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EDUCATION

University of Chicago

Doctoral Student, Computer Science, 9/2017 to Present

Masters Degree, Computer Science, 9/2017 to 10/2019

Advised by [Ravi Chugh](#) and [Gordon Kindlmann](#)

GPA 3.9 / 4

Reed College

Bachelor of Arts, Physics, 2010 to 2014

GPA 3.3 / 4

PROFESSIONAL & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Tableau Research

Intern (Visual Analytics) — June 2019 to September 2019

Developed software combining metamorphic testing techniques with contemporary visualization theory to investigate difficult to identify problems in visual analytics systems. Our efforts produced an academic paper and a pending patent. Gave presentations in the research workshop and to the company at large.

University of Chicago

Graduate Researcher — September 2017 to Present

Developed a mixed modality low-code/no-code visual analytics application, an algorithm for generating a particular novel visualization using gradient descent, and a system for automated analysis of matplotlib charts. Constructed methods for displaying multi-tag data in digital humanities contexts, debugging distributed clustering algorithms, and visualizing threaded conversations on the internet.

Uber

Data Visualization Engineer II — October 2015 to May 2017

Developed WebGL-based mapping and charting systems that enable users to dynamically interact with millions of data points, an analytics platform for monitoring business outcomes for AB testing experiments, and a system for visualizing simulations about Vertical Takeoff and Landing devices. Acted as the lead maintainer for an [open source charting library](#), which during my tenure gained thousands of Github stars and is downloaded hundreds of thousands of times per month.

Collaborative Drug Discovery

Scientific Visualization Developer — November 2014 to October 2015

Constructed a visualization platform for high dimensional data that was subsequently developed into an academic publication. Optimized a bayesian machine learning system for human-machine teaming in the drug discovery process. Founded and ran a lunch and learn collaborative educational program.

Reed College

Undergraduate Researcher — May 2013 to August 2013

Studied computational simulations of Quantum Gravity as part of [Joel Franklin's](#) research group. Developed numerical solutions for a coupled Newton-Schrodinger with self-interaction with a focus on the development of bound states.

AWARDS

IEEEVIS October 2020

InfoVis Honorable Mention Poster Research

for A Minimally Constrained Optimization Algorithm for Table Cartograms

ACM SIGCHI March 2020

Best Paper Honorable Mention

(Top 5%) for Surfacing Visualization Mirages

MindBytes Research Symposium October 2019

Best Poster in Visualization

UChicago Grad *October 2019*
Graduate Council Travel Fund

Information is Beautiful Awards *September 2019*

Long List

for FeX: Forum Explorer (Visual Analytics) and Cycles Rain Seasons in Size (Unusual Category)

University of Chicago, Department of Computer Science *June 2019*

Teaching Assistant Prize

Nominated by Students and Awarded by Faculty

UChicago Physical Sciences Division *May 2018, May 2019*

Divisional Teaching Award Nominee

Nominated by Students and Awarded by Faculty

UChicago Art and Science Expo *May 2018, May 2019*

2nd Place for Best in Show

By Popular Vote for Printed Media Category

Reed College *May 2014*

Commendation of Academic Excellence

Merit given to students exhibiting exemplary scholarship

PUBLICATIONS (PEER REVIEWED)

Supporting Expert Close Analysis of Historical Scientific Writings: A Case Study for Near-by Reading

Andrew McNutt, Agatha Kim, Sergio Elahi, Kazutaka Takahashi

2020 IEEE 5th Workshop on Visualization for the Digital Humanities (VIS4DH). October 2020. Workshop Paper.

A Minimally Constrained Optimization Algorithm for Table Cartograms

Andrew McNutt, Gordon Kindlmann

VIS 2020: InfoVIS Poster Track. October 2020. Poster. ★ Honorable Mention for Best Poster Research ★

Surfacing Visualization Mirages

Andrew McNutt, Gordon Kindlmann, Michael Correll

Proceedings of the 2020 ACM Annual Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems. April 2020. Conference Paper. ★ Honorable Mention for Best Paper ★

Divining Insights: Visual Analytics Through Cartomancy

Andrew McNutt, Anamaria Crisan, Michael Correll

Proceedings of alt.CHI. April 2020. Extended Abstract.

