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*Academic Help-seeking, Non-programming Comp. Education*

## Education

### Duke University

*Ph.D., Computer Science / Certificate in College Teaching*

**2020–2026(est.)**

*advisor: Kristin Stephens-Martinez*

### National Taiwan University

*M.S., Graduate Institute of Electrical Engineering*

**2015–2017**

*advisor: Ho-Lin Chen*

### National Taiwan University

*B.S., Electrical Engineering*

**2011–2015**

## Experience

### Inst. Information Science, Academia Sinica

*Full-time Research Staff (Research area: approximation algorithms and social network)*

**2017–2020**

### Lab. Teaching Innovation, National Taiwan University

*Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC) Explorer*

**2015–2017**

- Manufactured **NTU MOOCs on Coursera** and produced mini-MOOC prototypes
- Wrote **column pieces** to promote online learning
- Co-organized and paneled the “**Why MOOCs**” workshop

## Publications (\* = equal contribution)

### Conference Proceedings (Full Research Papers)

- [1] **Shao-Heng Ko**, Kristin Stephens-Martinez, Matthew Zahn, Yesenia Velasco, Lina Batestilli, and Sarah Heckman. Student Perceptions of the Help Resource Landscape. In *ACM SIGCSE TS (forthcoming)*, 2025.
- [2] **Shao-Heng Ko** and Kristin Stephens-Martinez. The Trees in the Forest: Characterizing Computing Students’ Individual Help-Seeking Approaches. In *ACM ICER*, pages 343–358, 2024.
- [3] **Shao-Heng Ko** and Kristin Stephens-Martinez. What Drives Students to Office Hours: Individual Differences and Similarities. In *ACM SIGCSE TS*, pages 959–965, 2023.
- [4] **Shao-Heng Ko\***, Erin Taylor\*, Pankaj K. Agarwal, and Kamesh Munagala. All Politics is Local: Redistricting via Local Fairness. In *NeurIPS*, pages 17443–17455, 2022.
- [5] Pankaj K. Agarwal, **Shao-Heng Ko**, Kamesh Munagala, and Erin Taylor. Locally Fair Partitioning. In *AAAI*, pages 4752–4759, 2022.
- [6] **Shao-Heng Ko** and Kamesh Munagala. Optimal Price Discrimination for Randomized Mechanisms. In *ACM EC*, pages 477–496, 2022.
- [7] **Shao-Heng Ko**, Ying-Chun Lin, Hsu-Chao Lai, Wang-Chien Lee, and De-Nian Yang. On VR Spatial Query for Dual Entangled Worlds. In *ACM CIKM*, pages 9–18, 2019.

### Conference Proceedings (Experience Reports)

- [1] **Shao-Heng Ko**, Alex Chao, and Violet Pang. Satisfactory for all: supporting mastery learning with human-in-the-loop assessments in a discrete mathematics course. In *ACM SIGCSE TS (forthcoming)*, 2025.

## Journal Articles

- [1] **Shao-Heng Ko** and Kamesh Munagala. Optimal Price Discrimination for Randomized Mechanisms. *ACM Transactions on Economics and Computation (TEAC)*, 12(2), 2024.
- [2] Chih-Ya Shen\*, **Shao-Heng Ko\***, Guang-Siang Lee, Wang-Chien Lee, and De-Nian Yang. Density Personalized Group Query. *The International Journal on Very Large Data Bases (VLDB)*, 16(4):615–628, 2022.
- [3] **Shao-Heng Ko**, Hsu-Chao Lai, Hong-Han Shuai, Wang-Chien Lee, Philip S. Yu, and De-Nian Yang. Optimizing Item and Subgroup Configurations for Social-Aware VR Shopping. *The International Journal on Very Large Data Bases (VLDB)*, 13(8):1275–1289, 2020.

## Abstracts and Posters

- [1] Salma El Otmani, Janet Jiang, **Shao-Heng Ko**, and Kristin Stephens-Martinez. The Relationships Between Modality, Peer Instruction Discussion, and Class Sentiment in Hybrid Courses (Poster). In *ACM SIGCSE TS*, pages 1634–1635, 2024.
- [2] **Shao-Heng Ko**. Characterizing Computing Students’ Academic Help-seeking Behavior (Doctoral Consortium Abstract). In *ACM ICER*, pages 73–75, 2023.

## Fellowships & Awards

Duke Graduate School Bass Instructor of Record Fellowship (\$20,943)	2024
Duke CS Outstanding Teaching Award (2x)	2021, 2023
<b>NTU GIEE</b> Best Master Thesis (Title: Encouraging Peer Grading in MOOCs)	2017

## Teaching Experiences

**Instructor of Record, Duke CS**.....  
◦ CS230 Discrete Mathematics for Computer Science [Spring 2024 (138 students)]

**Teaching Assistant, Duke CS**.....  
◦ CS230 Discrete Mathematics for Computer Science [Fall 2023 (121)] [Spring 2021 (120)]  
◦ CS216 Everything Data [Spring 2023 (234)] [Fall 2022 (208)]  
◦ CS330 Intro to the Design and Analysis of Algorithms [Fall 2021 (142)] [Fall 2020 (172)]

**Teaching Assistant, NTU EE/GIEE**.....  
◦ EE5182 Advanced Algorithms [Spring 2017 (97)]  
◦ EE5048 The Design and Analysis of Algorithms [Fall 2016 (157)][Fall 2015 (152)]  
◦ EE2008 Discrete Mathematics [Spring 2016 Sec. A (136)][Spring 2016 Sec. B (33)]

## Academic Services

**Conference/Journal Reviewing**.....  
◦ ACM SIGCSE TS [2025][2024][2023] ◦ ACM TOCE [2024-]  
◦ ACM SIGCSE Virtual [2024] ◦ ACM ITiCSE [2024]  
◦ The Web (WWW) Conference [2024] ◦ IEEE GLOBECOM [2018]

## Research Mentoring

**Undergraduate (Duke)**.....  
◦ Janet Jiang [Summer 2023 - Fall 2024] ◦ Salma El Otmani [CS+ Summer 2023]  
◦ Jerry He [CS+ Summer 2023]  
◦ Belle (Hao) Xu [Spring 2023] ◦ Rhea Tejwani [Spring 2023]

**M.S. (Academia Sinica-NTU)**.....  
◦ Ta-Che Hsiao, Chi-Jen Lo, Chiao-Wen Lin [2019-2020]

## Miscellaneous

**2014: Co-editor** of *Benson’s amazement in probability*, a collection of student-generated peer assessments in flipped undergraduate probability classes in Taiwan. ISBN: 9789861371832