

Catherine Yeh

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Education

Harvard University

PH.D. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE WITH MASTERS IN PASSING

Boston, MA

2022 - present

Advisors: Martin Wattenberg, Fernanda Viégas

Research Interests: Visualization, Interpretability, Human-AI Interaction

Williams College

B.A. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE & COGNITIVE SCIENCE

Williamstown, MA

2018 - 2022

Advisor: Iris Howley – Thesis: [Toward an Empirical Framework for Post-hoc Explainable AI](#)

Graduated Summa Cum Laude (top 2% of class) with Highest Honors in Computer Science

Research Experience

Industry

Adobe Research – STORIE Lab

Seattle, WA

Summer 2025

RESEARCH SCIENTIST INTERN

Mentors: Bryan Wang, Anh Truong, Mira Dontcheva

Designed a video authoring tool to help creators craft compelling video stories by blending captured and generative media.

Apple Research – Human-Centered Machine Intelligence Group

Seattle, WA

Summer 2024

RESEARCH INTERN

Mentors: Fred Hohman, Donghao Ren, Yannick Assogba, Dominik Moritz

Developed a visual, human-in-the-loop data augmentation tool for increasing data diversity in text datasets.

Microsoft Research – Human Understanding & Empathy Group

Redmond, WA

Summer 2023

RESEARCH INTERN

Mentors: Gonzalo Ramos, Rachel Ng

Designed a personalized environment to preserve agency and ownership while writing with large language models.

Adobe Research – Media Intelligence Lab

San Jose, CA

Summer 2022

RESEARCH SCIENTIST INTERN

Mentors: Franck Dernoncourt, Nedim Lipka

Developed prototypes showcasing vision for the next-gen document reader.

Microsoft Research – Productivity & Intelligence Group

Redmond, WA

Summer 2021

RESEARCH INTERN

Mentors: Jenna Butler, Christian Bird

Built self-reflection chatbot and personalized dashboards for studying hybrid workforce productivity and well-being.

Academic

Harvard University – Insight & Interaction Lab

Boston, MA

2022 - present

GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Advisors: Martin Wattenberg, Fernanda Viégas

Designing visualization-driven interfaces and techniques to support model interpretability and enable more productive, safe, and creative human-AI interactions.

Williams College – Computation² Lab

Williamstown, MA

2021-2022

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Advisor: Molly Feldman

Studied and developed guidelines for replicability in human-computer interaction research.

Williams College – Human-AI Interaction Lab

Williamstown, MA

2019-2022

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Advisor: Iris Howley

Studied knowledge tracing algorithms and developed a novel, evidence-based framework for explainable AI.

Williams College – Concepts & Categories Lab

Williamstown, MA

2018-2019

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Advisor: Safa Zaki

Designed eye-tracking experiments to study cognitive learning strategies in categorization tasks.

Publications

Conference *denotes equal contribution

C5 Story Ribbons: Reimagining Storyline Visualizations with Large Language Models

Catherine Yeh, Tara Menon, Robin Singh Arya, Helen He, Moira Weigel, Fernanda Viégas, Martin Wattenberg
IEEE Visualization Conference (VIS), 2025.

[Paper](#) •  Best Paper Honorable Mention

C4 Chronotome: Real-Time Topic Modeling for Streaming Embedding Spaces

Matte Lim*, Catherine Yeh*, Martin Wattenberg, Fernanda Viégas, Panagiotis Michalatos
IEEE Visualization Conference (VIS), 2025.

[Paper](#) •  Best Paper Honorable Mention

C3 Exploring Empty Spaces: Human-in-the-Loop Data Augmentation

Catherine Yeh, Donghao Ren, Yannick Assogba, Dominik Moritz, Fred Hohman
ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI), 2025.

[Paper](#) •  Best Paper Honorable Mention

C2 AttentionViz: A Global View of Transformer Attention

Catherine Yeh, Yida Chen, Aoyu Wu, Cynthia Chen, Fernanda Viégas, Martin Wattenberg
IEEE Visualization Conference (VIS), 2023.

[Paper](#)

C1 Designing for Student Understanding of Learning Analytics Algorithms

Catherine Yeh, Noah Cowit, Iris Howley
International Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Education (AIED), 2023.

[Paper](#)

Workshop

W3 What Kind of User Are You? Uncovering User Models in LLM Chatbots

Yida Chen, Aoyu Wu, Trevor DePodesta, Catherine Yeh, Lena Armstrong, Kenneth Li, Nicholas Castillo Marin, Oam Patel, Jan Riecke, Shivam Raval, Olivia Seow, Martin Wattenberg, Fernanda Viégas
ICML Actionable Interpretability Workshop (AIW), 2025

[Paper](#)

W2 Envisioning the Next-Gen Document Reader

Catherine Yeh, Franck Dernoncourt, Nedim Lipka
AAAI Workshop on Scientific Document Understanding (SDU), 2023.

