

# Emily Wall

My research involves decision making using data visualization and visual analytics. I develop computational strategies to characterize human limitations in decision making (e.g., cognitive bias) and design interventions to promote reflective data analysis and decision making processes.

I will be joining the Department of Computer Science at Emory University as an Assistant Professor in Fall 2021. I am currently completing a Postdoc at Northwestern University with Jessica Hullman and Steve Franconeri (Summer 2020 - Summer 2021). I completed my Ph.D. in Computer Science at Georgia Tech in 2020.

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## Appointments

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| 2021-     | <b>Assistant Professor</b><br><a href="#">Department of Computer Science</a><br><a href="#">Emory University</a>            |
| 2020-2021 | <b>Postdoctoral Researcher</b><br><a href="#">Department of Computer Science</a><br><a href="#">Northwestern University</a> |

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## Education

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| 2020 | <b>Ph.D. in Computer Science</b><br><a href="#">Georgia Institute of Technology</a><br>Thesis: Detecting and Mitigating Human Bias in Visual Analytics<br>Committee: <a href="#">Alex Endert</a> , <a href="#">John Stasko</a> , <a href="#">Polo Chau</a> , <a href="#">Brian Fisher</a> , <a href="#">Wenwen Dou</a> |
| 2015 | <b>B.S. in Computer Science &amp; Mathematics</b><br><a href="#">University of Georgia</a><br><i>summa cum laude</i>   |

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## Honors & Awards

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| 2019 | <a href="#">GVU Foley Scholar</a> , Recipient, Georgia Institute of Technology |
| 2019 | <a href="#">D.E. Shaw Exploration Fellowship</a> , Recipient                   |
| 2019 | <a href="#">Siemens FutureMaker Fellowship</a> , Recipient                     |
| 2018 | <a href="#">GVU Foley Scholar</a> , Finalist, Georgia Institute of Technology  |
| 2017 | <a href="#">Graduate Student Symposium</a> , Participant, AT&T Labs            |

2017	<a href="#"><u>Doctoral Colloquium</u></a> , Participant, IEEE VIS
2017-2020	<a href="#"><u>Graduate Fellowship for STEM Diversity (GFSD)</u></a> , Recipient
2017	<a href="#"><u>NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program</u></a> , Honorable Mention
2017	<a href="#"><u>Department of Defense SMART Fellowship</u></a> , Recipient (Declined)
2015-2019	<a href="#"><u>President's Fellowship</u></a> , Recipient, Georgia Institute of Technology
2015	<a href="#"><u>CURO Symposium Best Paper Award</u></a> , University of Georgia
2014	<a href="#"><u>CURO Research Assistantship</u></a> , University of Georgia
2014	<a href="#"><u>Hahn Family Scholarship for Computer Science</u></a> , Recipient, University of Georgia
2013	<a href="#"><u>Hollingsworth Award for Excellence in Mathematics</u></a> , Recipient, University of Georgia
2012-2015	<a href="#"><u>Zell Miller Scholarship</u></a> , Recipient, University of Georgia

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## Publications

### Journal Articles

#### A Heuristic Approach to Value-Driven Evaluation of Visualizations

*E. Wall, M. Agnihotri, L. Matzen, K. Divis, M. Haass, A. Endert, and J. Stasko*

*IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics (Proc. InfoVis'18)*, 2019.

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#### Podium: Ranking Data Using Mixed-Initiative Visual Analytics

*E. Wall, S. Das, R. Chawla, B. Kalidindi, E. Brown, and A. Endert*

*IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics (Proc. VAST'17)*, 2018.

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#### AxiSketcher: Interactive Nonlinear Axis Mapping of Visualizations through User Drawings

*B.C. Kwon, H. Kim, E. Wall, J. Choo, H. Park, and A. Endert*

*IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics (Proc. VAST'16)*, 2017.

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### Conference Proceedings

#### Toward a Design Space for Mitigating Cognitive Bias in Vis

*E. Wall, J. Stasko, and A. Endert*

*IEEE Information Visualization (VIS) Short Papers*, 2019.

