

Ulrik Lyngs

Curriculum vitae

Personal summary

I am a computer scientist and cognitive psychologist, researching design interventions for supporting self-control over digital device use. My research combines qualitative and quantitative methods, including surveys, interviews, behaviour logging, and web scraping.

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Selected publications

K. Lukoff, **U. Lyngs**, S. Gueorguieva, E. S. Dillman, A. Hiniker, S. A. Munson (2020). [From Ancient Contemplative Practice to the App Store: Designing a Digital Container for Mindfulness](#) Proceedings of the 2020 ACM conference on Designing Interactive Systems

U. Lyngs, K. Lukoff, P. Slovak, W. Seymour, H. Webb, M. Jirotko, J. Zhao, M. Van Kleek, N. Shadbolt (2020). [‘I Just Want to Hack Myself to Not Get Distracted’: Evaluating Design Interventions for Self-Control on Facebook](#)¹ Proceedings of the 2020 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems

U. Lyngs, K. Lukoff, P. Slovak, R. Binns, A. Slack, M. Inzlicht, M. Van Kleek, N. Shadbolt (2019). [Self-Control in Cyberspace: Applying Dual Systems Theory to a Review of Digital Self-Control Tools](#)² Proceedings of the 2019 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems 🏆 *Honourable Mention*

R. Binns, **U. Lyngs**, M. Van Kleek, J. Zhao, T. Libert, N. Shadbolt (2018). [Third party tracking in the mobile ecosystem](#)³ Proceedings of the 2018 ACM Web Science Conference 🏆 *Best Paper*

U. Lyngs, R. Binns, M. Van Kleek, N. Shadbolt (2018). [So, Tell Me What Users Want, What They Really, Really Want!](#)⁴ Proceedings of the 2018 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems

R. Binns, M. Van Kleek, M. Veale, **U. Lyngs**, J. Zhao, N. Shadbolt (2018). [It’s Reducing a Human Being to a Percentage’: Perceptions of Justice in Algorithmic Decisions](#)⁵ Proceedings of the 2018 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems

U. Lyngs, R. McKay (2017). [‘It’s More Fun With My Phone’: A Replication Study of Cell Phone Presence and Task Performance](#)⁶ Proceedings of the 39th Annual Conference of the Cognitive Science Society

Education

- 2016 — DPhil in Computer Science, University of Oxford
- 2012 — MSc in Cognitive and Evolutionary Anthropology, University of Oxford
- 2011 — MA in the Study of Religion & Cognitive Psychology, Aarhus University
- 2007 — BA in the Study of Religion & Psychology, Aarhus University

Technical skills

- *Programming, data analysis and visualisation* in R (tidyverse), Python, and D3.js
- *Reproducible research with dynamic documents/literate programming* in R Markdown (bookdown, xaringan, pagedown) + LaTeX + HTML
- *Web development* (HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Hugo, blogdown, Jekyll, GitHub Pages, Netlify)

Software

- 2019 **oxforddown**⁷, R package for writing Oxford University theses in R Markdown
- 2019 **pagedown-cv**⁸, R package for dynamically generating a CV with 4 output formats using **pagedown** for R Markdown
- 2018 Dashboard for visualising Facebook use⁹, developed with R, shiny, and **flexdashboard**, for CHI’20 study.
- 2018 **chi20-papers-rmarkdown**¹⁰, **chi-proc-rmd-template**¹¹ and **chi-ea-template**¹², R packages for writing ACM CHI conference submissions in R Markdown

Selected work experience

- 2020 — present **Data Scientist and Digital Humanities Consultant**
Śākta Traditions [13](#), University of Oxford
I provide practical support and consultancy on natural language processing methods for analysis and visualisation of large text corpora, using reproducible workflows in R Markdown.
- 2019 **R Markdown Instructor**
TIER Faculty Development Workshop [14](#), St. Anne's College, University of Oxford
Taught a 2-day master class in Reproducible Research to 20+ research staff and faculty from research institutions across Europe.
- 2013 **Festival Producer and Manager**
— Institute of Art and Ideas, London
- 2016 Generated ideas and wrote programme copy for 250+ panel debates for the internationally renowned philosophy and music festival *HowTheLightGetsIn* [15](#); interviewed (600+) and booked (150+) speakers, including Cory Doctorow, Aubrey de Grey, and Simon Baron-Cohen; led and managed a research team of two full-time and music team of three full-time staff.

