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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Human-Centered Computing University of Florida	2020 - present Gainesville, FL
M.S. in Information Science University of Pittsburgh	2018 - 2020 Pittsburgh, PA
B.Mgmt. in Management Science Anhui University	2014 - 2018 Hefei, China

EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant Advisor: Kristy Boyer LearnDialogue Lab, University of Florida	08/2020 - present Gainesville, FL
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Modeled student engagement and collaboration patterns using multimodal data streams (e.g., facial expressions, acoustics and dialogue) during middle school students' co-creation of conversational appsUnderstood affective states and problem-solving behaviors in adaptive programming environments	
Research Intern Supervisors: Michael Madaio and Amy Ogan Human-Computer Interaction Institute, Carnegie Mellon University	10/2019 - 07/2020 Pittsburgh, PA
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Automated data collection for a child literacy system used by 500+ participants in Côte d'Ivoire over 8 monthsCreated data pipelines from 30+ MYSQL database tables and monitored system usage using Python and RVisualized user curriculum progression of 8 units and 1,000+ weekly logs of learning actionsPlotted children's learning curve of phonological awareness skills acquisition and modeled students using Bayesian Knowledge Tracing (BKT)	
Research Assistant Supervisor: Erin Walker Facet Lab, University of Pittsburgh	04/2019 - 05/2020 Pittsburgh, PA
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Conducted qualitative research on multi-sessions rapport management of middle school learners with a social robotCoded multiple-sessions human-robot dialogue on rapport strategies and dominance behaviorsUtilized Independent Component Analysis (ICA) to model linguistic rapport components extracted from human coding and automated LIWC measurements	

PROJECTS

Camp DIALOGS RA project at UF Summer camps for middle school students on AI learning and co-creation of spoken conversational apps	08/2021 - Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Facilitated in-person camp activities and students' co-creation of conversational apps using DialogFlowCreated taxonomy of dominance and off-task behaviors for middle school students co-creationClassified student engagement and collaboration patterns using multimodal data streams (facial expression, acoustics and dialogue) from 7 student groups during approximately 20 hours of collaboration in total	
Prime: Student Modeling in Introductory Programming RA project at UF Research on novice programmers' problem-solving behaviors and their code progressions in an adaptive block-based programming environment	08/2020 - Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Embedded code snapshots by converting Python code to Abstract Syntax Tree (AST) then to vectors using AST2vec algorithmClustered student progression trajectory based on distances between series of student code embeddingsModeled the correlation between student frustration, problem-solving behaviors as well as incoming characteristicsEvaluated multi-level hint effectiveness and student coding states using logs of interactions and 295,445 code snapshots from 1000+ students	
Linguistic Alignment in Collaborative Learning Dialogues Course project (lead) at UF Research on the role of linguistic alignment in middle school students collaborative problem solving dialogues	01/2021 - present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Parsed the syntactic structure and extracted lexical types for both task-relevant and non-task lexical types	

- Calculated linguistic alignment on both syntax level and lexicon level for each dialogue exchange
- Performed Bayesian mixed-effect model on linguistic alignment and students' satisfaction toward their partner

StudyBuddy: a Chatbot for Effective Study Habits | Collaborative project (lead) at Pitt 09/2019 - 10/2020

Designing a chatbot prototype to induce and sustain study behavioral change for university first-year students

- Utilized mix-method to investigate the feasibility of chatbots for study behavioral change of college students
- Formed design inquiry by interviewing with 3 peer tutors and surveying 87 freshmen
- Developed a chatbot prototype in Slack using DialogFlow and Slack API
- Conducted in-depth interviews with 8 students, 5 faculty and a usability survey with 118 students
- Offered design recommendations for chatbots on building trust with users, incorporating gender and individual differences, importance of context, balancing between immediate help and long-term support

Social Media Attention and Organizational Fundraising | Independent project at Pitt 01/2019 - 04/2019

Understanding the relationship between social media strategies, attention and donation gained for non-profit organizations

- Performed quantitative analysis 414,312 Twitter posts of local non-profit organizations and their donations records
- Defined measurements of social media strategies and public attention
- Conducted negative-binomial regression analysis to understand relationships between social media strategies, public attention and donation gained

PUBLICATIONS

Please check out my **Google Scholar** page for a full list of publications.

Applying Cognitive Load Theory to Examine STEM Undergraduate Students' Experiences in An Adaptive Learning Environment: A Mixed-Methods Study

Dolly Bounajim, Arif Rachmatullah, Madeline Hinckle, Bradford Mott, James Lester, Andy Smith, Andrew Emerson, Fahmid Morshed Fahid, **Xiaoyi Tian**, Joseph B Wiggins, Kristy Elizabeth Boyer, Eric Wiebe.

Proceedings of the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society Annual Meeting. October. 2021.

Modeling Frustration Trajectories and Problem-Solving Behaviors in Adaptive Learning Environments for Introductory Computer Science

Xiaoyi Tian, Joseph B. Wiggins, Fahmid Morshed Fahid, Andrew Emerson, Dolly Bounajim, Andy Smith, Kristy Elizabeth Boyer, Eric Wiebe, Bradford Mott, James Lester.

Proceedings of International Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Education (AIED). July. 2021.

Progression Trajectory-Based Student Modeling for Novice Block-Based Programming

Fahmid Morshed Fahid, **Xiaoyi Tian**, Andrew Emerson, Joseph B. Wiggins, Dolly Bounajim, Andy Smith, Eric Wiebe, Bradford Mott, Kristy Elizabeth Boyer, James Lester.

Proceedings of the 29th ACM Conference on User Modeling, Adaptation and Personalization (UMAP). July. 2021.

Let's Talk It Out: A Chatbot for Effective Study Habit Behavioral Change

Xiaoyi Tian, Zak Risha, Ishrat Ahmed, Arun Balajee Lekshmi Narayanan, Jacob Biehl.

Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction. 5, CSCW1. April. 2021.

Understanding Rapport over Multiple Sessions with a Social, Teachable Robot

Xiaoyi Tian, Nichola Lubold, Leah Friedman, Erin Walker.

Proceedings of International Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Education (AIED). July. 2020.

Dominance as an Indicator of Rapport and Learning in Human-Agent Communication

Amanda Buddemeyer, **Xiaoyi Tian**, Erin Walker.

Student Research Workshop in Proceedings of the 58th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL). July. 2020.

Online Educational Information Quality Modeling and Perceived Difference Comparison

Xiaoyi Tian, Jing Li, Qin Yu.

In *Journal of Hefei Normal University*. 2016, 34(5).

SKILLS

Programming Languages and Frameworks: Python, HTML, CSS, Bootstrap, Javascript, Java, C, VB, SQL, MATLAB, Blazor, React, Blockly

User-Centered Research: Interview, survey, storyboard, persona, usability test, qualitative coding, dialogue act tagging

Statistical Analysis: R, SPSS, JMP, Stata

AWARDS AND HONORS

Outstanding Undergraduate Thesis (Top 1% in the Class) , Anhui University	07/2018
Academic Excellence Scholarship , Anhui University	2015 & 2016 & 2017
‘Merit Student’ , Anhui University	2015 & 2017

INVITED TALKS AND SEMINARS

Guest speaker of undergraduate HCI course , University of Florida	03/2021
<i>Let’s talk it out: A chabot for effective study behavioral change</i>	

SERVICES

Reviewer of ACM Conference on Computer-Supported Cooperative Work (CSCW) 2020

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