Lisa Orii

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Research Interests

I develop and evaluate human-centered digital health applications that support healthcare provision in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) and integrate into existing health systems. I apply frameworks and methods from the fields of Computer-Supported Cooperative Work (CSCW) and Human-Computer Interaction (HCI). My research is collaborative — I work closely with health experts and Ministries of Health who understand local contexts.

Education

University of Washington (UW)

Sept 2021 – Aug 2026 (Expected)

Ph.D. in Computer Science & Engineering Advisor: Prof. Richard Anderson

Wellesley College

Sept 2017 - June 2021

B.A. in Computer Science and Philosophy

Advisor: Prof. Orit Shaer

Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi

University of Oxford Worcester College

Sept 2019 - Dec 2019

Visiting student in Computer Science and Philosophy

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- Shaan Chopra, Lisa Orii, Katherine Juarez, Nussara Tieanklin, James Fogarty, and Sean A. Munson. 2024.
 Menopause Legacies: Designing to Record and Share Experiences of Menopause Across Generations. To appear in Proc. ACM Hum.-Comput. Interact (CSCW '24). [link]
- Lisa Orii, Caryl Feldacker, Jacqueline Madalitso Huwa, Agness Thawani, Evelyn Viola, Christine Kiruthu-Kamamia, Odala Sande, Hannock Tweya, and Richard Anderson. 2024. HIV Client Perspectives on Digital Health in Malawi. In Proceedings of the CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '24). Best Paper Honorable Mention (top 5%) [link]
- 3. **Lisa Orii**, Caryl Feldacker, Hannock Tweya, Richard Anderson. eHealth Data Security and Privacy: Perspectives from Diverse Stakeholders in Malawi. Proc. ACM Hum.-Comput. Interact (CSCW '24). [link]
- 4. **Lisa Orii**, Nami Ogawa, Yuji Hatada, and Takuji Narumi. 2022. Designing for Speech Practice Systems: How Do User-Controlled Voice Manipulation and Model Speakers Impact Self-Perceptions of Voice? In *Proceedings of the 2022 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '22)*. [link]
- 5. **Lisa Orii**, Diana Tosca, Andrew L Kun, and Orit Shaer. 2021. Perceptions of Trucking Automation: Insights from the r/Truckers Community. In *13th International Conference on Automotive User Interfaces and Interactive Vehicular Applications (AutomotiveUI '21)*. [link].
- 6. **Lisa Orii**, Diana Tosca, Andrew L Kun, and Orit Shaer. 2021. Perceptions on the Future of Automation in r/Truckers. In Extended Abstracts of the 2021 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI EA '21). [link]
- 7. **Lisa Orii**, Luis Alonso, Kent Larson. Methodology for Establishing Well-Being Urban Indicators at the District Level to be used on the CityScope Platform. *Sustainability*. [link]
- 8. Di Jin, Zhijing Jin, Joey Tianyi Zhou, **Lisa Orii**, and Peter Szolovits. Hooks in the Headline: Learning to Generate Headlines with Controlled Styles. *In Proceedings of the 58th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL 2020)*. [link]

Other

1. Danielle Wood, Fohla Mouftaou, Temilola Fatoyinbo, David Lagomasino, Ufuoma Ovienmhada, Eric Ashcroft, Lelia Hampton, **Lisa Orii**, TojumiOluwa Adegboyega, Anisha Nakagawa and Julliet Wanyiri. (2019, December). Co-Designing an Environmental Observatory to Support Eco-Entrepreneurship in Benin. *In AGU Fall Meeting Abstracts*.

Under Review

- 1. **Lisa Orii**, Elizabeth K. Harrington, Serah Gitome, Nelson Kiprotich Cheruiyot, Elizabeth Anne Bukusi, Sandy Cheng, Ariel Fu, Khushi Khandelwal, Shrimayee Narasimhan, and Richard Anderson. Supporting Contraceptive Decision-Making in the Intermediated Pharmacy Setting in Kenya. Under review at *CHI '25*.
- Lisa Orii, Kate S. Wilson, Jacqueline Huwa, Christine Kiruthu-Kamamia, Odala Sande, Agness Thawani, Astrid Berner-Rodoreda, Evelyn Viola, Hannock Tweya, Petros Tembo, Wapu Masambuka, Richard Anderson, & Caryl Feldacker. "They provide the right kind of support." A qualitative study of preferences for differentiated service delivery location among recipients of antiretroviral therapy at Lighthouse Trust in Lilongwe Malawi. Under review at PLOS ONE. [pre-print]

Selected Research Projects

Research methods in blue. Programming languages and tools are in orange.

Tools for Health Researchers to Maintain Mobile Health Apps

Oct 2024 - Present

Graduate Research Assistant

Advisor: Richard Anderson (UW CSE)

- Exploring designs for software tools that health researchers can use to maintain the content and user interface of mobile health apps.
- Methods and Tools: Study Design (ideation, ethics approval), Semi-Structured Interviews, Prototype Design, Iterative Design

Mobile App for Expanding Contraceptive Choice in Kenya

Oct 2023 - Present

Graduate Research Assistant

Advisors: Richard Anderson (UW CSE) & Elizabeth Harrington (UW Dept. of Global Health)

- Developed a tablet-based Android app to provide contraceptive education and decision support for adolescent girls and young women in the Kenyan pharmacy setting.
- Exploring chatbot designs to expand opportunities for app-supported decision-making.
- Methods and Tools: Study Design (ideation, ethics approval, execution, publication writing and submission), Prototype Design, Iterative Design, Speculative Design, Android App Development, Co-Design, Usability Study, Thematic Analysis, Flutter, Dart