[!\[\]\(166772600a13ad0a433053f90fe45649\_img.jpg\) PDF](#) | [!\[\]\(98e7c6b0160281a12fbadc337ff6b6c3\_img.jpg\) Supplemental](#) | [!\[\]\(1ba9b47b7fe5cef14198dd1f193307f3\_img.jpg\) Talk](#) | [!\[\]\(24aa5934ea13bd038851b1095544b8b7\_img.jpg\) Video FF](#)

#### A Markov Model of Users' Interactive Behavior in Scatterplots

*E. Wall, A. Arcalgud, K. Gupta, and A. Jo*

*IEEE Information Visualization (VIS) Short Papers*, 2019.

[!\[\]\(a8ff699ced33317c53c86f9bf3171905\_img.jpg\) PDF](#) | [!\[\]\(7c08f656893b221194f2f1726f0b91e6\_img.jpg\) Talk](#) | [!\[\]\(e4c419dad7fb4b2eb7c1b5471321c3b4\_img.jpg\) Video FF](#)

## A Formative Study of Interactive Bias Metrics in Visual Analytics Using Anchoring Bias

E. Wall, L. Blaha, C. Paul, and A. Endert

*Proceedings of the 17th IFIP TC 13 International Conference on Human-Computer Interaction (INTERACT'19)*, 2019.

 [PDF](#) |  [Video](#)

## Using Expert Patterns in Assisted Interactive Machine Learning: A Study in Machine Teaching

E. Wall, S. Ghorashi, and G. Ramos

*Proceedings of the 17th IFIP TC 13 International Conference on Human-Computer Interaction (INTERACT'19)*, 2019.

 [PDF](#) |  [Video](#)

## Warning, Bias May Occur: A Proposed Approach to Detecting Cognitive Bias in Interactive Visual Analytics

E. Wall, L. Blaha, L. Franklin, and A. Endert

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

 [PDF](#) |  [Talk](#) |  [Video](#) |  [Video FF](#)

## Supporting Team-First Visual Analytics through Group Activity Representations

S.K. Badam, Z. Zeng, E. Wall, A. Endert, and N. Elmqvist

*Graphics Interface*, 2017.

 [PDF](#) |  [Video](#)

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## Workshop Papers

### Four Perspectives on Human Bias in Visual Analytics

E. Wall, L. Blaha, C. Paul, K. Cook, and A. Endert

*DECISIVE: Workshop on Dealing with Cognitive Biases in Visualizations (at InfoVis'17)*, 2017.

 [PDF](#)

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## Book Chapters

### Four Perspectives on Human Bias in Visual Analytics

E. Wall, L. Blaha, C. Paul, K. Cook, and A. Endert

*Cognitive Biases in Visualizations*, Ed. G. Ellis, Springer, 2018, Chapter 3, pp. 29-42.

 [Book](#) |  [Chapter](#)

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## Theses

### Detecting and Mitigating Human Bias in Visual Analytics

Emily Wall

Georgia Tech, School of Interactive Computing Ph.D. Thesis. April 2020.

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## Professional Experience

- 2015-2020 [Georgia Institute of Technology](#), Atlanta, GA  
Graduate Research Assistant  
Advised by [Dr. Alex Endert](#)  
Thesis: Detecting and Mitigating Human Bias in Visual Analytics
- Summer 2016 [Pacific Northwest National Laboratory](#), Richland, WA  
Intern, [Visual Analytics Group](#)  
Mentored by [Lyndsey Franklin](#) and [Kris Cook](#)  
Developed heuristics to characterize bias in real-time from user interaction sequences
- 2013-2015 [Jet Propulsion Laboratory](#), Pasadena, CA  
Intern, Systems Engineering Group  
Advised by [Marc Sarrel](#)  
Used SysML and principles of Model-Based Systems Engineering to visualize network flows for Lockheed Martin's [Orion capsule](#)
- Fall 2014 [University of Georgia](#), Athens, GA  
Undergraduate Research Assistant  
Advised by [Dr. Don Potter](#)  
Developed neural network to predict solar radiation in Georgia; funded by the Georgia Power Advanced Solar Initiative
- Fall 2013 [University of Georgia](#), Athens, GA  
Undergraduate Research Assistant  
Advised by [Dr. Liming Cai](#)  
Used sequence alignment techniques to determine coevolution of species with a common ancestor
- Spring 2013 [University of Georgia](#), Athens, GA  
Undergraduate Research Assistant  
Advised by [Dr. Prashant Doshi](#)  
Created simulation and programmable interface for Parrot A.R. Drone quadcopters to serve as a testbed for autonomous decision making with UAVs
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## Grants & Funding

