

# Mmachi G. Obiorah

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## Education

### Northwestern University

PHD. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

3.88/4

Evanston, IL

2015 - PRESENT

### Northwestern University

M.Sc. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

3.84/4

Evanston, IL

Mar., 2015

### University of Jos

B.Sc. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

4.61/5 (1st Class)

Jos, Nigeria

June, 2009

## Experience

### Northwestern University

TEACHING ASSISTANT

- Human Computer Interaction

Evanston, IL

Jan. 2016 - Mar. 2016

### University of Jos

ASSISTANT LECTURER

- Taught Introduction to Computer Science

Jos, Nigeria

Mar. 2015 - Present

### University of Jos

GRADUATE ASSISTANT

- Taught Introduction to Computer Science with Python
- Taught Object Oriented Programming with C++

Jos, Nigeria

Jul. 2011 - Mar. 2015

### University of Jos, Consultancy Ltd

INDUSTRIAL TRAINEE

- Assisted in setting up and managing Local area networks.

Jos, Nigeria

2008

## Skills

### Programming

Working knowledge of the following programming languages: C++, Python, JavaScript, CSS, HTML.

Also familiar with Java (and Android programming), Swift, PHP and MATLAB

### Application Framework

Bootstrap, Parse

### Database

MySQL

### Version Control System

Familiar with Git and GitHub

### Others

Also familiar with Linux operating systems

## Honors & Awards

2016 Segal Design Fellowship

Northwestern University

2012 Presidential Special Scholarship for Innovation and Development

Abuja, Nigeria

2009 NAWACS Prize for Best Graduating Female Student in the Faculty of Natural Sciences

Nigeria

## Research

### TIDAL LAB, Northwestern University

MEMBER

- I work with Dr. Michael Horn at the TIDAL Lab on understanding how to teach and build technologies for learning STEM related subjects in places that have infrastructural deficits.

Evanston, IL

Aug 2015 - PRESENT

## Projects

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- Designing Technologies for Creating a Meaningful Context to Support Therapy for Aphasia Patients (in progress). For this project we will design a tool that will give aphasic patients more access to words that can help them in therapy and communication.
- JumpGym: This is an exergame that was developed to understand how to decrease users' perceived waiting time as they waited for a service. Paper submitted at GLS 12.
- Graduate School Acceptance Predictor: This was deployed at this website with a model that attempts to predict whether an applicant will be accepted into grad school based on his/her profile.

## Volunteering

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### Brave Initiatives

CODE COACH

*Chicago, IL*

*Aug 2015 - PRESENT*

- I support teenage girls as they learn to build websites with HTML, CSS and JavaScript to address social issues in their environment.

## Publications

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- M. Obiorah, E. Harburg, J. Franklin, B. Downs, S. Ye, M. Bos, M. Horn. (2016) JumpGym: A Jumping Exergame for Waiting Areas in GLS 12 Conference Proceedings.