

# Spencer Williams

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## Education

- 2018–Present **University of Washington**  
PhD in Human Centered Design and Engineering
- 2013–2017 **University of British Columbia**  
B.A. Honours in Psychology
- 2011–2013 **Whatcom Community College**  
DTA (Associates in Arts and Sciences)

## Employment

- 2019–Present **University of Washington, HCDE, Graduate Researcher**  
Supervisor: Gary Hsieh  
Studying how to improve science communication efforts in HCI and other fields.
- Summer 2019 **University of Washington, Alacrity, Graduate Researcher**  
Supervisors: Gary Hsieh, Amy Bauer  
Designing technology to improve BA treatment of depression in cancer centers.
- Fall 2018 **University of Washington, HCDE, Graduate Researcher**  
Supervisor: Kate Starbird  
Studied journalists' strategies for navigating misinformation and disinformation.
- 2016-2018 **University of British Columbia, Psychology, Project Leader**  
Supervisor: Ron Rensink  
Studied correlation perception in different visualization types.
- Winter 2017–  
Summer 2017 **University of British Columbia, Psychology, Project Manager**  
Supervisor: Kristin Laurin  
Studied people's rationalization of immoral behaviors.
- 2015-2016 **University of British Columbia, Psychology, Research Assistant**  
Supervisor: Steve Heine  
Studied effects of gender and task performance on status perception
- 2014-2015 **University of British Columbia, Psychology, Research Assistant**  
Supervisor: Colleen Brenner  
Studied neurological and neuropsychological data related to schizotypy

## Talks

- 2017 Williams, S. & Rensink, R. (2017). The effects of gamma correction on correlation perception in strip plots. Oral presentation at UBC Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference 2017.

## Poster Presentations

2016 Williams, S., Block, K., & Heine, S. (2016). Gender and Status in Contexts of Physical Strength. Poster presentation at UBC Psychology Undergraduate Research Conference 2016.

## Teaching

University of Washington

Spring 2019 **Co-Instructor, DRG: HCI, Journalism, and Misinformation**, HCDE 496/596  
Undergraduate and masters students, 1 quarter, 2 credits.

## Department and University Service

University of Washington

Summer 2019 **User-Centered Design Certificate Application Reviewer**

Winter 2019 **Master of Science in HCDE Application Reviewer**

Winter 2019 **HCDE PhD Visit Days Planning Committee**

## Honors and Awards

2017 **UBC Student Scholarship in Arts**