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Education

University of California, San Diego

PHD IN COMPUTER SCIENCE (MS-PHD TRANSFER IN 2018) / HUMAN COMPUTER INTERACTION, 3.82/4

La Jolla, CA, USA

Sept. 2016 - PRESENT

Manipal Institute of Technology, Manipal University

B.E. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING, 8.79/10

Manipal, India

Jul. 2010 - Jun. 2014

Research Experience

Human-centered eXtended Intelligence Lab, The Design Lab, UC San Diego

GRADUATE RESEARCHER, PHD CANDIDATE

La Jolla, CA, USA

Apr. 2017 - PRESENT

- Developing a conceptual framework and evaluating interaction techniques towards more effective XR-mediated guidance.
- Designed and evaluated an XR trauma care environment with a focus on real-time remote guidance for open surgery.
- Aided the design of a mixed fidelity prototyping and authoring tool in Mixed Reality that exploits situated sketching.
- Employed longitudinal experience journals, interviews, and co-design sessions to uncover latent ICU family member needs.
- Employed design ethnography to understand the communication and interaction patterns in an ICU.
- Co-designed and evaluated HoloCPR, a Mixed Reality application that provides real-time resuscitation (CPR) aid for novices.

XR Safety Initiative

RESEARCHER

Remote

June. 2021 - PRESENT

- Collaborating with XRSI to conduct research towards creating guidelines for safe and ethical XR applications in healthcare.

Family Medicine and Public Health, UC San Diego

GRADUATE RESEARCHER

La Jolla, CA, USA

Nov. 2017 - Aug. 2018

- Uncovered needs and designed a mobile intervention to improve patient-centered communication in primary care.

Connected and Open Research Ethics (CORE), UC San Diego

GRADUATE COLLABORATORY FELLOW (RESEARCH)

La Jolla, CA, USA

Oct. 2016 - Jan. 2018

- Responsible for user research and evaluation for the CORE website.
- Understanding the trends of Mobile, Imaging, Sensing, Social, and Tracking research based on IRB forum posts.

School of Medical Science and Technology, Indian Institute of Technology

RESEARCH INTERN

Kharagpur (IIT-KGP), India

Jun. 2013 - Jul. 2013

- Segmented Magnetic Resonance Images (MRI) to enable brain tumor detection and isolation.
- Employed rough set filtering, edge detection and unsupervised clustering.
- Successfully isolated tumor(s) in MR Images with 78% accuracy.

Professional Experience

Facebook, Inc

UX RESEARCH INTERN, FACEBOOK REALITY LABS

Seattle, WA, USA

Jun. 2020 - Sept. 2020

- Conducted research to help define future AR technology with a focus on (spatial) audio capabilities for AR glasses.

Facebook UK Limited

UX RESEARCH INTERN, AR/VR

London, UK

Jun. 2019 - Sept. 2019

- Conducted qualitative UX research on AR authoring and the Spark AR ecosystem to inform future directions.

PricewaterhouseCoopers & UC San Diego

La Jolla, CA, USA

UX RESEARCH & DESIGN INTERN

Jun. 2017 - Sept. 2017

- Responsible for the UX research and design of a collaborative Mixed Reality application to visualize and interact with population health insights that drive policy-making.

Microsoft India (R&D) Pvt. Ltd.

Hyderabad, India

SOFTWARE ENGINEER

Jul. 2014 - Jul. 2016

- Designed an interface and developed angular components for an e-commerce site for Microsoft partners.
- Created a tool to identify stressed devices on the Microsoft Corporate Network, reducing the time from 6-8 hrs to approx. 6 minutes.
- Helped formulate business-unit level budget plan, created vendor contracts, and tracked and managed data-center projects as part of a program management stint.

Juniper Networks India Pvt. Ltd.

Bangalore, India

ENGINEERING INTERN

Jan. 2014 - Jun. 2014

- Designed a framework to enhance the debugging capabilities of EX-Series Platform Forwarding Engine.
- Made additions to JUNOS to pull relevant information from the Routing Engine, PFE and chipset of the switch.
- Reduced time to obtain the above-mentioned information from 30 minutes and 18 seconds to 12.7 seconds.

