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## EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in Human-Computer Interaction** (*in progress*) 2017 -  
Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, USA  
**Thesis:** Scaffolding Knowledge Capturing, Structuring, and Reuse during Online Sensemaking  
**Advisors:** Brad A. Myers, Aniket Kittur  
**Committee:** Kenneth Holstein (CMU HCII), Daniel M. Russell (Google, Inc.)
- M.S. in Human-Computer Interaction** 2017 - 2021  
Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, USA
- B.S. in Computer Science** 2013 - 2017  
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA
- B.S.E. in Electrical and Computer Engineering** 2013 - 2017  
University of Michigan–Shanghai Jiao Tong University Joint Institute, Shanghai, China

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-reviewed Conference Papers

- P.9 **Michael Xieyang Liu**, Andrew Kuznetsov, Yongsung Kim, Joseph Chee Chang, Aniket Kittur, Brad A. Myers. **Wigglite: Low-cost Information Collection and Triage**. *Proceedings of the 35th Annual ACM Symposium on User Interface Software and Technology (UIST 2022)*.
- P.8 Franklin Mingzhe Li, **Michael Xieyang Liu**, Yang Zhang, Patrick Carrington. **Freedom to Choose: Understanding Input Modality Preferences of People with Upper-body Motor Impairments for Activities of Daily Living**. *Proceedings of the 24th International ACM SIGACCESS Conference on Computers and Accessibility (ASSETS 2022)*.
- P.7 **Michael Xieyang Liu**, Aniket Kittur, Brad A. Myers. **Crystalline: Lowering the Cost for Developers to Collect and Organize Information for Decision Making**. *Proceedings of the ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI 2022)*.
- P.6 Amber Horvath, **Michael Xieyang Liu**, River Hendriksen, Connor Shannon, Emma Paterson, Kazi Jawad, Andrew Macvean, Brad A. Myers. **Understanding How Programmers Can Use Annotations on Documentation**. *Proceedings of the ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI 2022)*.
- P.5 **Michael Xieyang Liu**, Aniket Kittur, Brad A. Myers. **To Reuse or Not To Reuse? A Framework and System for Evaluating Summarized Knowledge**. *Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction*. 5, CSCW1, Article 166 (April 2021) (CSCW 2021). 🏆 **Best Paper Award** and **CMU SCS News Coverage**

- P.4 Joseph Chee Chang, Yongsung Kim, Victor Miller, **Michael Xieyang Liu**, Brad A. Myers, Aniket Kittur. **Tabs.do: Task-Centric Browser Tab Management**. *Proceedings of the 34th Annual ACM Symposium on User Interface Software and Technology (UIST 2021)*.
- P.3 **Michael Xieyang Liu**, Jane Hsieh, Nathan Hahn, Angelina Zhou, Emily Deng, Shaun Burley, Cynthia Taylor, Aniket Kittur, Brad A. Myers. **Unakite: Scaffolding Developers' Decision-Making Using the Web**. *Proceedings of the 32nd Annual ACM Symposium on User Interface Software and Technology (UIST 2019)*.  
 **Best Paper Honorable Mention Award**
- P.2 Jean Y. Song, Stephan J. Lemmer, **Michael Xieyang Liu**, Shiyan Yan, Juho Kim, Jason J. Corso, Walter S. Lasecki. **Popup: Reconstructing 3D Video Using Particle Filtering to Aggregate Crowd Responses**. *Proceedings of the 24th Annual ACM International Conference on Intelligent UserInterfaces (IUI 2019)*.
- P.1 Yu-Wei Chao, Yunfan Liu, **Xieyang Liu**, Huayi Zeng, Jia Deng. **Learning to Detect Human-Object Interactions**. *2018 IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV 2018)*.

## Workshop Papers & Posters

- W.3 Jane Hsieh, **Michael Xieyang Liu**, Brad A. Myers, Aniket Kittur. **An Exploratory Study of Web Foraging to Understand and Support Programming Decisions**. *IEEE Symposium on Visual Languages and Human-Centric Computing (VL/HCC 2018)*.
- W.2 **Michael Xieyang Liu**, Nathan Hahn, Angelina Zhou, Shaun Burley, Emily Deng, Aniket Kittur, Brad A. Myers. **UNAKITE: Support Developers for Capturing and Persisting Design Rationales When Solving Problems Using Web Resources**. *DTSHPS'18 Workshop on Designing Technologies to Support Human Problem Solving, IEEE Symposium on Visual Languages and Human-Centric Computing (VL/HCC 2018)*.
- W.1 **Michael Xieyang Liu**, Shaun Burley, Emily Deng, Angelina Zhou, Aniket Kittur, Brad A. Myers. **Supporting Knowledge Acceleration for Programming from a Sensemaking Perspective**. *Sensemaking Workshop @ CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI 2018)*.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Microsoft Research**, Research Intern May. - Aug. 2022  
*with Advait Sarkar, Carina Negreanu, Jack Williams, Andy Gordon, Ben Zorn*  
 Designed, built, and evaluated natural language interactions for end-user programmers.
- Google**, Research Intern May. - Aug. 2020  
*with Dustin Smith, Todd Kulesza, and Sarah D'Angelo*  
 Conducted qualitative research on Go developers' refactoring practices and engagement with refactoring tools.
- Bosch Research**, Research Intern May. - Aug. 2019  
*with Lisa Yu, Wan-Yi Lin, and Alessandro Oltramari*  
 Worked on crowd & AI-powered projects that aim to improve the safety and performance of autonomous vehicles.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Graduate Research Assistant** (advised by Brad A. Myers & Aniket Kittur) 2017 -  
*Human-Computer Interaction Institute, Carnegie Mellon University*  
 Working on prototype systems that scaffold developers in making decisions using information from various web sources and enable subsequent developers to learn, understand, and reuse those decisions and rationales.

