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Education	
University of Wisconsin-Madison PHD COMPUTER SCIENCES Advisor: Dr. Bilge Mutlu GPA: 3.9/4.0	Madison Wisconsin 2024 - present
University of Wisconsin-Madison MS COMPUTER SCIENCES Advisor: Dr. Bilge Mutlu	Madison Wisconsin 2021 - 2023
University of Wisconsin–Madison MS EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY Advisor: Dr. Edward Hubbard	Madison Wisconsin 2019 - 2023
National Taiwan University BS Psychology (MINOR IN ECONOMICS)	Taipei, Taiwan 2014 - 2019

Publications_

PUBLISHED

- **Ho, H. R.**, Hubbard, E. M., Mutlu, B. (2024, May). "It's Not a Replacement:" Enabling Parent-Robot Collaboration to Support In-Home Learning Experiences of Young Children. Proceedings of the 2024 CHI conference on human factors in computing systems. **Honorable Mention Award (Top 150 in 4028)**
- **Ho, H. R.**, White, N. T., Hubbard, E. M., Mutlu, B. (2023, June). Designing Parent-child-robot Interactions to Facilitate In-Home Parental Math Talk with Young Children. In Proceedings of the 22nd Annual ACM Interaction Design and Children Conference (pp. 355-366).
- Ho, H. -R., Cagiltay, B., White, N., Hubbard, E., Mutlu, B. (2021, June 24-30). RoboMath: Designing a Learning Companion Robot to Support Children's Numerical Skills. ACM Interaction Design and Children (IDC) Conference, Athens, Greece.
- Cagiltay, B., **Ho, H.-R.**, Michaelis, J., Mutlu, B. (2020, June 21-24). Investigating Family Perceptions and Design Preferences for an In Home Robot. ACM Interaction Design and Children (IDC) Conference, London, United Kingdom.
- **Ho, H. -R.**, Chen, Y. -L., Wu, A. -Y., Yeh, S. -L., Youngstrom, E. A. (2017, August). Do people with different personalities show different emotion patterns? Poster presented at the American Psychological Association (APA) Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA, United States.

In Review

- **Ho, H. R.**, Cagiltay, B., Ibtasar, R., Mutlu, B., Michaelis, J. E. (2025). Exploring How Learning Companion Robots Can Assist Children in Homework. [venue removed for anonymization concerns]
- **Ho, H. R.**, Kargeti, N., Liu, Z., Mutlu, B. (2025). SET-PAiREd: Designing for Parental Involvement in Learning with an Al-Assisted Educational Robot. [venue removed for anonymization concerns]

Research Experience ___

Graduate Researcher Madison, WI

PEOPLE AND ROBOTICS LAB, UW-MADISON

09/2019 - Present

• Designing learning companion robot to support children's learning through human-AI collaboration.

Graduate Researcher Madison, WI

EDUCATIONAL NEUROSCIENCE LAB, UW-MADISON

2019-2023

· Investigated how attention and multisensory perception affect working memory and numerical cognition.

User Experience Researcher Intern - AI Platform Team

Menlo Park, CA Summer 2022

META PLATFORMS, INC.

• Led mixed-methods studies collaborating with AI/ML engineers and support AI productivity through quantitative methods.

User Experience Researcher Intern - Consumer Team

Taipei, Taiwan

TREND MICRO TAIWAN

Summer 2017

Mentorin	g Experience	
2024-now	Yash Sancheti, Undergraduate Assistant	Madison, WI
2023-now	Ziqi Liu , Undergraduate Assistant with Honors	Madison, WI
2023-now	Justina Wang, Undergraduate Assistant with Honors	Madison, WI
2023-now	Nitigya Kargeti, Graduate Assistant	Madison, WI
2022-2024	Muhammad Junaid, Graduate Assistant	Madison, WI
Teaching	Experience	
2022 - 2024	EP 301 How People Learn, Teaching Assistant	UW-Madison
2020 - 2022	EP 326 Mind, Brain and Education, Teaching Assistant	UW-Madison
Awards, F	Fellowships, & Grants	
June 2023	Graduate Student Travel Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison	\$500
June 2023	Student Research Grants Competition, University of Wisconsin-Madison	\$1500
May 2022	Government Scholarship to Study Abroad (GSSA), Ministry of Education, Taiwan (R.O.C.)	\$32,000
July 2018	Fully-Funded Scholarship: Study Abroad Program for Future Scholars in the Humanities	\$30,000
July 2010	and Social Sciences, Ministry of Education, Taiwan (R.O.C.)	Ų00,000
Professio	nal Development	
Director of C	ommunications	Madison, WI
WiSolve Consulting Group, Inc		2021-present

· Managed internal and external communications with members and community stakeholders.

Instructor Madison, WI **GRANDPARENT UNIVERSITY** July 2024

• Taught grandparents and grandchildren how to program social robots.

Attendee Madison, WI

MORGRIDGE ENTREPRENEURIAL BOOTCAMP

Summer 2022

• Educated with project management, business/lean startup canvas lecture and entrepreneurship.

Service and Outreach ___

May 2024 ACM CHI 2024, Student Volunteer Honolulu, HI June 2023 ACM IDC 2023, Student Volunteer Chicago, IL

Peer Review _____

ACM/SIG Conferences: CHI, HRI, IDC