated how practitioners use the People + AI Guidebook in AI projects. Conducted interviews with designers and product managers (30+ participants) across 14 organizations. Performed qualitative analysis of transcripts. Project resulted in a CHI 2023 publication.
- 03/2020 – **Accenture Technology Labs** **Remote**  
02/2021 Research Lead on Sponsored Research (Mentors: Alex Kass, Teresa Tung)  
Led Accenture-CMU collaborative research project investigating how design practitioners effectively envision AI innovations. Conducted co-design workshops with cross-functional AI teams (20+ participants). Performed qualitative analysis of transcripts. Project resulted in a CHI 2022 publication.
- 06/2011 – **Designnobilis** **Ankara, Turkey**  
07/2018 Industrial Designer  
Managed projects ranging from consumer electronics to assistive robots, microfluidics, transportation, lighting and toys. Shipped 25+ products along with several patents and design awards.

## Peer-Reviewed Conference Publications

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- [C.4] **Nur Yildirim**, Mahima Pushkarna, Nitesh Goyal, Martin Wattenberg, Fernanda Viegas. Investigating How Practitioners Use Human-AI Guidelines: A Case Study on the People + AI Guidebook. (*to appear at CHI2023*)
- [C.3] **Nur Yildirim**, Alex Kass, Teresa Tung, Connor Upton, Donnacha Costello, Robert Giusti, Sinem Lacin, Sara Lovic, James O'Neill, Rudi O'Reilly Meehan, Eoin Ó Loideáin, Azzurra Pini, Medb Corcoran, Jeremiah Hayes, Diarmuid Cahalane, Gaurav Shivhare, Luigi Castoro, Giovanni Caruso, Changhoon Oh, James McCann, Jodi Forlizzi, John Zimmerman. How Experienced Designers of Enterprise Applications Engage AI as a Design Material. In *Proceedings of the 2022 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI'22)*. New Orleans, LA, USA.
- [C.2] **Nur Yildirim**, Matthew Franklin, Daniel Zeng, John Zimmerman, James McCann. metaSVG: A Portable Exchange Format for Adaptable Laser Cutting Plans. In *Proceedings of the 2022 Graphics Interface Conference (GI'22)*. Montreal, Canada.
- [C.1] **Nur Yildirim**, James McCann, John Zimmerman. 2020. Digital Fabrication Tools at Work: Probing Professionals' Current Needs and Desired Futures. In *Proceedings of the 2020 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI'20)*. Honolulu, HI, USA.

## Workshop, Symposia, and Extended Abstracts

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- [W.3] **Nur Yildirim**. 2022. Emergent HCI Approaches to Envisioning with Generative AI Capabilities. In *Joint Proceedings of CHI '22 Workshop on Generative AI and HCI*. New Orleans, LA, USA.
- [W.2] **Nur Yildirim**. 2022. Developing Design Tools to Support Envisioning with Data and AI. In *Joint Proceedings of CHI '22 Workshop on InContext: Futuring User-Experience Design Tools*. New Orleans, LA, USA.
- [W.1] **Nur Yildirim**, John Zimmerman, Sarah Preum. 2021. Technical Feasibility, Financial Viability, and Clinician Acceptance: On the many challenges to AI in Clinical Practice. In *Proceedings of The AAAI 2021 Fall Symposium on Human Partnership with Medical Artificial Intelligence*. Virtual Event.

## Journal Publications and Book Chapters

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- [J.2] Jodi Forlizzi, Qian Yang, Changhoon Oh, **Nur Yildirim**, John Zimmerman. Designing AI Products and Services: Benefits, Challenges, and Ideas for Improving Design Practice. To appear in *the Human-Centered Machine Learning book*.
- [J.1] **Nur Yildirim**. 2019. Marker Rendering Techniques. In *Creative Sketching in Product Design*. Ed. Shijian, L., Qiumei, L. SendPoints Publishing, Hong Kong.

## Magazine Articles

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- [M.1] John Zimmerman, Changhoon Oh, **Nur Yildirim**, Alex Kass, Teresa Tung, Jodi Forlizzi. 2021. UX Designers Pushing AI in the Enterprise: A Case for Adaptive UIs. *Interactions* 28, 1 (December 2020), 72-77.

## Invited Talks

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- 2022 **Envisioning AI Products with AI Capabilities + Examples**  
Microsoft Research Metaphors for Human-AI Interaction Workshop (Invited Talk)  
Host: Siân Lindley (MSR Cambridge, UK)
- 2022 **AI Design Sprints: Facilitating Collective Ideation of Human-Centered AI Products**  
Google (Invited Talk)  
Host: Clara Kliman-Silver, Tiffany Knearem (Material Design)
- 2019 **Design Sketching Workshop**  
College of Design, University of Minnesota  
Host: Barry Kudrowitz

## Awards and Honors

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- 2022 **Center for Machine Learning and Health**, Translational Fellowship in Digital Health
- 2021 **CRA-W Graduate Cohort for Women**
- 2012 **International Design Awards**, Emerging Designer of the Year
- 2007-2011 **Undergraduate Scholarship Award** Community Volunteers Foundation

## Teaching

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- 2022 **05-410/05-610 User-Centered Research and Evaluation (TA)**  
Carnegie Mellon University, School of Computer Science  
Instructors: Raelin Musuraca and Aniket Kittur
- 2021 **05-674/17-200 Ethics and Policy Issues in Computing (TA)**  
Carnegie Mellon University, School of Computer Science  
Instructors: James Herbsleb and Laura Dabbish

## Service

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- 2022-2023 **Associate Chair**  
CHI 2023, DIS 2023, DIS 2022
- 2022 **Workshop Team Leader**  
OurCS Women in Tech Event for Undergraduates
- 2022 **Programme Committee Member**  
ACM CUI Short Papers
- Since 2020 **Reviewer**  
ACM CHI, DIS, HRI, CSCW, UIST
- 2020-2021 **Mentor**  
CMU Graduate Application Assistance  
CMU AI Mentoring Program

## References

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### **John Zimmerman (Advisor)**

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### **James McCann (Co-Advisor)**

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### **Jodi Forlizzi**

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### **Alex Kass**

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