

Jay Henderson Curriculum Vitae

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Current Position

Assistant Professor

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Overview

My research interests span a variety of domains within human-computer interaction, including, learning input techniques, augmented/mixed/virtual reality, and 2D/3D interaction – with the overarching goal of understanding human behaviour while interacting with emerging technology. My fundamental computer science background paired with interdisciplinary training in psychology and mathematics has placed me in a unique position to make meaningful contributions to the field; evident through my numerous publications at top-tier venues.

Education

- 2021 PhD in Computer Science
Thesis: Understanding Mode and Modality Transfer in Unistroke Gesture Input
University of Waterloo
- 2016 BSc Hons in Computer Science (minors in Mathematics and Psychology)
Mount Allison University

Professional Experience

- 2023 - Assistant Professor
Memorial University of Newfoundland
- 2022 - 2023 Postdoctoral Fellow & Instructor
Carleton University
- 2021 - 2022 Senior Research Scientist
Huawei Technologies Canada

- 2019 - 2020 Research Scientist Internship
Meta Reality Labs (formerly Chatham Labs)
- 2018 - 2019 Research Scientist Internship
Huawei Technologies Canada
- 2017 Visiting Researcher
Inria, Lille
- 2016 Software Engineer
Mysa Smart Thermostats

Publications

*** **Note about venues:** in Human-Computer Interaction (HCI), conference proceedings are the preferred publication venues, being timelier and having the greatest impact (typical for experimental computer science). Top tier conferences require rigorous multi-stage review of manuscripts for archival proceedings. CHI (ACM's Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems) and IMWUT (The Proceedings of the ACM on Interactive, Mobile, Wearable and Ubiquitous Technologies) are ranked #1 and #3, respectively, in HCI (via Google Scholar).

- 2023 **Jay Henderson**, Ali Neshati, Wei Zhou, Daniel Vogel, Edward Lank. 2023. *Interaction Region Characteristics for Midair Barehand Targeting on a Television*. Extended Abstracts of the 2023 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI EA '23).
DOI: [10.1145/3544549.3585877](https://doi.org/10.1145/3544549.3585877). (**Acceptance rate: 34%**)
- 2023 Arman Hafizi, **Jay Henderson**, Ali Neshati, Wei Zhou, Edward Lank, Daniel Vogel. 2023. *In-vehicle Performance and Distraction for Midair and Touch Directional Gestures*. In Proceedings of the 2023 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '23).
DOI: [10.1145/3544548.3581335](https://doi.org/10.1145/3544548.3581335). (**Acceptance rate: 28.4%**)
- 2022 **Jay Henderson**, Tanya Jonker, Edward Lank, Daniel Wigdor, Ben Lafreniere. 2022. *Investigating Cross-Modal Approaches for Evaluating Error Acceptability of a Recognition-Based Input Technique*. In Proc. ACM Interact. Mob. Wearable Ubiquitous Technol. 6, 1 (March 2022), 22 pages.
DOI: [10.1145/3517262](https://doi.org/10.1145/3517262). (**Average acceptance rate: 22.5%**)
- 2020 **Jay Henderson**, Jessy Ceha, and Edward Lank. 2020. *STAT: Subtle Typing Around the Thigh for Head-Mounted Displays*. In 22nd International Conference on Human-Computer Interaction with Mobile Devices and Services (MobileHCI '20). Association for Computing Machinery, New York, NY, USA, Article 27, 1–11.
DOI: [10.1145/3379503.3403549](https://doi.org/10.1145/3379503.3403549). (**Average acceptance rate: 23.1%**)

- 2020 **Jay Henderson**, Sylvain Malacria, Mathieu Nancel, and Edward Lank. 2020. *Investigating The Necessity Of Delay In Marking Menu Invocation*. In Proceedings of the 2020 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '20), Apr 25–30, 2020, Honolulu, HI USA. Association for Computing Machinery, New York, NY, USA, 1–13.
DOI: [10.1145/3313831.3376296](https://doi.org/10.1145/3313831.3376296). (**Acceptance rate: 24.3%**)
- 2019 **Jay Henderson**, Sachi Mizobuchi, Wei Li, and Edward Lank. 2019. *Exploring Cross-Modal Training via Touch to Learn a Mid-Air Marking Menu Gesture Set*. In Proceedings of the 21st International Conference on Human-Computer Interaction with Mobile Devices and Services (MobileHCI '19). Association for Computing Machinery, New York, NY, USA, Article 8, 1–9.
DOI: [10.1145/3338286.3340119](https://doi.org/10.1145/3338286.3340119). (**Average acceptance rate: 23.1%**)
- 2019 **Jay Henderson**, Jeff Avery, Laurent Grisoni, and Edward Lank. 2019. *Leveraging Distal Vibrotactile Feedback for Target Acquisition*. In Proceedings of the 2019 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '19), May 4–9, 2019, Glasgow, Scotland UK. ACM, New York, NY, USA 11 Pages.
DOI: [10.1145/3290605.3300715](https://doi.org/10.1145/3290605.3300715). (**Acceptance rate: 23.8%**)
- 2019 **Jay Henderson**, Shaishav Siddhuria, Keiko Katsuragawa, and Edward Lank. 2017. *Fostering large display engagement through playful interactions*. In Proceedings of the 6th ACM International Symposium on Pervasive Displays (PerDis '17). Association for Computing Machinery, New York, NY, USA, Article 20, 1–8.
DOI: [10.1145/3078810.3078818](https://doi.org/10.1145/3078810.3078818). (**Acceptance rate: 55%**)

