

# Emily Tseng

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## Research Interests

My goal is to shape the present and future of computing towards safe and healthy living for people facing marginalization. To do this, I work across *human-computer interaction (HCI)* and *computer security & privacy (S&P)* to develop systems, interventions, and design frameworks for mitigating technology's potential to exacerbate harm. Trained as a computer scientist, designer, and journalist, I use social theory to reimagine how we build computing systems, and work with civil society to build and test alternatives. My work is deeply integrated with the real-world challenges faced by people experiencing tech-enabled harms, and the care providers and social workers who support them.

## Education

- 2019-now **Ph.D. at Cornell University**, *Department of Information Science*  
Committee: Nicola Dell (chair), Deborah Estrin, Thomas Ristenpart, Karen Levy.
- 2017-19 **M.S. at Cornell Tech**, *Information Science - Health Tech* GPA: 3.9/4.0  
Relevant coursework: Applied Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Natural Language Processing, Human-Computer Interaction, Interactive Device Design.  
Advised by Nicola Dell and Deborah Estrin.
- 2010-14 **B.A. at Princeton University**, *Ecology & Evolutionary Biology (EEB)* GPA: 3.5/4.0  
Concentration in Global Health and Health Policy. Studied epidemiology, journalism, and social policy, with a focus on computational modeling of infectious disease epidemics.  
Advised by Bryan Grenfell and Tiffany Bogich.

## Awards & Honors

- 2023 Inaugural Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Cornell Tech
- 2022 Rising Stars in EECS
- 2022 Best Paper Award, ACM CHI for [P8] (*top 1%*)
- 2021 Microsoft Research PhD Fellowship  
*Full support for 2 years of study, including tuition, health insurance and a \$42,000 stipend each year.*
- 2021 Digital Life Initiative Doctoral Fellowship (*\$5,000 in research funding*)
- 2020 Best Paper Award, ACM CSCW for [P11] (*top 1%*)
- 2020 Distinguished Paper Award, USENIX Security Symposium for [P12] (*top 1%*)
- 2020 Internet Defense Prize (third place), USENIX Security Symposium for [P12]  
*Included an unrestricted \$40,000 research award to PIs Dell and Ristenpart.*
- 2019 Best Paper Honorable Mention, ACM CSCW for [P16] (*top 5%*)
- 2019 Advocate of New York City Award, Mayor's Office to End Domestic & Gender-Based Violence

- 2019 Cornell University Information Science Department Fellowship  
*First-year fellowship awarded for exceptional preparation & promise (top 1.5% of applicants).  
Full support for 1 year of study, including tuition, health insurance and a \$33,750 stipend.*
- 2017 Cornell Tech merit scholarship for Master's-level study
- 2014 Top Senior Thesis in Mathematical Modeling, Princeton EEB
- 2014 Society of Sigma Xi (scientific research honor society), Princeton University

## Conference and Journal Publications (Refereed)

\* indicates equal contribution, listed in alphabetical order by last name.