Selected grants and awards

- 2020 MPLS Impact Awards 2020 [16](#):
Commendation Certificate for the *Reducing Digital Distraction* workshop, Mathematical, Physical and Life Sciences Division, University of Oxford
- 2019 EPSRC Doctoral Prize [17](#), 6 months of funding to continue my PhD research
- 2019 Best Talk Award, 2019 Oxford Computer Science Conference, University of Oxford
- 2018 Best Paper Award, 10th ACM Conference on Web Science, Amsterdam
- 2018 Student Research Competition Grant, ACM CHI'18
- 2017 DOMUS Prize for Outstanding Research Communication, Linacre College, University of Oxford
- 2017 Workshop Grant, Designing for Curiosity, ACM CHI'17
- 2017 Student Research Competition Grant, ACM CHI'17

Professional development

- 2018 Invited participant at the Global Dialogue for Happiness, World Government Summit [18](#), Dubai
- 2017 Leading for Impact [19](#) fellowship, 4-month leadership training programme at Saïd Business School, University of Oxford

Media coverage

- 2018 Our paper 'Third Party Tracking in the Mobile Ecosystem' covered in the Financial Times [20](#), BBC [21](#), The Times [22](#), Business Insider [23](#), and more

Selected talks

- 2020 *What Can Digital Humanities Offer Hindu Studies?*, Online lecture series (6 videos) [24](#) for a general audience, Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies, University of Oxford
- 2020 *'I Just Want to Hack Myself to Not Get Distracted': Evaluating Design Interventions for Self-Control on Facebook*, University of Washington DUB Shorts [25](#)
- 2020 *Digital Wellbeing in Practice: Designing for Digital Self-Control*, Google Digital Wellbeing [26](#) Team
- 2019 *Psychology and Futurity*, Roundtable discussion on mental health at Futures Thinking Conference [27](#), Wolfson College, University of Oxford
- 2019 *Q&A: Self-Control in Cyberspace*, Best of CHI2019, IIT Bombay, Mumbai (videolink)
- 2018 *So, Tell Me What Users Want, What They Really, Really Want!*, AI, Society, and the Media [28](#), BBC Radio Theatre, New Broadcasting House, London

Personal skills & volunteering

- 2017 — **Founding Band Member**
The Karaoke Collective [29](#)
- present Inventor, MC and drummer; the KC is a group of seasoned musicians in Oxford and London blending the fun of karaoke with the magic of a live band.
- 2017 — **Computer Science Ambassador**
Dept. of Computer Science, University of Oxford
- 2019 I gave regular talks about my group's and my personal research to 14-18 year old students from UK schools visiting the Computer Science Department
- 2013 — **Interview Coach**
Oxbridge Interviews, Oxfizz [30](#)
- 2016 Provided interview training for 30+ teenagers from families not traditionally going to university wishing to apply to Oxford or Cambridge.

Links

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12. <https://github.com/ulyngs/chi-ea-rmd-template>↵
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14. <https://www.projecttier.org/fellowships-and-workshops/faculty-development-workshops/>↵
15. <https://howthelightgetsin.org/>↵
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20. <https://ig.ft.com/mobile-app-data-trackers/>↵
21. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-45952466>↵
22. <https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/personal-data-harvesting-by-mobile-phone-apps-is-out-of-control-pb2m2kwkj>↵
23. <https://www.businessinsider.com/google-and-facebook-big-data-apps-oxford-study-finds-2018-10?r=UK&IR=T>↵
24. https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLkIUogDmN_nAEqQphmDffOMBP5ljN-jXA↵
25. <https://dub.washington.edu/seminar.html>↵
26. <https://wellbeing.google>↵
27. <https://www.torch.ox.ac.uk/event/futures-thinking-conference-details>↵
28. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/academy/en/events/evt20180704115336827>↵
29. <https://karaokecollective.com>↵
30. <https://oxfizz.org/>↵