Publications

- Janet G. Johnson**, Danilo Gasques, Tommy Sharkey, Evan Schmitz, and Nadir Weibel. "Do You Really Need to Know Where "That" Is? Enhancing Support for Referencing in Collaborative Mixed Reality Environments", In Proceedings of the 2021 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems.
- Danilo Gasques, **Janet G Johnson**, Tommy Sharkey, Yuanyuan Feng, Ru Wang, Zhuoqun Robin Xu, Enrique Zavala, Yifei Zhang, Wanze Xie, Xinming Zhang, Konrad Davis, Michael Yip, and Nadir Weibel. "ARTEMIS: A Collaborative Mixed-Reality System for Immersive Surgical Telementoring", In Proceedings of the 2021 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems.
- Chen Chen, **Janet G Johnson**, Kemeberly Charles, Alice Lee, Ella T. Lifset, Michael Hogarth, Alison A. Moore, Emilia Farcas, and Nadir Weibel. "Understanding Barriers and Design Opportunities to Improve Healthcare and QOL for Older Adults through Voice Assistants", In Proceedings of ASSETS 2021, International ACM SIGACCESS Conference on Computers and Accessibility.
- W. Xie, Y. Liang, **J. Johnson**, A. Mower, S. Burns, C. Chelini, P. D'Alessandro, N. Weibel, and J.P. Schulze. "Interactive Multi-User 3D Visual Analytics in Augmented Reality", In Proceedings of IS&T International Symposium on Electronic Imaging 2020.
- Nadir Weibel, Danilo Gasques Rodrigues, **Janet G. Johnson**, Thomas Sharkey, Zhuoqun Xu, Xinming Zhang, Michael Yip, and Konrad Davis. "ARTEMIS: Mixed-Reality Environment for Immersive Surgical Telementoring", In Proceedings of the 2020 CHI Conference Extended Abstracts on Human Factors in Computing Systems.
- Janet G. Johnson**, Khalil Mrini, Michael Hogarth, Alison Moore, Ndapa Nakashole, Nadir Weibel, and Emilia Farcas. "Voice-Based Conversational Agents for Older Adults", Position Paper at Conversational Agents for Health and Wellbeing, CHI 2020.
- K.L. Davis, D. Gasques, Y.Zhang, W. Xie, **J. Johnson**, Y. Feng, Z. Xu, J. Riback, T. Sharkey, M. Yip, N. Weibel. "ARTEMIS, Augmented Reality Technology to Enable reMote Integrated Surgery: A Review of Technical Consideration and Study Design", 2019 Military Health System Research Symposium (MHSRS 2019), Orlando Florida, August 2019.
- Janet G. Johnson**, Evan Schmitz, Venkatesh Ramnath, and Nadir Weibel. "Nurture-Empower-Support: A Human-Centered Approach to Understand and Support ICU Families", In Proceedings of The 13th EAI International Conference on Pervasive Computing Technologies for Healthcare, pp. 119-128. ACM, 2019.
- Thomas Sharkey, **Janet G. Johnson**, Danilo Gasques, and Nadir Weibel. "I Want to Be a Surgeon! Role Playing for Remote Surgery in Mixed Reality", In Proceedings of WISH 2019, Workshop on Interactive System for Healthcare, CHI 2019.
- Danilo Gasques Rodrigues, **Janet G. Johnson**, Thomas Sharkey, and Nadir Weibel. "PintAR: Sketching Spatial Experiences in Augmented Reality", In the Designing Interactive Systems Conference 2019 Companion, pp. 17-20. ACM, 2019.

- **Janet G. Johnson**, Evan Schmitz, Venkatesh Ramnath, and Nadir Weibel. "Designing Family-Centered Aids for the ICU", In Proceedings of the 2019 CHI Conference Extended Abstracts on Human Factors in Computing Systems.
- Danilo Gasques Rodrigues, **Janet G. Johnson**, Thomas Sharkey, and Nadir Weibel. "What You Sketch Is What You Get: Quick and Easy Augmented Reality Prototyping with PintAR", In Proceedings of the 2019 CHI Conference Extended Abstracts on Human Factors in Computing Systems.
- **Johnson, Janet G.**, Danilo Gasques Rodrigues, Madhuri Gubbala, and Nadir Weibel. "HoloCPR: Designing and Evaluating a Mixed Reality Interface for Time-Critical Emergencies", In Proceedings of the 12th EAI International Conference on Pervasive Computing Technologies for Healthcare, pp. 67-76. ACM, 2018.
- Rodrigues, Danilo Gasques, **Janet G. Johnson**, and Nadir Weibel. "Real-time guidance for cardiopulmonary resuscitation in Mixed Reality", Pervasive Health 2018 (demo)

Teaching Experience

Towards Human-Centered AI, UC San Diego

La Jolla, CA, India

TEACHING STAFF

2022

- Co-designing a Masters course on human-centered AI.