- P1. **Tseng, E.**, Bellini, R., Lee, Y.Y., Ramjit, A.M., Ristenpart, T., Dell, N. *Data Stewardship in Clinical Computer Security: Balancing Burden and Benefit in Participatory Systems*. Accepted to ACM CSCW, to appear in 2024.
- P2. Bellini, R., **Tseng, E.**, Warford, N., Daffalla, A., Matthews, T., Consolvo, S., Woelfer, J.P., Kelley, P.G., Mazurek, M., Cuomo, D., Dell, N., and Ristenpart, T. *SoK: Safer Digital-Safety Research Involving At-Risk Users*. Accepted at IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (Oakland), to appear in 2024. [arxiv](#).
- P3. Malgaroli, M, **Tseng E**, Hull, TD, Jennings E, Choudhury TK, Simon NM. *Association of Healthcare Work with Anxiety and Depression During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Structural Topic Modeling Study*. JMIR AI. 07/09/2023:47223 (forthcoming/in press). [online](#).
- P4. Dinh A, **Tseng E**, Yin AL, Estrin D, Greenwald P, Fortenko A. 2023. *Perceptions of Augmented Reality in Remote Medical Care: Interview Study of Emergency Telemedicine Providers*. JMIR Formative Research 2023;7:e45211. [pdf](#). [online](#).
- P5. Bensson-Ravunniarath, M., Bryan Ringel, J., Avgar, A., Wiggins, F., Lee, A., McDonald, M., Guerrero, L.R., Kallas, J., Gusoff, G., Shen, M., **Tseng, E.**, Dell, N., Czaja, S., Lindquist, L.A., & Sterling, M.R. (2023). Having a Say Matters: The Association Between Home Health Aides' Voice and Job Satisfaction. *Risk Management and Healthcare Policy*. [pdf](#). [online](#).
- P6. Ming, J., Kuo, E.F., Go, K., **Tseng, E.**, Kallas, J., Vashistha, A., Sterling, M., and Dell, N. "I Go Beyond and Beyond": Examining the Invisible Work of Home Health Aides. Proc. ACM Hum.-Comput. Interact. 7, CSCW1, Article 59 (April 2023). [pdf](#). [online](#).
- P7. Adler, D.\*, **Tseng, E.\***, Moon, K.C., Young, J.Q., Kane, J.M., Moss, E., Mohr, D.C., and Choudhury, T. 2022. *Burnout and the Quantified Workplace: Tensions around Personal Sensing Interventions for Stress in Resident Physicians*. Proc. ACM Hum.-Comput. Interact., CSCW (Nov. 2022). [pdf](#). [online](#).
- P8. **Tseng, E.**, Sabet, M., Bellini, R., Sodhi, H., Ristenpart, T., and Dell, N. 2022. *Care Infrastructures for Digital Privacy and Security in Intimate Partner Violence*. In Proc. ACM Conf. on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '22). [pdf](#). [online](#). [video](#). **Best Paper Award**.

- P9. Chen, N.\*, McDonald, A.\*, Zou, Y.\*, **Tseng, E.**, Roundy, K.A., Tamersoy, A., Schaub, F., Ristenpart, T., and Dell, N. 2022. *Trauma-Informed Computing: Towards Safer Technology Experiences for All*. In Proc. ACM Conf. on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '22). [pdf](#). [online](#).
- P10. **Tseng, E.**, Freed, D., Engel, K., Ristenpart, T., and Dell, N. 2021. *A Digital Safety Dilemma: Analysis of Computer-Mediated Computer Security Interventions for Intimate Partner Violence During COVID-19*. In Proc. ACM Conf. on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '21). [pdf](#). [online](#). [video](#).
- P11. Bellini, R., **Tseng, E.**, McDonald, N., Greenstadt, R., McCoy, D., Ristenpart, T. and Dell, N. "So-called privacy breeds evil": Narrative Justifications for Intimate Partner Surveillance in Online Forums. Proc. ACM Hum.-Comput. Interact., Issue CSCW. 2020. [pdf](#). **Best Paper Award**.
- P12. **Tseng, E.**, Bellini, R., McDonald, N., Danos, M., Greenstadt, R., McCoy, D., Dell, N. and Ristenpart, T. 2020. *The Tools and Tactics Used in Intimate Partner Surveillance: An Analysis of Online Infidelity Forums*. 29th USENIX Security Symposium. [pdf](#). [online](#). **Distinguished Paper Award & Internet Defense Prize, third place**.
- P13. Sterling, MR, **Tseng, E.**, Poon, A, Cho, J, Avgar, AC, Kern, LM, Ankuda, CK, Dell, N. 2020. *Experiences of Home Health Care Workers in New York City During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Pandemic: A Qualitative Analysis*. JAMA Internal Medicine. [pdf](#). [online](#).
- P14. **Tseng, E.**, Okeke, F., Sterling, M., and Dell, N. 2020. "We can learn. Why not?": Designing Technologies to Engender Equity for Home Health Aides. In Proc. ACM Conf. on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '20). [pdf](#). [online](#).
- P15. Sterling, M. R., Dell, N., Piantella, B., Cho, J., Kaur, H., **Tseng, E.**, Okeke, F., Brown, M., Leung, P. B. K., Silva, A. F. , Shaw, A. L., Kern, L. M. 2020. *Understanding the Workflow of Home Healthcare for Patients with Heart Failure*. Journal of General Internal Medicine. [pdf](#). [online](#).
- P16. Freed, D.\*, Havron, S.\*, **Tseng, E.**, Gallardo A., Chatterjee, R., Ristenpart, T., and Dell, N.. 2019. "Is my phone hacked?" Analyzing Clinical Computer Security Interventions with Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence. Proc. ACM Hum.-Comput. Interact.: Vol. 3, Issue CSCW, Article 202. [pdf](#). [online](#). **Best Paper Honorable Mention**.
- P17. Okeke, F., **Tseng, E.**, Piantella, B., Brown, M., Kaur, H., Sterling, M., and Dell, N. 2019. *Technology, Home Health Care, and Heart Failure: A Qualitative Analysis with Multiple Stakeholders*. ACM SIGCAS Conference on Computing & Sustainable Societies (COMPASS 2019). [pdf](#). [online](#).