Service

- 2021 - Program Committee (Associate Chair)
ACM's DIS (Designing Interactive Systems)
ACM's CHI Late Breaking Work
ACM's MobileHCI Late Breaking Work
- 2018 - Peer Reviewer
ACM's CHI (Human Factors in Computing Systems)
ACM's MobileHCI (Mobile Human-Computer Interaction)
ACM's AutoUI (Automatic User Interfaces)
ACM's DIS (Designing Interactive Systems)
ACM's ISS (Interactive Surfaces and Spaces)
ACM's ETRA (Eye Tracking Research & Applications)
ACM's SUI (Spatial User Interfaces) IEEE's ISMAR (International Symposium on Mixed and Augmented Reality) Elsevier's IJCHS (International Journal of Human Computer Studies)
- 2023 Co-Chair
IEEE VR
Workshop on Emerging Novel Prototyping Techniques for XR (ENPT XR)

- 2019 ACM Name Change Committee
Association for Computing Machinery
 As a transgender man, I was selected to serve on a committee that developed an overarching name change policy within all ACM publications.
<https://www.acm.org/publications/policies/author-name-changes>
- 2019 CHI Conference Allyship Program
ACM SIGCHI
 Served as a point of contact for attendees about equity. Selected for experience in equity-related activities, particularly, involvement in LGBTQ+ initiatives.
- 2017 CHI Conference Student Volunteer
ACM SIGCHI
- 2014 - 2016 S.M.I.L.E. Buddy
Mount Allison University / Cumberland YMCA
 An accessibility oriented buddy program offered to children with disabilities, who may otherwise not be able to participate in typical programs due to their unique developmental needs. Occurred each Saturday morning of the academic year.

Teaching

- 2023 ITEC 4011 – AI for Digital Media
 Instructor & Course Developer
Carleton University
- 2018 - 2020 CS 349 – Introduction to User Interfaces
 Instructional Apprentice
University of Waterloo
- 2017 - 2019 CS 105 – Introduction to Computer Programming 1
 Instructional Apprentice
University of Waterloo
- 2017 - 2018 CS 106 – Introduction to Computer Programming 2
 Instructional Apprentice
University of Waterloo
- 2019 CS 449/649 – Human-Computer Interaction
 TA
University of Waterloo
- 2016 CS 135 – Designing Functional Programs
 TA
University of Waterloo

- 2016 COMP 1731 – Programming Techniques and Algorithms
TA
Mount Allison University
- 2015 COMP 2931 – Introduction to Systems Programming
TA
Mount Allison University

Awards and Funding

- 2023 Postdoctoral Fellow Professional Development Fund
Valued at \$2000 for travel to ACM's 2023 CHI conference.
- 2017 - 2019 David R. Cheriton Graduate Scholarship
Awarded by the director of the Cheriton School of Computer Science and an appointed committee based on academic excellence.
Valued at \$10,000 annually (\$20,000/2 years).
- 2016 - 2021 Math Graduate Student Award
Valued at \$6,000 annually (\$30,000/5 years).
- 2016 - 2021 Graduate Student Research Travel Assistantship
Valued at \$500 for travel to various conferences.

Supervision

- 2022 Arman Hafizi, University of Waterloo MMath Student
Huawei-Waterloo Joint Innovation Lab
- 2022 Jeffrey Lee, Mechatronics Engineering Co-op Student
Human-Machine Interaction Lab, Huawei Technologies Canada
- 2022 Rachel Du, Mechatronics Engineering Co-op Student
Human-Machine Interaction Lab, Huawei Technologies Canada

Talks

- 2022 Investigating Cross-Modal Approaches for Evaluating Error Acceptability of a Recognition-Based Input Technique
Ubicomp '22 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JGi9HqP6qT8>)
- 2020 Investigating the Necessity of Delay in Marking Menu Invocation
CHI '20 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MDyfd0Jwvr4>)
- 2019 Leveraging Distal Vibrotactile Feedback for Target Acquisition
CHI '19 (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wtDrc6Pi_vs)