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Curriculum Vitae  
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## Education

### University of Pittsburgh

August 2020 - Present

**Ph. D.** in Computer Science

**Advisor:** Dr. Panos K. Chrysanthis

**Dissertation:**

### University of Pittsburgh

August 2016 - April 2020

**Bachelor's Degree** in Computer Science and Minor in Mathematics

**Cumulative GPA:** 3.64 / 4.0

## Teaching Experience

### Teaching Fellow, University of Pittsburgh

- Instructor of Record for CS 1555: Database Management Systems (Fall 2024)

### Teaching Assistant, University of Pittsburgh

- CS 2550: Principles of Database Systems (Spring 2024)
- CS 1555: Database Management Systems (Fall 2020, Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024)
- CS 1501: Algorithms and Data Structures 2 (Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Summer 2022, Spring 2023)

- CS 1520: Programming Languages for Web Applications (Spring 2022)
- CS 1653: Applied Cryptography and Network Security (Fall 2021)
- CS 0445: Algorithms and Data Structures 1 (Summer 2021)
- CS 1657: Privacy in the Electronic Society (Spring 2021)

### **Undergraduate Teaching Assistant University of Pittsburgh**

- CS 1555: Database Management Systems (Spring 2020)
- CS 0445: Data Structures (Fall 2018, Fall 2019)
- CS 0441: Discrete Structures for Computer Science (Spring 2019, Spring 2020)

## **Publications**

### **Conference and Workshop Papers**

**[C1.] “RETSINA: Reproducibility and Experimentation Testbed for Signal-Strength Indoor Near Analysis”,**

Anna Baskin, **Brian T. Nixon**, Panos K. Chrysanthis, Christos Laoudias, Constantinos Costa, *Proceedings of the 13th IEEE International Conference on Indoor Positioning and Indoor Navigation, IPIN’23*, 2023.

**[C2.] “Remembering the Forgotten: Clustering, Outlier Detection, and Accuracy Tuning in a Postdiction Pipeline”,**

Anna Baskin, Scott Heyman, **Brian T. Nixon**, Constantinos Costa, Panos K. Chrysanthis, *27th European Conference on Advances in Databases and Information Systems, ADBIS’23*, 2023.

**[C3.] “A Context, Location, and Preference-Aware System for Safe Pedestrian Mobility”,**

Constantinos Costa, **Brian T. Nixon**, Sayantani Bhattacharjee, Benjamin Graybill, Demetrios Zeinalipour-Yazti, Walter Schneider, Panos K. Chrysanthis, *Proceedings of the 22nd IEEE International Conference on Mobile Data Management, MDM’21*, 2021.

### **Demo Papers**

**[D1.] “GIO.G: A Generator for Indoor-Outdoor Graphs to Simulate and Analyze in Urban Environments”,**

Vasilis E. Sarris, Connor P. Sweeney, Sean M. Linton, **Brian T. Nixon**, Panos K. Chrysanthis, Constantinos Costa, *Proceedings of the 25th IEEE International Conference on Mobile Data Management*, **MDM'24**, 2024.

[D2.] **“CAPRIO with Inclusive Pedestrian Path Recommendations”**, **Brian T. Nixon**, Zhiyong Chen, Sai Konduru, Yuxin Liu, Constantinos Costa, Panos K. Chrysanthis, *Proceedings of the 24th IEEE International Conference on Mobile Data Management*, **MDM'23**, 2023.

[D3.] **“Efficient Detection of COVID-19 Exposure”**, **Brian T. Nixon**, Rakan Alseghayer, Constantinos Costa, Benjamin Graybill, Xiaozhong Zhang, Panos K. Chrysanthis, *Proceedings of the 23rd IEEE International Conference on Mobile Data Management*, **MDM'22**, 2022.

[D4.] **“HealthDist: A Context, Location and Preference-Aware System for Safe Navigation”**, **Brian T. Nixon**, Sayantani Bhattacharjee, Benjamin Graybill, Constantinos Costa, Sudhir Pathak, Walter Schneider, Panos K. Chrysanthis, *Proceedings of the 22nd IEEE International Conference on Mobile Data Management*, **MDM'21**, 2021.

## Posters & Abstracts

[A1.] **“Remembering the Forgotten: Clustering, Outlier Detection, and Accuracy Tuning in a Postdiction Pipeline”**, Anna Baskin, Scott Heyman, **Brian T. Nixon**, Constantinos Costa, Panos K. Chrysanthis, *The 18th Hellenic Data Management Symposium (poster session)*, **HDMS'24**, 2024.

## Awards & Honors

- Orrin E. & Margaret M. Taulbee Award for Excellence in Computer Science (April 2022, December 2023)
  - Recognizes teaching excellence and academic progress towards a Ph.D.
  - Demonstrated strong research interests through scholarly publications
- IEEE MDM'21: Best Industry and Application Paper Award at MDM'21, “A Context, Location and Preference-Aware System for Safe Pedestrian Mobility”, 22nd IEEE International Conference on Mobile Data Management (MDM'21), Toronto, Canada, June 15 - June 18, 2021.

- IEEE MDM'21: Best Demo Paper Award at MDM'21, "HealthDist: A Context, Location, and Preference-Aware System for Safe Navigation", 22nd IEEE International Conference on Mobile Data Management (MDM'21), Toronto, Canada, June 15 - June 18, 2021.
- SCI Summer Scholar Research Program (August 2019)

## Professional Experience

### **Teaching Assistant (TA)**

University of Pittsburgh, Department of Computer Science  
(May 2020 - Present)

### **CS & DS Committee Member & Reviewer**

University of Pittsburgh, SCI  
Committee member and reviewer for the Appointment Stream Teaching Assistant Professor position in Computer Science and Data Science.  
(2023 - 2024)

### **External Reviewer**

- 27th European Symposium on Research in Computer Security, ES-ORICS2022 (June 2022)
- Proceedings of the 48<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Very Large Data Bases, VLDB2022  
(March 2022)
- 37<sup>th</sup> IEEE International Conference on Data Engineering, ICDE2021  
(July 2020)

**Diversity and Inclusion Committee Member** 16th ACM International Conference on Distributed and Event-Based Systems, DEBS2022 (June 2022)

### **Undergraduate Teaching Assistant (UTA)**

University of Pittsburgh, Department of Computer Science  
(August 2018 - May 2020)