## Teaching and Advising

**Cornell University**, Ithaca, NY (hybrid due to COVID-19)

Teaching Assistant, Summer School on Designing Technology for Social Impact	Summer 2021
Teaching Assistant, CS 1340 / INFO 1260: Choices and Consequences in Computing,	Spring 2021
Prof. Jon Kleinberg and Karen Levy	

**Cornell Tech**, New York, NY

Teaching Assistant, INFO 5375: Machine Learning in Health, Prof. Fei Wang	Spring 2023
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Guest Lecturer, CS / INFO 5600: AI & Healthcare, Prof. Rajalakshmi Nandakumar	Fall 2021
Teaching Assistant, CS 5682 / INFO 6410: HCI & Design, Prof. Nicola Dell	Fall 2020
Research Internship Supervisor, Technion + Cornell Tech Intern Program	Fall 2019
Grader, CS 5740: Natural Language Processing, Prof. Yoav Artzi	Spring 2019

**Weill Cornell Medical College**, New York, NY

Guest Lecturer, HCPL 8101: Digital Health, Prof. Deborah Estrin	Summer 2020
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**Fullstack Academy**, New York, NY

Software Engineering Teaching Fellow	Summer 2017
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- Taught and mentored 80+ students at a selective software engineering bootcamp.
- Delivered 10-minute talk on inclusive design and web accessibility [[video](#)]

## Presentations and Workshops

### Invited Talks

- 2023** Google, Workshop on Protecting At-Risk Users, keynote
- 2022** University of Chicago, People and Technology Seminar  
AnitaB.org Grace Hopper Celebration, Research Showcase  
Google, Trust & Safety Research Speaker Series  
Microsoft Research, Project Green Workshop: Community-Driven Innovation & Health Equity  
Stanford University, HCI Seminar
- 2021** Microsoft Research, PhD Fellowship Showcase  
Cornell Tech, Digital Life Initiative Seminar  
MIT Visualization Group  
CUNY School of Law, Students Against Cyber Sexual Abuse, [panelist](#)  
*Featured panelist on Cyber Sexual Abuse with Annie Seifullah, Lenora Claire, and Eva Galperin.*
- 2020** United Hospital Fund/Greater New York Hospital Association Annual Symposium  
MIT CSAIL Security Seminar  
Facebook Research  
Cornell Tech, Precision Behavioral Health Initiative

### Invited Conference and Workshop Presentations

- 2023**, Privacy Law Scholars Conference, selected for presentation
- 2022**, Joel R. Reidenberg Northeast Privacy Scholars Workshop, selected for lightning session
- 2022**, Care Infrastructures for Digital Security and Privacy in IPV, ACM CHI [[video](#)]
- 2021**, A Digital Safety Dilemma, ACM CHI [[video](#)]
- 2020**, The Tools and Tactics of Intimate Partner Violence, USENIX Security Symposium [[video](#)]

### Invited Workshop Participation

- 2023**, Consortium for the Science of Sociotechnical Systems (CSST) Summer Research Institute.
- 2022**, Rising Stars in EECS.
- 2022**, Data & Society, Care + Tech Convening.
- 2022**, Human-Computer Interaction Consortium.

2022, Data & Society, The Social Life of Algorithmic Harms. Invited Discussant.