- 2019-2020 **Toward Mitigating Cognitive Bias for Data-Driven Decision Making with Visual Analytics**  
[Siemens FutureMaker Fellowship](#)  
Co-PIs: [Dr. Alex Endert](#)  
Funded: \$101,435
- 2019 **Detecting and Mitigating Human Bias in Visual Analytics**  
[GVU Foley Scholar](#)  
Co-PIs: [Dr. Alex Endert](#)  
Funded: \$5,000
- 2017-2020 **Toward Mitigating Cognitive Bias for Data-Driven Decision-Making With Visual**

## Analytics

[Graduate Fellowship for STEM Diversity \(GFSD\)](#)

Co-PIs: [Dr. Alex Endert](#)

Funded: \$20,000 / year for 3 years

2014 **Predicting Solar Radiation in Georgia**

[CURO Research Assistantship](#)

Co-PIs: [Dr. Don Potter](#)

Funded: \$1,000

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# Teaching

## Teaching Assistant

Spring 2019	<b>Introduction to Information Visualization (CS 4460)</b> (133 students) Georgia Institute of Technology
Fall 2017	<b>Information Visualization (CS 7450)</b> (74 students) Georgia Institute of Technology
Fall 2013	<b>Introduction to Computing and Programming (CSCI 1301)</b> University of Georgia
Fall 2012	<b>Introduction to Computing and Programming (CSCI 1301)</b> University of Georgia

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## Guest Lectures

Feb 2019	<b>Introduction to Javascript</b> Introduction to Information Visualization (CS 4460), Georgia Institute of Technology
Dec 2017	<b>Cognition in Visualization</b> Information Visualization (CS 7450), Georgia Institute of Technology
Nov 2017	<b>Visual Analytics</b> Information Visualization (CS 7450), Georgia Institute of Technology
Jun 2017	<b>Visualization Design: Do's and Don'ts</b> Introduction to Information Visualization (CS 4460), Georgia Institute of Technology

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# Presentations

## Invited Talks

**As We Are: Detecting and Mitigating Human Bias in Visual Analytics**

> May 2020. CMU & AFRL, Center for Excellence on Human-Machine Teaming. Virtual Brown Bag.

- > *May 2020.* Siemens. Virtual Brown Bag.
- > *March 2020.* Cornell University, Info Science Colloquium. Ithaca, NY. [!\[\]\(2dc8cdc0c918df88cde61039ecf68682\_img.jpg\) Abstract](#)
- > *February 2020.* University of Washington, Allen School Colloquium. Seattle, WA. [!\[\]\(793119bf0d613bd9b598fb8668922511\_img.jpg\) Watch](#)
- > *February 2020.* Emory University. Atlanta, GA. [!\[\]\(0a4819029e810ca9d2aba79260b63a4d\_img.jpg\) Abstract](#)
- > *February 2020.* New York University. New York, NY. [!\[\]\(5b78a2fafd05db5e14d20573d68ef9b3\_img.jpg\) Abstract](#)
- > *February 2020.* University of Wisconsin. Madison, WI.

### **Left, Right, and Gender: Mitigating Implicit Human Bias in Visual Analytics**

- > *January 2020.* Georgia Institute of Technology, GVU Brown Bag. Atlanta, GA. [!\[\]\(5ba1bc70d78f05c00988641e5e513c62\_img.jpg\) Watch](#)

### **The Interactive Analytics Library: Treating Interaction as Data**

- > *May 2017.* Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. Richland, WA.