[Paper](#)

W1 Tests, Memory, and Artificial Intelligence: How Can We Know What People Know?

Noah Cowit, Catherine Yeh, Iris Howley
IEEE VIS Workshop on Visualization for AI Explainability (VISxAI), 2019.

Other

O1 Walk a Mile in Their Shoes: The Covid Pandemic Through the Lens of Four Tech Workers

Jenna Butler, Catherine Yeh
Communications of the ACM & ACM Queue, 2022.

[Paper](#) • [Paper 2](#)

Preprint

- P1 **GhostWriter: Augmenting Collaborative Human-AI Writing Experiences Through Personalization and Agency**
Catherine Yeh, Gonzalo Ramos, Rachel Ng, Andy Huntington, Richard Banks
[Paper](#)

Invited Talks & Panels

Crash Course on Securing Internships as a PhD Student, Harvard University Computer Science Department
November 2025

Principles of Data Visualization, Carnegie Mellon University Language Technologies Institute
June 2025

Exploring Empty Spaces: Human-in-the-Loop Data Augmentation, Apple Research Machine Learning Summit
March 2025

Panel on Effective Research Practices for PhD Students, Harvard University Computer Science Department
February 2025

Honors & Awards

- 2025 Best Paper Honorable Mention (x2), IEEE VIS
Best Paper Honorable Mention, ACM CHI
Graduate Collegiate Award Finalist, NCWIT
10 Under 10 Outstanding Alumni Award Recipient, The Overlake School
- 2024 Graduate Research Fellowship Recipient, NSF
Graduate Fellowship Recipient, Kempner Institute
- 2022 Inductee, Sigma Xi International Scientific Research Honor Society
Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher Award Runner Up, CRA
- 2021 Undergraduate Collegiate Award Finalist, NCWIT
Women-in-Technology Scholarship Finalist, Adobe Research
Junior Year Inductee (top 5% of class), Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society
ACM Student Research Competition Finalist, Grace Hopper Conference
Ward Prize Finalist, Williams College
- 2019 Computer Science Class of 1960s Scholar (2019 - 2022), Williams College
3rd Place Winner, National USCLAP Statistics Competition
Summer Science Research Fellowship Recipient, Williams College
Scholarship Recipient, Grace Hopper Conference
- 2018 Dean's List (2018 - 2022), Williams College

Other Industry Experience

Oracle Cloud Infrastructure (OCI)

Seattle, WA

Summer 2020

SOFTWARE ENGINEER INTERN

Built dashboard and visual database for regional compliance programs.

Sunshine

Palo Alto, CA

Winter 2020

SOFTWARE ENGINEER INTERN

Created dashboard for AI-driven consumer app.

Teaching Experience

CS279R: Research Topics in Human-Computer Interaction, Harvard University
Fall 2023

CSCI 334: Principles of Programming Languages, Williams College

Spring 2022, Fall 2021, Spring 2021

CSCI 315: Computational Biology, Williams College

Fall 2021

CSCI 256: Algorithm Design & Analysis, Williams College

Spring 2020

CSCI 136: Data Structures & Advanced Programming, Williams College

Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019

Mentoring

Research

Helen He '26, Harvard University

Spring 2025 – LLM-Augmented Storyline Visualizations

Vicki Xu '23, Harvard University

Fall 2023 - Logit Lens on Vision Transformer

Cynthia Chen '24, Harvard University

Spring 2023 – Visualizations for Transformer Interpretability

Other

VISBuddies Mentor, IEEE VIS

2025 - present

SEAS Research Program Mentor, Harvard University

2024 - present

Women in STEM Mentor, Harvard University

2022 - present

Underrepresented Identities in CS Mentor, Williams College

2020 - 2022

Service

Organizer

IEEE VIS Workshop on Visualization for AI Explainability (VISxAI) – 2025

IEEE VIS Workshop on GenAI, Agents, and the Future of VIS (VISxGenAI) – 2025

Program Committee

IEEE VIS Workshop on Visualization for Communication (VisComm) – 2025

IEEE VIS Workshop on Visualization for AI Explainability (VISxAI) – 2024

Reviewer * indicates outstanding review recognition

Conference

IEEE Pacific Visualization Conference (PacificVis) – 2026

IEEE Visualization Conference (VIS) – 2025

ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI) – 2025*, 2026*

ACM Conference on Designing Interactive Systems (DIS) – 2024

Journal

Journal of Visualization and Interaction (JoVI) – 2025

ACM Transactions on Intelligent Systems and Technology (TIST) – 2024

Volunteer

IEEE VIS Student Volunteer – 2023

Misc

Art Portfolio