2021, CRA-WP Grad Cohort for Women (*postponed due to COVID-19, attended in 2021*)

## Academic and University Service

2022-23, Cornell Information Science PhD Student Mentoring Program, Organizer

2021-22, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Strategic Committee at Cornell Tech, PhD Representative

2021-22, Faculty Hiring Committee at Cornell Tech, PhD Coordinator

2021, ACM CHI, Student Volunteer (fully remote conference)

2020, PhDs at Cornell Tech, Co-President

## Workshop and Panel Organization

2023, ACM CSCW Workshops. *Surfacing Structural Barriers to Community-Collaborative Approaches in Human-Computer Interaction*. Student Organizer.

2023, ACM FAccT CRAFT (24/68 selected). *Community-Collaborative Visions for Computing Research*. Student Organizer and Panel Moderator.

2021, ACM CSCW Workshops. *Subtle CSCW Traits: Tensions Around Identity Formation and Online Activism in the Asian Diaspora*. Student Organizer. [[proposal](#)]

## Program Committee Membership

2023, ACM Designing Interactive Systems (DIS), Associate Chair, Critical Computing Subcommittee.

## Reviewing

ACM CHI, Special Recognition for Outstanding Reviews, 2022, 2023

ACM CSCW, Special Recognition for Outstanding Reviews, 2021, 2022

ACM Transactions on Human-Computer Interaction (TOCHI)

ACM Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency (FAccT)

USENIX Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security (SOUPS)

Usable Security and Privacy (USEC) Symposium at Network and Distributed System Security (NDSS)

HEALTHI Workshop on Healthy Interfaces, co-located with ACM Intelligent User Interfaces (IUI)

AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM)

ICML Workshop on Generative AI and the Law (GenLaw@ICML)

IEEE S&P Workshop on Security for Harassment Online, Protections, and Empowerment (SecHOPE)

## Past Research

Extracting family history from unstructured clinical notes

- Developed a model (LSTM-CRF) extracting family history from unstructured text in patient forms.
- Awarded student travel grant to present at the OHNLP/BioCreativ workshop at ACM-BCB 2018.

Evaluating the usability of a personal data filtering interface

PI: Deborah Estrin, Ph.D. (Cornell Tech)

- Usability study of an interface for filtering sensitive data from a Google Takeout.

Modeling the dynamics of enterovirus-71 in Taiwan: An application of the TSIR model

PI: Bryan Grenfell, Ph.D. (Princeton University)

- Developed a time-series model of the impact of vaccination on EV-71 infection rates in Taiwan.
- Thesis awarded departmental prize for excellence in mathematical modeling. [[poster](#), [pdf](#)]

## Relevant Industry Experience

**Google**, remote

Fall 2023

*Student Researcher with Sunny Consolvo*

**Microsoft Research**, remote due to COVID-19

Spring and Summer 2022

*Research Intern with Mary L. Gray at the Social Media Collective*

**Pfizer, Inc.**, New York, NY

*Summer Associate, Digital Health Product Development*

Summer 2018

- Led a team of UX researchers and technologists to synthesize user stories, product requirements and storyboards for a care navigation product addressing health disparities within the Welsh NHS.
- Interviewed domain experts on the feasibility of a consumer voice product for patient support.

**Biomeme, Inc.**, Philadelphia, PA

*Product & Business Development Associate*

2014 - 2016

- Developed an at-home sexual health diagnostic for a national reproductive healthcare provider.
- Piloted a point-of-care influenza diagnostic with a clinic network in Nairobi, Kenya.
- Conducted UX studies to guide development of a consumer-facing tool for personal DNA analysis.

**The Daily Princetonian**, Princeton, NJ

*Managing Editor*

2013 - 2014

- Led 100+ staff of a collegiate news organization publishing in print 5x/week and online 24/7.
- Built web and data journalism departments, and expanded the paper's multimedia capabilities.

**Oxford University Clinical Research Unit (OUCRU)**, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

*Research Intern*

Summer 2013

- Conducted literature reviews, performed data analyses (R) and mapped patient enrollment (GIS, Illustrator) for ongoing clinical studies at a tertiary tuberculosis hospital.
- Funded by the Gates Foundation Global Health Grand Challenge.

**Doctors Without Borders / Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF)**, New York, NY

*Editorial & Multimedia Intern*

Summer 2011, 2012

- Produced audio, video & web features on MSF field staff at humanitarian aid sites worldwide.