**Research Assistant** (with Jodi Forlizzi, Roni Rosenfeld & Ryan Tibshirani) 2020 - 2021  
*Delphi Research Group, Carnegie Mellon University*

Working on the visualization team of the **COVIDcast system**, which displays indicators related to COVID-19 activity level across the U.S. These indicators are derived from a variety of anonymized, aggregated data sources made available by multiple partners, including Facebook, Google, and Quidel. [\[Press coverage\]](#)

**Undergraduate Researcher** 2016 - 2017  
*Crowds and Machines Lab, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*

Worked on crowd & AI-powered interdisciplinary projects that address novel and promising research questions.

**Research Assistant** (advised by Jia Deng) 2015 - 2016  
*Vision & Learning Lab, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*

Worked on a computer vision based toolkit that boosts performance on human-object interaction detection by exploiting human-object spatial relations.

## SELECTED HONORS, GRANTS, AWARDS & COVERAGE

**CMU SCS News Coverage on our CSCW 2021 Best Paper:** “CMU Researchers Develop Tool To Help Determine When To Reuse Content” Nov. 2021

**Best Paper Award**, 24th ACM Conference on Computer-Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing (CSCW 2021) Oct. 2021

**Special Recognitions for Outstanding Reviews**, 34th Annual ACM Symposium on User Interface Software and Technology (UIST 2021) June. 2021

**CMU News Coverage on COVIDcast:** “Carnegie Mellon Unveils Five Interactive COVID-19 Maps” Apr. 2020

**Best Paper Honorable Mention Award**, 32nd Annual ACM Symposium on User Interface Software and Technology (UIST 2019) Oct. 2019

**SHF: Small: Knowledge Acceleration for Programming (\$500,000 over 3 years)**, NSF Jun. 2018

**James B. Angell Scholar**, 94th Annual Honors Convocation, University of Michigan Mar. 2017

**EECS Scholar Award**, 2017 EECS Honors & Awards Reception, University of Michigan Mar. 2017

**Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) program**, University of Michigan May. 2016

**Tang-Junyuan Fellowship (Top 2/250, \$50,000)**, UM-SJTU Joint Institute Jul. 2015, Jul. 2016

**Dean’s List**, University of Michigan Dec. 2015, Apr. 2016

**Basic Teaching Assistant Certificate**, Center for Learning and Teaching, UM-SJTU Joint Institute Aug. 2015

**Dean’s List**, UM-SJTU Joint Institute Dec. 2013, Aug. 2014, Dec. 2014, Aug. 2015

**Fellowship for Outstanding Academic Performance**, Shanghai Jiao Tong University Jun. 2015

**Meritorious Winner (Acceptance: 9%)**, COMAP Mathematical Contest in Modeling Apr. 2015

## STUDENTS MENTORED

**Jane Hsieh** 2018 - 2019

*Oberlin College Student (Currently a CMU S3D PhD. Candidate)*

Studied programmers’ web-foraging behaviors. Contributed to the development of the Unakite system.

Emily Deng	2017 - 2018
<i>CMU Master's Student</i>	
Designed and carried out interview studies with programmers that probe their programming behaviors and needs.	
Shaun Burley	2017 - 2018
<i>CMU Master's Student</i>	
Designed and carried out interview studies with programmers that probe their programming behaviors and needs.	

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant – 05-410/05-610 User-Centered Research & Evaluation	Fall 2020
Human-Computer Interaction Institute, Carnegie Mellon University	
Teaching Assistant – 05-431/05-631 Software Structures for User Interfaces	Fall 2020
Human-Computer Interaction Institute, Carnegie Mellon University	
Teaching Assistant – 05-430/05-630 Programming Usable Interfaces	Fall 2019
Human-Computer Interaction Institute, Carnegie Mellon University	
Instructional Aide – EECS484 Database Management Systems	Winter 2017
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	
Instructional Aide – EECS484 Database Management Systems	Fall 2016
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	
Teaching Assistant – Vv255 Multivariate Calculus	Summer 2015
University of Michigan – Shanghai Jiao Tong University Joint Institute	

## SERVICE

### Academic Service

Associate Chair	ACM CHI 2020 Late Breaking Work Track
	<b>Conferences:</b> CHI (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023), CSCW (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022), UIST (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022), IUI (2020), VAST (2020)
Paper Reviewing	<b>Journal:</b> TOCHI (2022)
	🏆 <i>Special Recognitions for Outstanding Reviews: UIST</i>

### Departmental and Community Service

Committee Member	REU (Research Experience for Undergraduate) Admissions Committee (2021-2022)
Committee Member	CMU HCII Faculty Lunch Organization Committee (2019-2020)
Committee Member	CMU HCII Ph.D. Student Lounge Committee (2019-2020)

## LANGUAGES & TECHNICAL SKILLS & COURSES

Languages	<b>English, Chinese (Mandarin)</b> - Native or bilingual proficiency, <b>German</b> - Limited working proficiency
Programming	HTML/Javascript/CSS, Python, SQL, C/C++, Swift, Java, LaTeX, etc.
Web & App Development	React.js, Angular, Redux, Bootstrap, Node.js, PHP, Ionic Framework, etc.
Deep Learning & AI	PyTorch, Tensorflow, ml5.js
Courses	Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Advanced User Interfaces, Database Management Systems, Information Security, Web Development