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Research Interests

My research interests span the intersection between human-computer interaction (HCI) and AI. Specifically, I am interested in studying human-AI interaction paradigms that can preserve and enhance human agency.

Education

| Northwestern University, Evanston, IL | Sept. 2021 – Present |
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| Ph.D., Technology and Social Behavior (GPA: 4.0/4.0) | - |
| Advisor: Matthew Kay | |
| Dissertation Committee: Darren Gergle, Duri Long, Eytan Adar | |
| Hong Kong University of Science and Technology , Hong Kong SAR Master of Philosophy, Computer Science and Engineering Advisor: Xiaojuan Ma, Committee: Pan Hui and Dongwon Lee | Sept. 2018 – Nov. 2020 |
| Hanyang University, Seoul, South Korea | Mar. 2012 – Feb. 2018 |
| Bachelor of Science, Business Administration | Military Service: 2013 – 2015 |

Research Experience

Bachelor of Science, Computer Science and Engineering

| Toyota Research Institute , Los Altos, CA <i>Research Intern</i> Future Product Innovation team (Human-Centered AI) Mentor: Matthew Hong and Matt Klenk | Jun. 2025 - Aug. 2025 |
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| Midjourney, Inc., San Francisco, CA Visiting Researcher Storytelling Lab Mentor: John Joon Young Chung and Max Kreminski | Mar. 2024 - Sept. 2024 |
| Accenture Labs, San Francisco, CA Visiting Researcher Digital Experiences R&D group Mentor: Manaswi Saha and Jordan Ackerman | Jun. 2024 - Sept. 2024 |
| KAIST Interaction Lab (KIXLAB), Daejeon, Republic of Korea <i>Researcher</i> Mentor: Juho Kim | Jan. 2021 - Jul. 2021 |

Awards & Honors

| School of Communication Graduate Fellowship, Northwestern University | 2024 - 2025 |
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| Best Paper Honorable Mention, ACM CHI 2024, [c.6] | 2024 |
| Advanced Cognitive Science Fellowship, Northwestern University | 2023 - 2024 |
| Design Cluster Fellowship, Northwestern University | 2022 - 2023 |
| Computer Science Graduate Fellowship, Northwestern University | 2021 - 2022 |

Academic Publications

Refereed Conference Proceedings and Journal Articles (fully reviewed, archival) – two papers under review

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[C.7] MentalImager: Exploring Generative Images for Assisting Support-Seekers' Self-Disclosure in Online Mental Health Communities

Han Zhang, Jiaqi Zhang, Yuxiang Zhou, Ryan Louie, **Taewook Kim**, Qingyu Guo, Shuailin Li, Zhenhui Peng

ACM CSCW 2025 (Acceptance after major revision)

[C.6] Authors' Values and Attitudes Towards AI-bridged Scalable Personalization of Creative Language Arts Taewook Kim, Hyomin Han, Eytan Adar, Matthew Kay, John Joon Young Chung ACM CHI 2024 (Acceptance rate: 26.3%)

Best paper honorable mention (top 5% among 4,028 submissions)

[C.5] Opportunities in Mental Health Support for Informal Dementia Caregivers Suffering from Verbal Ag-

Taewook Kim, Hyeok Kim, Angela C. Roberts, Maia Jacobs, Matthew Kay ACM CSCW 2024

[C.4] RLens: A Computer-aided Visualization System for Supporting Reflection on Language Learning under Distributed Tutorship

Meng Xia, Yankun Zhao, Jihyeong Hong, Mehmet Hamza Erol, **Taewook Kim**, Juho Kim ACM L@S 2022

[C.3] Love in Lyrics: An Exploration of Supporting Textual Manifestation of Affection in Social Messaging

Taewook Kim, Jung Soo Lee, Zhenhui Peng, and Xiaojuan Ma ACM CSCW 2019 (Acceptance rate: 31.2%)

[C.2] Understanding and Modeling User-Perceived Brand Personality from Mobile Application UIs Ziming Wu, Taewook Kim, Quan Li, and Xiaojuan Ma ACM CHI 2019 (Acceptance rate: 23.8%)

- [C.1] Mediating Color Filter Exploration with Color Theme Semantics Derived from Social Curation Data Ziming Wu, Zhida Sun, Taewook Kim, Manuele Reani, Caroline Jay, and Xiaojuan Ma ACM CSCW 2018 (Acceptance rate: 26.1%)
- $\label{eq:consumers} \mbox{[j.1] Multidimensional Analysis of Consumers' Opinions from Online Product Reviews.}$

Taewook Kim, Dong Sung Kim, Donghyun Kim, and Jong Woo Kim. Asia Pacific Journal of Information Systems. Vol. 29, No. 4, (December 2019)

Extended Abstracts: Posters and Workshops (lightly reviewed)

[E.6] Transforming Language to Improve Human Communication

Taewook Kim, Duri Long

ACM CSCW 2024 Workshop on Envisioning New Futures of Positive Social Technology

[E.5] Rawal: A Reflection Assistant with Active Listening for Peer Support Chats Ryan Louie, Taewook Kim, Zhenhui Peng ACM CHI 2023 Workshop on Self-Reflection Technologies

[E.4] Opportunities to Support Communal Experiences of Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing People in Live Popular Music Concerts

Hyomin Han, **Taewook Kim** ACM GROUP 2022 Poster

[E.3] Facilitating Continuous Text Messaging in Romantic Encounters Online by Expanded Keywords Enumeration

Taewook Kim, Qingyu Guo, Hyeonjae Kim, Wenjie Yang, Meiziniu Li, Xiaojuan Ma ACM CSCW 2022 Poster

[E.2] Improving Readers' Awareness of Divergent Viewpoints by Displaying Agendas of Comments in Online News Discussions Taewook Kim, Hyunwoo Kim, Juho Kim, and Xiaojuan Ma ACM CSCW 2021 Poster

[E.1] GremoBot: Exploring Emotion Regulation in Group Chat Zhenhui Peng, Taewook Kim, and Xiaojuan Ma ACM CSCW 2019 Poster

Magazine Article

[M.1] Literature and AI - Expecting Roles of Bridging Writers and Readers John Joon Young Chung, Taewook Kim The Poet's Notebook (A Quarterly Magazine): Summer, 2023

Teaching Experiences

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|---|---|
| Technology and Human Interaction (COMP_SCI 314), Northwestern University <i>Teaching Assistant</i> Lecturer: Darren Gergle | Winter 2025 |
| Human-Computer Interaction (COMP 4461), HKUST Teaching Assistant Lecturer: Xiaojuan Ma | Fall 2019 |
| Design and Analysis of Algorithms (COMP 3711), HKUST Teaching Assistant Lecturer(s): Mordecai J. Golin & Xiaojuan Ma | Spring 2019 |
| Academic Mentoring | |
| Grace He, Northwestern CS Undergraduate Joanna Jung, Northwestern CS Undergraduate Hyunbin Lee, Northwestern CS Undergraduate | Winter 2025 Winter 2025 Winter 2025 |

Academic Services

| Reviewer (*) Special Recognitions for Outstanding Reviews ACM CHI, * (2022), * (2023), * (2024), ** (2025) ACM CSCW, * (2022), * (2023) ACM UIST, * (2024) ACM DIS ACM IUI | 2019 - Present 2021 - Present 2024 - Present 2025 - Present 2024 |
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| ACL In2Writing Workshop Student Volunteer – ACM CHI | 2023 - Present 2022 |
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Peer mentor

| TSB program buddy | 2022 - Present |
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| Northwestern PhD visiting event | 2022 |

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