

# Frederick Hohman

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## Education

Present —  
Aug. 2015

### **Ph.D. Computational Science and Engineering**

*Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA*

Advisor: Polo Chau, Co-advisor: Alex Endert

Research interests: Explainable artificial intelligence, visual analytics, machine learning, deep learning

Overall GPA: 4.00/4.00

May 2015 —  
Aug. 2011

### **B.S. Mathematics**, Area of Emphasis in Applied Mathematics

### **B.S. Physics**

*University of Georgia, Athens, GA*

Thesis: "3D Printing the Trefoil Knot and its Pages"

Overall GPA: 3.84/4.00, Magna Cum Laude

## Research Experience

Present —  
Aug. 2016

### **Georgia Institute of Technology**, Atlanta, GA

*Graduate Research Assistant, School of Computational Science and Engineering*

Member of the Polo Club of Data Science where we bridge data mining and machine learning techniques with principles from human-computer interaction and visualization to make interactive tools to help people understand and explore big data.

Summer 2017

### **NASA Jet Propulsion Lab (JPL)**, Pasadena, CA

*Creative Computer Scientist, Data Visualization Program*

Intensive joint summer program between NASA JPL, Caltech, and Art Center creating interactive data visualizations for current scientific research.

Summer 2016

### **Pacific Northwest National Lab**, Richland, WA

*National Security Ph.D. Intern, Data Science and Analytics Group*

Project: Understanding Deep Learning Models Via Visualization

Developed Python code using Keras to generate images from deep neural networks to explore image classifiers' ability to learn semantics.

May 2016 —  
Aug. 2015

### **Georgia Institute of Technology**, Atlanta, GA

*Graduate Research Assistant, School of Computational Science and Engineering*

Project: Material Informatics

Built data-driven surrogate model for computationally expensive material grain growth simulations. Created property-structure linkages using machine learning pipeline to predict material properties. Contributed to direction and code repository of PyMKS package: Materials Knowledge Systems in Python.

May 2015 —  
Jan. 2013

## **University of Georgia, Athens, GA**

*Undergraduate Researcher, Department of Mathematics*

Undergraduate Thesis: "3D Printing the Trefoil Knot and its Pages"

Exploring 3D printing in topology. Programmed, designed, and 3D printed 34-piece, color-coordinated, and magnetized 3D puzzle of the trefoil knot fibration illustrating an open-book decomposition. Led 3D printing research and education in UGA mathematics department. Open-sourced and wrote about work (16,000+ views) and 3D printed models (11,000+ views, 2500+ downloads).

Summer 2014

## **NSF REU in Mathematics and Computational Science, Fairfield, CT**

*Undergraduate Researcher, Fairfield University, Department of Engineering*

Project: Experimental and Numerical Comparison of Oceanic Overflow

Compared numerical solutions derived from the Navier-Stokes equations to designed lab-scale experiments to model specific ocean phenomena. Configured MIT General Circulation Model on computer cluster to parallel compute numerical simulations and created scientific data visualizations for interpretation.

## Honors and Awards

2017	Best Demo, Honorable Mention at ACM SIGMOD/PODS Conference
2015-2019	President's Fellowship at Georgia Institute of Technology
2015	Outstanding Poster at JMM Undergraduate Poster Session in Computational Math
2015	UGA CURO Research Graduation Distinction
2014	UGA CURO Research Assistantship
2013	Presidential Scholar
2011-2015	Dean's List
2011-2015	Georgia HOPE Scholarship
2011	Mission of Blessed Trinity: Artistic Sensibility (one of two students to receive upon graduation)
2009	Eagle Scout Award

## Publications

**mHealth Visual Discovery Dashboard.** Dezhi Fang, Fred Hohman, Peter Polack, Hillol Sarker, Minsuk Kahng, Moushumi Sharmin, Mustafa al'Absi, Duen Horng Chau. *Demo, ACM International Joint Conference on Pervasive and Ubiquitous Computing (UBICOMP)*. Sept 11-15, 2017. Maui, USA.

**Keeping the Bad Guys Out: Protecting and Vaccinating Deep Learning with JPEG Compression.** Nilaksh Das, Madhuri Shanbhogue, Shang-Tse Chen, Fred Hohman, Li Chen, Michael E. Kounavis, Duen Horng Chau. *arXiv:1705.02900*. May 8, 2017.

**Visual Graph Query Construction and Refinement.** Robert Pienta, Fred Hohman, Acar Tamersoy, Alex Endert, Shamkant Navathe, Hanghang Tong, Duen Horn Chau. *Demo, ACM International Conference on Management of Data (SIGMOD/PODS) Conference*. May 14-19, 2017. Chicago, USA. *Best Demo, Honorable Mention*.

