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Education ___

Brown UniversityProvidence, RIPh.D. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE2020 - present

Advisor: Jeff Huang

Williams College Williamstown, MA

B.A. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND STATISTICS

Advisor: Iris Howley

Academic Honor Societies: Sigma Xi, Mu Sigma Rho

Aquincum Institute of Technology

Budapest, Hungary 2018 - 2019

2016 - 2020

COMPUTER SCIENCE STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM

Publications _

CONFERENCES

- (to appear) **Tongyu Zhou**, Connie Liu, Joshua Kong Yang, Jeff Huang. (2023). filtered.ink: Creating Dynamic Illustrations with SVG Filters. In Proceedings of the 2023 Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '23). ACM.
- (to appear) Jiaju Ma, Jing Qian, **Tongyu Zhou**, Jeff Huang. (2023). FocalPoint: Adaptive Direct Manipulation for Selecting Small 3D Virtual Objects. In Proceedings of the ACM on Interactive, Mobile, Wearable and Ubiquitous Technologies (IMWUT '23). ACM.
- Sarah Bawabe*, Laura Wilson*, **Tongyu Zhou***, Ezra Marks, and Jeff Huang. (2021). The UX Factor: Using Comparative Peer Review to Evaluate Designs through User Preferences. In Proceedings of the 2021 Conference on Computer-supported Cooperative Work (CSCW '21). ACM, Article 476, 23 pages. (**Honorable Mention Award, Impact Recognition Award**)
- Jing Qian*, **Tongyu Zhou***, Meredith Young-Ng*, Jiaju Ma, Angel Cheung, Xiangyu Li, Ian Gonsher, and Jeff Huang. (2021). Portalware: Exploring Free-Hand AR Drawing with a Dual-Display Smartphone-Wearable Paradigm. In Designing Interactive Systems Conference 2021 (DIS '21). ACM, 205–219.
- Jacob Chang, Rachel Duquette, Katherine Thai, **Tongyu Zhou**, Minh Pham, Victor Lin, and Karen Wood. (2020). Combining Genetic Algorithms and Machine Learning for Exploring the Navigation Satellite Constellation Design Tradespace. In Proceedings of the 33rd International Technical Meeting of the Satellite Division of The Institute of Navigation (ION GNSS+ 2020). 407–413.
- **Tongyu Zhou***, Haoyu Sheng*, and Iris Howley. (2020). Assessing Post-hoc Explainability of the BKT Algorithm. In Proceedings of the AAAI/ACM Conference on AI, Ethics, and Society (AIES '20). ACM, 407–413.

WORKSHOPS & EXTENDED ABSTRACTS

Young Cho, Grace Mazzarella, Kelvin Tejeda, **Tongyu Zhou**, and Iris Howley. (2020). What is Bayesian Knowledge Tracing? Poster presentation at the IEEE VIS Workshop on Visualization for AI Explainability.

Research Experience

Brown University - Research Assistant

Providence, RI

ADVISOR: JEFF HUANG

2020-present

• Working on systems spanning both the web and AR domains to support individual, collective, and collaborative creativity by encouraging users to derive inspiration from their peers or by example.

^{*} equal contribution

Adobe - Research Scientist Intern

San Jose, CA

ADVISOR: CHANG XIAO 2022

 Designed an end-to-end pipeline for authoring and visualizing instructions to illustrate step-wise assembly steps in smartphone AR.

Research in Industrial Projects for Students (REU at IPAM, UCLA) - Student Researcher

Los Angeles, CA

MENTORS: VICTOR LIN, LEAH RUCKLE, KAREN WOOD, MINH PHAM

2019

• Designed genetic algorithms to predict Walker constellation parameters that minimized 98% global dilution of precision

Williams College Department of Computer Science - Research Assistant

Williamstown, MA

ADVISOR: IRIS HOWLEY

2018

 Created interactive explainables to teach Bayesian Knowledge Tracing to various levels of understanding to spread algorithmic transparency and interpretability, work was instrumental in NSF Grant #1849984

Gavril Pasternak Lab, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center - Bioinformatics Intern

New York, NY

MENTOR: TAKESHI IRIE

2017

• Constructed data models and interactive cladograms to visualize relationships between G-protein coupled receptors splice variants and alternative promoters, signal peptides, and exon abundance

Awards, Fellowships, & Grants _____

- 2021 CSCW Honorable Mention Award, Impact Recognition Award, ACM
- 2020 Andries van Dam Graduate Fellowship, Brown University
- 2020 Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher Awards Honorable Mention, CRA
- 2019 Computer Science Class of 1960's Scholars, Williams College
- 2018 Summer Science Research Fellowship, Williams College
- 2017 Murphy Family Scholarship, Williams College

Service

- 2023 Paper Reviewer (x3), ACM CHI
- 2022 Student Volunteer, ACM CHI
- 2021 Paper Reviewer (x2), ACM CHI
- 2021 Student Volunteer, ACM CSCW

Teaching Experience

Fall 2022 User Interfaces and User Experience, Graduate TA f	or Jeff Huang, Brown University
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2019-2020 Algorithm Design and Analysis, TA for Shikha Singh, Williams College Fall 2018 Algorithm Design and Analysis, TA for William Lenhart, Williams College

Data Structures and Advanced Programming, TA for Andrea Danyluk & Iris Howley,

Fall 2017 Williams College

Mentoring_

- Fall '22 Joshua Kong Yang, Brown HCI Lab
- Spring '22 Connie Liu, Brown HCI Lab
- Spring '21 Sarah Bawabe, Laura Wilson, Brown HCI Lab
- Spring '21 Aurora Vo, ExploreCSR program
 - Fall '20 Ezra Marks, Brown HCI Lab

OTHER SKILLS

Art & Design: [portfolio]