

# Taika (Laima) Augustaitis

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## Education

Master of Science in Information University of Michigan School of Information Ann Arbor, Michigan  
User-Centered Agile Development and Human Computer Interaction GPA: 4.0/4.0 *Expected, May 2020*

## Work Experience

Graduate Student Instructor Biology 226 | University of Michigan *Ann Arbor, MI | 09/19-present*

- Facilitate lectures twice a week as course instructor for 32 physiology students
- Continuously provide individualized technical and conceptual support for students

IT Development Intern | Inventis Ltd. *Seoul, South Korea | 06/19-08/19*

- Supported leadership team with strategic direction, operational execution, and product development of new prototype concept in the Internet of Things and mixed reality categories
- Documented software and hardware designs using circuit layout tools and presentations
- Completed Quality Assurance/Testing for an IT service solution application and submitted bugs

Research Assistant | University of Michigan School of Public Health *Ann Arbor, MI | 10/17-05/19*

- Created training materials around mental health, substance usage, and social determinants of health to educate 70 clinics providing services for LGBTQ+ youth
- Completed data analysis in SPSS and manuscript publication to raise attention to violence against LGBTQ+ communities
- Created sustainable and low-maintenance websites based on community partners' needs

Student Coordinator for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion | University of Michigan *Ann Arbor, MI | 10/17-05/19*

- Collated data across 20 divisions to identify programs capable of serving students experiencing bias
- Collaborated with division directors to enact systems that identify student demographics

Vice President for Operations | Inter-Cooperative Council 501(c)(3) *Ann Arbor, MI | 05/16-09/18*

- Advised the Board of Directors for a housing organization consisting of 19 properties
- Chaired the Operations Committee, collecting input from 70% of our 500+ member organization
- Facilitated trainings for all new members bi-annually on topics of diversity and inclusion

## Projects

- Master's Thesis – Transgender Health Information Seeking on Social Media
- Scoping Review – Intersection of Trans Identity and Immigration Status on Health
- Design Thinking – Research and conceptualize a prototype to increase access to gender-affirming clothing for trans/non-binary people
- Technical Consulting
  - Improve the City of Lansing's property assessment process by delivering tools to citizens
  - Help two organizations, one of which acquired the other, consolidate their communication systems into a unified protocol that preserves each group's individuality

## Mentorship

Student Mentor | U-M Spectrum Center (LGBTQ+) *09/18-present*

Mentee | Out in Tech (LGBTQ+ Tech Organization) *09/18-present*

## Technical Skills

- Technical Consulting
- Product Development
- Python (for REST APIs, ORMs, web applications – Flask, Django, Data Manipulation)
- HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript (for web and web app development)
- Drupal CMS + PHP (for customization)