

Curriculum Vitae - Connor Thomas Esterwood - 10/30/19

Academic Degrees:

BA - International Relations - University of North Carolina, Asheville - 2013

MS - Information Science - University of Tennessee, Knoxville - 2018

Ph.D. - School of Information - University of Michigan, Ann Arbor - 2024

Relevant Experience:

Ph.D. Student

School of Information - University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, MI

Completed the final drafts and manuscripts for 2 papers started in different positions for consideration in 2019/2020 journals. Began coursework focused on information theory and human-technology interaction as well as coursework focused on quantitative statistical methods and modeling.

ARC Research Assistant

School of Information & Dept. of Engineering - University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, MI

Worked on independent research related to autonomous vehicles while focusing on the design and development of a next-generation “hardware in the loop” simulator for testing autonomous vehicle algorithms and decision-making software. This simulation was in collaboration with the automotive research center (ARC) at UMICH.

Academic Affiliate

School of Information & Dept. of Engineering - University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, MI

Worked as a member of the MAVRIC lab to explore the potential of autonomous ground systems for civilian and military applications. I specifically investigated the role of risk, trust, and error type in determining soldier performance on a non-driving secondary task.

Masters Student Research Experience (REMS) Participant

School of Information - University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, MI

Assisted in the cutting edge AV research at the University of Michigan as well as conducted independent research leading to the production of an academic poster and presentation on motivation and autonomous vehicle use.

UX Intern

Office of Scientific and Technical Information - Oak Ridge, TN

I worked with the UX professional embedded at OSTI to test, refine, and lead projects that improve upon existing government systems and intranets within the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

UX Intern

Oak Ridge National Laboratory - Oak Ridge, TN

Worked on the technical team at the Spallation Neutron Source for the Neutron Sciences Directorate. I primarily conducted user experience research on the internal proposal system, the website, and the research process at the NScD as a whole.

Graduate UX Researcher

University of Tennessee - Knoxville, TN

Conducted research and assisted in the fulfillment of an IMLS grant focused around library assessment and user experience. I also worked with a team of engineers at the university to investigate the impact of an individual's self-perception on brain-computer interface performance.

Honors and Awards:

REMS Fellowship - University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

I was awarded a place in a cohort of masters students and recent graduates that provided me a unique summer research experience program. This award took the part of a fellowship with a faculty member and a 3-month stipend.

UTK UX Cohort Award - University of Tennessee, Knoxville

I was accepted into a specialized educational program at the University of Tennessee that focused on user experience and assessment of information service providers including but not limited to libraries and government laboratories. This program ensured funding for a full 2 years master's program.

Student org president of the year - University of North Carolina, Asheville

Serving as the president of Overlook Hall Student Council, I was honored with the title of student organization president of the year for service towards and support of the University's vision and values.

Technical/Scientific Publications:

Zhang, Qiaoning, Esterwood, Connor, Yang, X. Jessie, & Robert Jr, Lionel P. (2019). An Automated Vehicle (AV) like Me? The Impact of Personality Similarities and Differences between Humans and AVs. *Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence 2019 Symposium*

Zhao, H., Azevedo-Sa, H., Esterwood, C., Yang, X. J., Robert, L., & Tilbury, D. (2019). Error Type, Risk, Performance, and Trust: Investigating the Different Impacts of false alarms and misses on Trust and Performance. *Ground Vehicle Systems Engineering and Technology Symposium*. 2019.