CSE 118/218 - Ubiquitous Computing, UC San Diego

La Jolla, CA, India

TEACHING ASSISTANT

2017, 2018, & 2019

- This course explores ubiquitous computing through both paper readings and a quarter-long project with a focus on mixed reality.
- Responsible for holding discussion sessions, some lectures, and mentoring teams on mixed reality projects.

CSE 190/291 - Human-Computer Interaction for Health (HCI4H), UC San Diego

La Jolla, CA, India

TEACHING ASSISTANT

2019, 2021 & 2022

- This course explores the challenges of designing and introducing new interactive and sensing technology to healthcare.
- Responsible for mentoring students, grading, and logistics of the course.

Interaction Design Specialization, Coursera

La Jolla, CA, India

TEACHING STAFF

Sept. 2017 - Aug. 2019

- This specialization teaches fundamentals for designing, implementing, and evaluating user interfaces.
- Managed the logistics and course material for the eight courses that make up the specialization.

COGS 160 - Advanced Interaction Design, UC San Diego

La Jolla, CA, India

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Apr. 2017 - Jun. 2017

- This course introduces social computing, interaction techniques and information design in a bi-weekly studio format.
- Helped conduct classes, held office hours, and was responsible for the grading and logistics of the class.

Honors and Responsibilities

TALKS, DEMOS, AND PRESENTATIONS

2021	Remote Collaboration in XR , Filene's big.bright.minds.	<i>Irvine, CA, USA</i>
2019	Introduction to Augmented Reality , Women in STEM, San Diego Science & Engineering Fair	<i>San Diego, CA, USA</i>
2018	Mixed Reality and HCI Research , Harvey Mudd Research Open House	<i>Claremont, CA, USA</i>
2017	Video Games to the Rescue! , Fleet Science Center	<i>San Diego, CA, USA</i>

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- 2022 **Organizer**, Workshop on Empathic Computing at IEEE VR: Conference on Virtual Reality and 3D User Interfaces
- 2020 **Web Co-Chair**, ACM International Joint Conference on Pervasive and Ubiquitous Computing & International Symposium on Wearable Computers

ACADEMIC PEER REVIEWS

- 2022 **Papers**, CHI PLAY: Annual Symposium on Computer-Human Interaction in Play
- 2022 **Late Breaking Works**, CHI: Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems
- 2022 **Papers**, CSCW: Conference on Computer Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing
- 2022 **Papers**, IEEE VR: Conference on Virtual Reality and 3D User Interfaces
- 2022 **Papers**, MobileHCI: Conference on Mobile Human-Computer Interaction
- 2022 **Papers**, TEI: Conference on Tangible, Embedded and Embodied Interaction
- 2021 **Papers**, CHI: Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems
- 2021 **Papers**, ISWC: International Symposium on Wearable Computers
- 2021 **Papers**, SUI: Symposium on Spatial User Interaction
- 2021 **Papers**, VRST: Symposium on Virtual Reality Software and Technology
- 2020 **Papers**, CHI: Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems
- 2020 **Late Breaking Works**, CHI: Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems
- 2018 **Late Breaking Works**, CHI: Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

- 2013 **Treasurer**, AAINA Dramatics, Manipal University's official dramatics club, Manipal, India
- 2013 **Category head, Hospitality**, Revels, MIT Manipal's national cultural festival, Manipal, India
- 2012 **Category head, Hospitality**, Techatva, MIT Manipal's national technical festival, Manipal, India
- 2012 **Sponsorship Head**, AAINA Dramatics, Manipal, India
- 2012 **Assistant Director**, AAINA Dramatics, Manipal, India

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

- 2019 **CSE Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Member (Current)**, UC San Diego, La Jolla, USA
- 2018 **Graduate Women in Computing Member (Current)**, UC San Diego, La Jolla, USA
- 2017 **MS Program Representative**, CSE, UC San Diego, La Jolla, USA
- 2014 **Organizing Committee Member & Host**, Microsoft's Build The Shield, Hyderabad, India
- 2011 **Set Designer**, AAINA Dramatics, Manipal, India
- 2013 **Management Committee Member**, Indian Society of Technical Education, Manipal, India

OUTREACH

- 2020 **California Wolf Center (Current)**, Julian, CA, USA
- 2012 **Volunteer Service Organization (VSO)**, Manipal, India
- 2008 **Dubai Cares**, Improving access to primary education in developing countries, Dubai, UAE