**ShapeShop: Towards Understanding Deep Learning Representations via Interactive Experimentation.** Fred Hohman, Nathan Hodas, Duen Horng Chau. *Late-Breaking Work, ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI)*. May 6-11, 2017. Denver, CO, USA.

**Experimental and Numerical Comparison of Oceanic Overflow.** Thomas Gibson, Fred Hohman, Theresa Morrison, Shanon Reckinger, Scott Reckinger. *Abstract, American Physical Society Division of Fluid Dynamics.* Nov 23-25, 2014. San Francisco, CA, USA.

## Presentations

### **"Visualizing Learned Semantics with Deep Learning"**

Nov. 2016 Georgia Tech. Ph.D. Qualifying Oral Exam.

### **"Drawing Semantics with Deep Learning"**

July 2016 Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. National Security Internship Program Research Symposium.

### **"3D Printing The Trefoil Knot And Its Pages"**

Mar. 2015 UGA Center for Undergraduate Research Symposium. Hands on demo.

### **"Experimental and Numerical Studies of Oceanic Overflow"**

June 2015 American Meteorological Society's 20th Conference on Atmospheric and Oceanic Fluid Dynamics.

Jan. 2015 Joint Mathematics Meeting. Outstanding Poster at Student Poster Session in Computational Math.

Nov. 2014 American Physical Society Division of Fluid Dynamics.

Aug. 2014 Invited and presented on behalf at Brown University, Los Alamos National Lab.

July 2014 Northeast REU Mini-Conference at Yale University.

July 2014 University of Rhode Island Bay Campus.

### **"3D Printing in Topology"**

Mar. 2014 UGA Center for Undergraduate Research Symposium. Hands on demo.

## Press

Sept. 2015 "Georgia Tech PhD Student Puts Finishing Touches on 3D Printed Trumpety Trefoil." 3dprint.com.

2015 "Student Profile: Fred Hohman." 2015 UGA Mathematics Department Newsletter.

Feb. 2015 "Falling Water." MITgcm.org.

Dec. 2014 "Mathematics/Physics Student Creates 3D Printed Puzzle of Trefoil Knot, Catches Mathematical Community's Interest." 3dprint.com.

July 2014 "Day 311 - Trefoil Trumpet." Makerhome.com.

April 2014 "Mathematics with 3D Printing". Sketches of Topology.

## Teaching

### **Graduate Teaching Assistant**

Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA

Assisted in teaching and administration for Data and Visual Analytics (CSE 6242), a graduate course with 225+ students enrolled.

### **Student Notetaker**

University of Georgia, Athens, GA

Generated notes for undergraduate mathematics and physics courses for students with disabilities.

2012 **Tutor**  
*University of Georgia, Athens, GA*  
Specialized in tutoring calculus to undergraduates.

## Design

2017 **Brad Myers Advisee Tree**  
*ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI), Denver, CO*  
Designed and implemented an interactive visualization of Brad Myers's advisee tree shown during his CHI 2017 Lifetime Research Award talk. Designed accompanying ribbon worn by attendees at the conference.

2014 **3D Printed Cube Decomposition Trophy**  
*University of Georgia Mathematics Department, Athens, GA*  
Designed, modeled, and 3D printed cube decomposition trophy for annual UGA High School Math Tournament that was given to the top scoring teams and participants.

2014 **3D Printed UGA Keychain**  
*University of Georgia Lamar Dodd School of Art, Athens, GA*  
Created 3D printed UGA keychain and presentation notes given at Experience UGA: a interdisciplinary event that exposes middle-school and high-school students to hands-on learning activities.

## Technology Skills

**OS:** Mac OS X, Ubuntu, Unix Command Line, Windows

**Programming:** Python, Matlab, Mathematica, C

**Web:** HTML, CSS, JavaScript, D3, SQL, Bootstrap,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , Markdown, Jekyll, Git

**Graphics:** Affinity Designer, Pixelmator, Matplotlib, Blender, Keynote, Meshlab, MakerBot Desktop

**HCI:** Contextual Inquiry, Think-Alouds, User Personas, Rapid Paper Prototyping, Affinity Diagraming

## Professional Activities

### Reviewer

IEEE Visual Analytics Science and Technology (**VAST**) 2017

ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (**KDD**) 2017

IEEE International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems (**ICDCS**) 2017

SIAM International Conference on Data Mining (**SDM**) 2017

ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (**CHI**) 2017

### Member

2016-Present Association for Computing Machinery (**ACM**)

2016-Present Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (**IEEE**)

2012-2015 UGA Mathematics Club

2012-2013 Society of Physics Students, UGA Chapter (**SPS**)

2011-2015 National Society of Collegiate Scholars (**NSCS**)

## References

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