## **Posters and Demonstrations**

### **Warning, Bias May Occur: Detecting and Mitigating Cognitive Bias in Visual Analytics**

(Poster & Demo)

- > *October 2019.* Georgia Institute of Technology, GVU Demo Showcase. Atlanta, GA.
- > *June 2019.* Summer Institute on Bounded Rationality. Berlin, Germany.
- > *April 2019.* Georgia Institute of Technology, GVU Demo Showcase. Atlanta, GA.

### **Warning, Bias May Occur: A Proposed Approach to Detecting Cognitive Bias in Interactive Visual Analytics (Demo)**

- > *April 2018.* CRA-W Grad Cohort. San Francisco, CA.
- > *April 2018.* Georgia Institute of Technology, GVU Demo Showcase. Atlanta, GA.
- > *April 2017.* Georgia Institute of Technology, GVU Demo Showcase. Atlanta, GA.

### **Podium: Ranking Data Using Mixed-Initiative Visual Analytics (Poster & Demo)**

- > *April 2018.* Georgia Institute of Technology, GVU Demo Showcase. Atlanta, GA.
- > *April 2017.* Georgia Institute of Technology, GVU Demo Showcase. Atlanta, GA.
- > *April 2018.* CRA-W Grad Cohort. San Diego, CA.
- > *April 2016.* Georgia Institute of Technology, GVU Demo Showcase. Atlanta, GA.

## **Mentoring**

2020	<b>Jamal Paden</b> , B.S. Computer Science, Georgia Institute of Technology, Class of 2020 Conducted usability testing for bias mitigation interventions
2017-2018	<b>Yingxiao Ouyang</b> , M.S. HCI, Georgia Institute of Technology, Class of 2019 Conducted usability testing and prototyping for bias mitigation interventions
2017	<b>Qiaochu Mu</b> , M.S. HCI, Georgia Institute of Technology, Class of 2018 Conducted usability testing and prototyping for bias mitigation interventions
2016-2017	<b>Bharath Kalidindi</b> , B.S. Computer Science, Georgia Institute of Technology, Class of 2018 Developed system for ranking data from user interaction

## Service

2020	<b>Organizer</b> <a href="#">Trust and Expertise in Visual Analytics (TREX) Workshop at IEEE VIS</a> <b>Program Committee Member</b> IEEE VIS Short Papers, 2020 VISxAI Workshop at IEEE VIS, 2019 CHI Late Breaking Work, 2018 <b>Reviewer</b> IEEE VIS: 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017 CHI: 2020, 2019, 2018 EuroVis: 2020 TVCG: 2018 International Journal of Human-Computer Studies: 2019 KDD IDEA: 2017 VAST Challenge: 2016
2017	<b>Panelist</b> Advancing Visualization Inclusion and Diversity (AVID) Workshop at IEEE VIS
2018-2020	<b>Graduate Student Council Chair</b> , School of Interactive Computing Representative of graduate students in the School of Interactive Computing
2017-2018	<b>Graduate Student Council Travel Committee</b> Responsible for reviewing and awarding travel grants to graduate student applicants in the College of Computing

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## Selected Media

Nov 2019	<b>A Reflection on VIS2019: Or, How Doomed Are We?</b> Medium Blog Post, Multiple Views on Visualization Research Explained. <a href="#">Read</a> by Michael Correll
Nov 2019	<b>Highlights from IEEE VIS 2019</b> , Uncharted Software Blog. <a href="#">Read</a> by Rosa Romero-Gómez
May 2019	<b>Battling Bias</b> . Ep. 3, Tech Unbound Podcast. <a href="#">Listen</a> with Josh Preston

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## Other Professional Activities

Oct 2019	<b>NextProf Nexus Workshop</b> Atlanta, GA
Jun 2019	<b>Summer Institute on Bounded Rationality</b> Berlin, Germany
Apr 2018	<b>CRA-W Grad Cohort Workshop</b>

San Francisco, CA

Oct 2016 **Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing**  
Houston, TX

Apr 2016 **CRA-W Grad Cohort Workshop**  
San Diego, CA

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