HIV Data Security and Privacy in Malawi

May 2022 - Sept 2024

Graduate Research Assistant

Advisors: Richard Anderson (UW CSE) & Caryl Feldacker (UW Dept. of Global Health)

- Investigated gaps and opportunities in the security of an open-source mobile medical record system used at a HIV care program in Malawi.
- Developed policy and practice improvements for data security and privacy.
- Methods and Tools: Study Design (ideation, ethics approval, execution, publication writing and submission), Semi-Structured Interviews, Focus Group Discussions, Thematic Analysis, ATLAS.ti

Strengthening Digital Health Systems for Small and Sick Newborns

Apr 2024 – Sept 2024

Intern at PATH (Digital Square, Primary Health Care teams)

Advisors: Linda Taylor, Kiersten Israel-Ballard, Kimberly Mansen

- Developed recommendations for digital information systems for human milk banking that strengthen newborn care programs in low- and middle-income countries.
- Methods and Tools: Human-Centered Design, Literature Review

USSD Transaction Failures in Nigeria

Graduate Research Assistant

Sept 2023 – July 2024

Advisors: Richard Anderson (UW CSE), Jake Kendall (DFS Lab)

Designed a longitudinal repeated measures study to examine USSD reliability in Nigeria.

- Analyzed transaction failure rates between banks and telecommunication providers after a 1-month deployment that resulted in 40,000 USSD sessions.
- Methods and Tools: Study Design (ideation, recruitment planning, ethics approval),
 Quantitative Methods, Python, R

Designs for Recording and Sharing Menopause Experiences Across Generations

Jan 2022 - Oct 2023

Graduate Research Assistant

Advisor: James Fogarty (UW CSE)

- Created design probes for recording and sharing menopause experiences across generations and within families.
- Methods and Tools: Study Design (ideation, ethics approval, execution, publication writing and submission), Co-Design, Semi-Structured Interviews, Thematic Analysis

Speech Practice Systems to Improve Self-Perceptions

Apr 2020 - May 2022

Undergraduate Research Intern

Advisor: Takuji Narumi (University of Tokyo)

- Investigated the impact of listening to speech role models and voice manipulation on the self-perception of voice.
- Methods and Tools: Study Design (ideation, ethics approval, execution, publication writing and submission), Prototyping, Usability Study, Semi-Structured Interviews, Mixed-Methods, HTML/CSS/JavaScript, R

Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

ACM CHI 2024 Best Paper Honorable Mention (top 5%)	2024
Horton-Hallowell Fellowship Awarded graduate studies fellowship from Wellesley College Graduate Fellowships.	2024
"Co-Design of a Mobile App to Support Person-Centered Contraceptive Decision Support among Adolescent Girls and Young Women in Kenya in the Pharmacy Setting." Received grant from UW's Global Innovation Fund.	2024
Quad Fellowship Selected into the inaugural cohort as a representative from Japan.	2022
MIT Technology Review's Innovators Under 35 Japan Awarded as a representative from Japan based on research.	2022
Funai Overseas Scholarship Awarded Japanese Ph.D. fellowship.	2020
Grace Hopper Celebration 2020 Scholarship Awarded to attend conference for women in tech.	2020
Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO) Scholarship Awarded Japanese scholarship to pursue undergraduate studies in the U.S.	2017
Grew Bancroft Foundation Scholarship Awarded Japanese scholarship to study at an American liberal arts college.	2017
Kanazawa Iwao Memorial Foundation Scholarship Awarded Japanese scholarship to pursue undergraduate studies in the U.S.	2017

Skills

Research Methods & Analysis:

Android app development, Prototyping, Iterative design, Co-design, Speculative design, User study, Usability testing, Mixed-methods, Key informant interviews, Focus group discussions, Thematic analysis

Programming Languages & Tools:

Python, Java, R, C++, HTML/CSS/JavaScript, Dart, Flutter, Figma, Arduino, ArcGIS, ATLAS.ti

Teaching

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Washington

Courses: Human-Computer Interaction (W 2024), Capstone Software Design to Empower Underserved Populations (Sp 2024), Computing for Social Good (F 2024)

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, Wellesley College

Courses: Human-Automation Interaction (Sp 2021), Human-Computer Interaction (Sp 2021), Calculus II (Sp 2018)

Mentorship

Khushi Khandelwal: Senior thesis, Mobile App for Expanding Contraceptive Choice in Kenya

Ariel Fu: Mobile App for Expanding Contraceptive Choice in Kenya **Sandy Cheng:** Mobile App for Expanding Contraceptive Choice in Kenya

Shrimayee Narasimhan: Mobile App for Expanding Contraceptive Choice in Kenya **Shobhit Srivastava:** Mobile App for Expanding Contraceptive Choice in Kenya

Academic Service

Reviewing Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction (PACM HCI), CSCW ACM CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI)	2023 – Present 2023 – Present
Organization	
UW Change Seminar Co-Organizer	2022 – 2024
UW ICTD Seminar Co-Organizer	2022 – 2024
UW CSE Prospective Student Committee Co-Chair	2023 – 2024
UW Pre-Application Mentorship Service Volunteer	2021 – 2024
Conference Volunteering	
ICTD 2022 Student Volunteer Chair	2022
ACM COMPASS 2022 Student Volunteer	2022
Automotive UI 2021 Student Volunteer	2021

Volunteering

Parasaiyo Japan, The Philippines

Supporting orphanage in the Philippines in their pursuits for higher education. Organizes charity events in Japan to raise donation funds. Makes annual visits to orphanage.

Chinatown Afterschool Program Mentor Boston, MA, USA

Assisted with providing afterschool instruction for children living in Boston's Chinatown. Supported learning for third grade students.

Sept 2017 – May 2018

May 2015 - Present