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**Research Interests:** information visualization, decision-making, trust in automated systems, user engagement and critical thinking.

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## Education

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| 08/2023 – Present | <b>Georgia Institute of Technology</b><br>Ph.D. in Human-Centered Computing<br>Advisor: Cindy Xiong Bearfield<br>GPA: 4.0 / 4.0                                                                                                                                |
| 2019 – 2023       | <b>Northwestern University</b><br>B.S. in Communication Studies & Cognitive Science, magna cum laude<br><i>minor: Data Science   module: Digital Media</i><br><br>SoC Dean's List, all eligible terms<br>Lambda Pi Eta honor society member<br>GPA: 3.98 / 4.0 |

## Research Experience

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| Sept. 2023 – Present | <b>Graduate Student Researcher</b><br><i>VisualizaXiong Lab, Georgia Institute of Technology</i><br>Advisor: Cindy Xiong Bearfield |
| Summer 2024          | <b>Applied Behavioral Science Research Intern</b><br><i>Toyota Research Institute</i><br>Mentor: Laura Libby                       |
| May 2022 – June 2023 | <b>Student Researcher</b><br><i>Northwestern University Reading Comprehension Lab</i><br>Advisor: David Rapp                       |

Oct. 2020 – **Research Assistant**  
June 2023 *Northwestern University Visual Thinking Lab*  
Advisor: Steven Franconeri

Summer 2022 **User Experience Research Intern**  
*SiriusXM (Automotive Experience Design Team)*  
Manager: Katie Bessière

Spring 2021 **Research Assistant**  
*Northwestern University Social Media Lab*  
Advisor: Jeremy Birnholtz

## Publications

Xiong, C., Setlur, V., Bach, B., **Lin, K.**, Koh, E., Franconeri, S. (2021). Visual Arrangements of Bar Charts Influence Comparisons in Viewer Takeaways. *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics (TVCG)*.

## Posters

**Lin, K.**, Ru, S., Rapp, D., Guan, H., Bearfield, C. X. (2024, October). What Makes a Visualization Complex? Exploring Design Features Related to Visual Complexity. [Poster session]. *IEEE Visualization and Visual Analytics Conference*.

**Lin, K.**, Rapp, D., Xiong, C. (2023, November). Does Visual Complexity Impact Reader Comprehension and Confidence of Data Visualizations? [Poster session]. *Psychonomic Society*.

Awad, M. F., **Lin, K.**, & Franconeri, S. L. (2023). Mixed Graph Designs Do Not Improve Visual Memory. *Journal of Vision*, 23(9), 5781-5781.

**Lin, K.**, Rapp, D., Xiong, C. (2023, May). The Effect of Visual Complexity on Confidence and Comprehension in Visualization Experiences. [Poster session]. *Northwestern Cog Sci Fest, Evanston, IL*.

Awad, M., **Lin, K.**, & Franconeri, S. (2022). Does using a diversity of graph types help your audience remember your data?. *Journal of Vision*, 22(14), 4279-4279.

**Lin, K.**, Xiong, C., Rapp, D. (2022, May). Attempts to Augment Refutation Text Benefits with Visualizations. [Poster session]. *Northwestern Undergraduate Research & Arts Exposition*.

**Lin, K.**, Awad, M.F., Franconeri, S. (2022, May). The Effects of Visual Diversity in Series of Charts. [Poster session]. *Northwestern Cog Sci Fest, Evanston, IL*.

## Professional Experience

- 2020–2022     **Operations Analyst**  
*Just One Cookbook*
- 2020–2021     **Graphics Editor & Social Media Graphics Coordinator**  
*North by Northwestern*
- Summer 2020   **Market Research & Strategy Case Analyst**  
*Paravane Ventures*
- Summer 2018   **Northwestern-Medill Journalism Institute**

## Professional Services

- 2021            **Ad-Hoc Reviewer**, ACM Creativity and Cognition

## Fellowships and Awards

- 2023            Northwestern Department of Communication Studies Departmental Excellence Award for Undergraduate Students
- 2022            MinneAnalytics Scholarship, \$500
- 2022            **2nd Place**, Women in Data Science Datathon, Chicago
- 2021            NU Cognitive Science Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, \$3500
- 2021            NU Summer Undergraduate Research Grant, \$3500 (awarded but declined)
- 2021            **1st Place**, Northwestern Data Visualization Contest  
*Interactive global map depicting the number of COVID-19 cases over time using RShiny. Submission published to university archives, see [here](#).*
- 2020            **Finalist**, McCormick Design-a-Thon  
*Conducted market research and created a wireframe for an app promoting safe social interactions for university students in the time of COVID-19.*
- 2019            Clara Tao Memorial Scholarship, \$1000
- 2017            National Merit Commended Scholar

## Teaching Experience

### *Teaching Assistant*

Spring 2023	Data Science Project	Northwestern University
Winter 2023	Data Visualization	Northwestern University
Spring 2022	Data Visualization	Northwestern University
Winter 2022	Data Visualization	Northwestern University
Winter 2021	Persuasive Images: Rhetoric in Popular Culture	Northwestern University

### *Peer Mentor*

Fall 2021	Communication and Technology	Northwestern University
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## Relevant Coursework

<b>Visualization</b>	Data Science I-III, Data Visualization, Presenting Ideas and Data, Principles of Data Visualization, Information Visualization.
<b>Programming</b>	Fundamentals of Computer Programming I-II, Introduction to Artificial Intelligence, Introduction to Cognitive Modeling, Prototyping Interactive Systems.
<b>Research</b>	Evaluating Evidence, Cognitive Science Proseminar, Research Seminar (Hazards of Computing), Responsible Conduct of Research, Human-Centered Computing.

## Skills

<b>Research</b>	Qualtrics, Prolific, Amazon Mechanical Turk, EyeLink 1000 (eye tracking), qualitative data analysis (coding methods), quantitative data analysis (R/RStudio/RShiny, Tableau, Python), UX research, benchmarking research.
<b>Coding</b>	Javascript (D3.js), Python, C/C++, HTML/CSS, Processing, Arduino, Racket, Git.
<b>Design</b>	Human-centered design, Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, Premiere, After Effects, Dimension, XD), Microsoft 365 (Excel, Powerpoint, Word), Tableau, Figma, Miro.