

Curriculum Vitae

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Research Areas

Human-Computer Interaction (HCI), Social Computing.

Areas of Focus: sharing economies, peer production, mobile crowdsourcing, citizen science.

Education

Univeristy of Minnesota (2011 - 2017):
PhD in Computer Science
University of Minnesota – Morris (2007 - 2011):
Bachelor of Arts, Computer Science
Bachelor of Arts, Spanish

Publications

Refereed Papers in Archival Publication Venues (Conferences and Journals)

2018

— **Jacob Thebault-Spieker**, Aaron Halfaker, Loren Terveen, and Brent Hecht 2018.
Distance and Attraction: Gravity Models for Geographic Content Production. In
*Proceedings of the 36th Annual Acm Conference on Human Factors in Computing
Systems* (CHI '18).

— **Jacob Thebault-Spieker**, Brent Hecht, and Loren Terveen 2018. Geographic Biases Are 'Born, Not Made': Exploring Contributors' Spatiotemporal Behavior in Openstreetmap. In *Proceedings of the 2018 Acm Conference on Supporting Groupwork* (GROUP '18), 71–82. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3148330.3148350>

— **Jacob Thebault-Spieker**, Daniel Kluver, Maximilian A. Klein, Aaron Halfaker, Brent Hecht, Loren Terveen, and Joseph A. Konstan 2017. Simulation Experiments on (the Absence of) Ratings Bias in Reputation Systems. *Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction* 1, CSCW: 101:1–101:25. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3134736>

— S. Andrew Sheppard, Julian Turner, **Jacob Thebault-Spieker**, Haiyi Zhu, and Loren Terveen 2017. Never Too Old, Cold or Dry to Watch the Sky: A Survival Analysis of Citizen Science Volunteerism. *Proc. ACM Hum.-Comput. Interact.* 1, CSCW: 94:1–94:21. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3134729>

2017

— Hannah Miller, Daniel Kluver, **Jacob Thebault-Spieker**, Loren Terveen, and Brent Hecht 2017. Understanding Emoji Ambiguity in Context: The Role of Text in Emoji-Related Miscommunication.

— **Jacob Thebault-Spieker**, Loren Terveen, and Brent Hecht 2017. Toward a Geographic Understanding of the Sharing Economy: Systemic Biases in Uberx and Taskrabbit. *ACM Trans. Comput.-Hum. Interact.* 24, 3: 21:1–21:40. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3058499>

— **Jacob Thebault-Spieker***, Ashley Colley*, Allen Yilun Lin*, Donald Degraen, Benjamin Fischman, Jonna Häkkinen, Kate Kuehl, Valentina Nisi, Nuno Jardim Nunes, Nina Wenig, Dirk Wenig, Brent Hecht**, and Johannes Schöning** 2017. The Geography of Pokémon Go: Beneficial and Problematic Effects on Places and Movement. In *Proceedings of the 2017 Chi Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems* (CHI '17), 1179–1192. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3025453.3025495>
(* indicates co-first-author, ** - indicates co-Principal Investigators)

— Andrew Hall, Sarah McRoberts, **Jacob Thebault-Spieker**, Yilun Lin, Shilad Sen, Brent Hecht, and Loren Terveen 2017. Freedom Versus Standardization: Structured Data Generation in a Peer Production Community. In *Proceedings of the 2017 Chi Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems* (CHI '17), 6352–6362. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3025453.3025940>

2016

— Hannah Miller, **Jacob Thebault-Spieker**, Shuo Chang, Johnson Isaac, Loren Terveen, and Brent Hecht 2016. "Blissfully Happy" or "Ready to Fight": Varying Interpretations in Emoji. In *Proceedings of the 10th International Conference on Web and Social Media* (ICWSM '16).