Linting for Visualization: Towards a Practical Automated Visualization Guidance System

Andrew McNutt, Gordon Kindlmann

2nd IEEE VIS Workshop on Creation, Curation, Critique and Conditioning of Principles and Guidelines in Visualization (“VisGuides”). October 2018. Workshop Paper.

The Schrodinger-Newton System with Self-field Coupling

Joel Franklin, Youdan Guo, *Andrew McNutt*, Allison Morgan

Journal of Classical and Quantum Gravity. 2015. Journal Paper.

Open source Bayesian models. 1. Application to ADME/Tox and Drug Discovery Datasets.

Alex M. Clark, Krishna Dole, Anna Coulon-Spektor, *Andrew McNutt*, George Grass, Joel S. Freundlich, Robert C. Reynolds, Sean Ekins

Journal of Chemical Information and Modeling. 2015. Journal Paper.

PUBLICATIONS (NON-PEER REVIEWED)

Textual Analysis & Comparison National Forms of Scientific Texts: Goethe + de Candolle

Agatha Kim, *Andrew McNutt*, S. Sergio Elahi, Kazutaka Takahashi, Robert J Richards

MindBytes Research Symposium. November 2019. Poster. ★ Best Poster in Visualization ★

Advanced Visualization with react-vis

Andrew McNutt

Towards Data Science. May 21, 2018. Blog.

THESES

Design and Analysis of Table Cartograms: Simultaneous-Multipurpose Tabular Area-Encoding Displays

Andrew McNutt (Advised by Gordon Kindlmann)

Masters Thesis. University of Chicago. 2019.

Nonequivalent Lagrangian Mechanics

Andrew McNutt (Advised by Nelia Mann)

Undergraduate thesis. Reed College. June 2014.

TEACHING

Instructor

2021 Winter	Data Visualization For Public Policy	CAPP 30239	UChicago
2020 Spring	Data Visualization	CMSC 23900	UChicago
2020 Winter	Data Visualization For Public Policy	CAPP 30239	UChicago
2016-2017	Ubersersity Speaker		Uber
2015-2017	Visualization Eng-ucation		Uber

Teaching Assistant

2019 Spring	Data Visualization	CMSC 23900	UChicago
2019 Winter	Data Visualization For Public Policy	CAPP 30239	UChicago
2018 Fall	Computer Science with Applications 1	CAPP 30121	UChicago
2018 Spring	Data Visualization	CMSC 23900	UChicago
2018 Winter	Introduction to Computer Science 1	CMSC 15100	UChicago
2017 Fall	Computer Science with Applications 1.	CMSC 12100	UChicago
2014 Spring	F.L. Griffin Mathfest		Reed College
2012 Fall	General Physics I	Physics 101	Reed College

SERVICE

REVIEWING

CHI21 - Papers

VIS20 - Short Papers

VIS20 - InfoVis

alt.chi 2020

LEADERSHIP AND VOLUNTEERING

Open Access VIS / EuroVIS

Contributor / Organizer. 2019

South Side Civic

Scopathon Facilitator. 2019

Visualization Research Reading Group

Director. February 2019-Present

UChicago CS Graduate Student Ministry

Facilitator of CS Grad Weekly Coffee Break. 2018

CERTIFICATES AND TRAININGS

[UChicago College Teaching Certificate](#) — *[In Progress]*

Supplementary education on course design, pedagogy, and inclusive teaching practices at a college level. Redesigned the Data Visualization for Public Policy syllabus, drafted lesson plans, and developed a teaching statement.

[App Academy](#) — *August 2014*

Fullstack web dev course covering Ruby (Ruby on Rails) and Javascript (Backbone). Independent project was a twitter-like micro-blogging platform for dreams, which facilitated exploration and visualization of the collective unconscious.

PRESS CLIPPINGS

- [Alt.CHI 2020: A Reader's Guide](#)
- [22 CHI 2020 papers worth reading](#)