2015

- **Jacob Thebault-Spieker**, Loren G. Terveen, and Brent Hecht 2015. Avoiding the South Side and the Suburbs: The Geography of Mobile Crowdsourcing Markets. In *Proceedings of the 18th Acm Conference on Computer Supported Cooperative Work & Social Computing* (CSCW '15), 265–275. <https://doi.org/10.1145/2675133.2675278>
- Aaron Halfaker, Oliver Keyes, Daniel Kluver, **Jacob Thebault-Spieker**, Tien Nguyen, Kenneth Shores, Anuradha Uduwage, and Morten Warncke-Wang 2015. User Session Identification Based on Strong Regularities in Inter-Activity Time. In *Proceedings of the 24th International Conference on World Wide Web* (WWW '15), 410–418. <https://doi.org/10.1145/2736277.2741117>

Posters and Extended Abstracts

2016

- **Jacob Thebault-Spieker**, Anbang Xu, Jilin Chen, Jalal Mahmud, and Jeffrey Nichols 2016. Exploring Engagement in a 'Social Crowd' on Twitter. In *Proceedings of the 19th Acm Conference on Computer Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing Companion* (CSCW '16 Companion), 417–420. <https://doi.org/10.1145/2818052.2869112>

Workshop Papers

2015

- **Jacob Thebault-Spieker**, Brent Hecht, and Loren Terveen 2015. Digitally Reflecting Our Space: Crowdsourcing Space Usage Rules. In *19th Acm Conference on Computer Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing* (Information Technology and City Life Workshop - Cscw '15).

2013

- **Jacob Thebault-Spieker** 2013. CitizenSense: A Geographic Collective Intelligence Platform. In *Symposium on Urban Informatics Exploring Smarter Cities* (Symposium on Urban Informatics Exploring Smarter Cities).

2010

— **Jacob Thebault-Spieker** 2010. Can Protocol and Application Layer Statistics Improve Client-Server Responsiveness? In *Midwest Instructional Computing Symposium* (MICS '10).

Refereed Doctoral Consortia

2016

— **Jacob Thebault-Spieker** 2016. Quantifying, Understanding, and Mitigating Crowd Work Bias. In *Fourth Aaai Conference on Human Computation and Crowdsourcing* (HCOMP '16 Doctoral Consortium).

Grants and Awards

Grants

—
SOBACO Travel Grant
Travel Grant from Social Media and Business Analytics Collaborative to attend CSCW. \$1500. 2015.

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SOBACO Travel Grant
Travel Grant from Social Media and Business Analytics Collaborative to attend CSCW. \$1000. 2014.

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Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program grant
University of Minnesota, Morris. \$1400. 2009.

Research Internships and REUs

—
IBM Research – Almaden Summer 2014. Advisors: Jeff Nichols, Jalal Mahmud.
Defined and implemented a research project in the space of grassroots engagement efforts on Twitter. Resulted in CSCW 2016 Poster.

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Carnegie Mellon REU Summer 2010. Advisor: Mahadev Satyanarayanan.

Researched the feasibility of prefetching in Internet Suspend/Resume.
Demonstrated that the simple (boot) case does not provide performance improvements.

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistantships

—
University of Minnesota

Structure of Computer Programming II (Undergraduate): Fall 2011, Spring 2012.

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University of Minnesota – Morris

Models of Computing Systems (Undergraduate): Fall 2010, Spring 2011.

Professional Service

Organizing Committees

— CSCW 2019 Publications Co-Chair

— Co-Editor of ‘Negotiating Trust and Truth in Socio-Technical Systems’ special issue of Transactions on Social Computing

Program Committees

— CHI 2018 Late-Breaking Work

— Emoji2018: 1st International Workshop on Emoji Understanding and Applications in Social Media

Reviewing

Conference Proceedings

— CSCW

— CHI (*recognized as an Excellent Reviewer in: 2017, 2018*)

— UbiComp (*recognized as an Excellent Reviewer in 2016*)

- MobileHCI
- ICWSM

Journals

- ACM Transactions on Computer-Human Interaction (TOCHI)
- Interaction Design and Architecture (IxD&A)
- ACM Transactions on Social Computing (TSC)