Drew Williams

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- Dec. 2018 Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Computational Sciences, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, 3.72.
 - Dissertation Title: "Developing Accessible Collection and Presentation Methods for Observational Data"
 - Research Directions: Human-Computer Interaction, Accessibility, Big Data
 - Notable Courses Taken: Probability, Parallel and Distributed Computing, Simulation, Applied Linear Algebra, Applied Mathematical Analysis
- June 2014 Master of Science Degree in Computing, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, 3.83.
 - Thesis Title: "Designing Educational and Intelligent Human-Computer Interfaces for Older Adults"
 - Research Directions: Human-Computer Interaction, Intelligent Interfaces, Accessibility
 - Notable Courses Taken: Principles of Database Systems, Enterprise Architecture, Elements of Software Development, Human Factors Engineering
- May 2012 Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2.93.
 - Notable Courses Taken: Introduction to Formal Languages, Theory of Algorithms, Operating Systems, Advanced Distributed Systems
- June 2007 High School Diploma, Milwaukee High School of the Arts, Milwaukee, WI, 4.00.
 - Major: Creative Writing

Experience

Research

August 2018- Graduate Research Assistant, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI.

2018

December o Provided in-person and document-based support for distance learning professors in Computing Department.

May Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI.

2017-August 2018

 Acted as current TA for students in Marquette University's COSMIC program (for students looking to change careers.) Provide moral support and assistance in learning Python and Java during the summer-long bootcamp and all classes beyond. Share applicable opportunities with students throughout the school year and provide regular office hours.

January Web Developer/Research Assistant, *University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee*, Milwaukee, 2017–May WI.

 2017 • Created an accessible archive website utilizing a modern JavaScript stack (React, Express, NodeJS, RethinkDB, etc.)

• Added search engine functionality via implementation of a ElasticSearch engine.

August Graduate Research Assistant, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wl.

2016–January • Assist in community outreach for Computing Department, and provide in-person and document-based support for distance learning professors in Computing Department.

July **Graduate Research Assistant and Web Developer**, *Marquette University, UW*-2016–August *Milwaukee*, Milwaukee, WI.

2016 Ocntinuation of Summer Research Fellowship. Additionally, worked on a project involving an accessible archival website using NodeJS and React for R2D2 Center of UW-Milwaukee.

May Computational Sciences Summer Research Fellow, Marquette University, UW-2016–July Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI.

2016 • Develop a cross-platform application for creating usable and accessible surveys as part of a research project with the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Marquette University.

Aug. Computing Department Research Assistant, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wl.

2015—Dec. • Wrote computer and software documentation for professors teaching distance learning classes under the supervision of Computing program director Dr. Kaczmarek.

• Acted as the distance learning support contact for professors after-hours.

May **Grant Research Assistant/Lab Manager**, *Ubicomp Lab @ Marquette University*, 2013–May Milwaukee, WI.

2015 • Managed Ubicomp Lab for a year (2014-2015) and oversaw general management of lab's 7+ grant-funded projects, in addition to maintaining lab's website and assisting lab director in various organizational tasks.

- Co-developed a slope measurement application, font measurement application, and access ratings tool application for accessibility ratings project in conjunction with UW-Milwaukee.
- Developed an android-based SMS server to send and receive text messages from a Microsoft Azure database of pre-created motivational SMS messages and phone numbers.
- Tested and co-developed an iPad app to help Smoking Cessation counselors conduct progress surveys.
- Designed guidelines for intelligent and interactive human-computer interfaces for elderly adults as part of Masters' Thesis work.
- Led team of students in developing a mobile camera-based and breathalyzer-based blood glucose monitor.

Teaching

Jan. **Teaching Assistant**, *Marquette University*, Milwaukee, WI.

2016—May • Graded student assignments and exams for COSC 3100 (Data Structures 2) under guidance of the course professor, Dr. Niharika Jain.

• Provided office hours and on-demand help for about 30 high school and undergraduate students across two sections.

Vocational

- May Software Technology Intern, Intel Corporation, Hillsboro, OR.
- 2015–Aug. Co-developed a Commercial IoT demonstration with Intel's IoT Evangelism Team using the 2015 Intel Edison platform, MQTT, and NodeJS.
 - Demo was presented at the 2015 Intel Developer Forum.
 - Assisted hackathon attendees with the Intel Edison platform at company-initiated hackathons.
 - Assisted with editing documentation for the Intel Edison for hackathon attendees.
 - Volunteered time to guide and inspire high school students working on projects built as part of Intel-sponsored mini-internships.
 - Oct. **QA/Documentation Intern**, iStream Financial Services, Brookfield, WI.
- 2012–Apr. Tested and wrote documentation and test cases for check cashing software.
 - 2013 Led company efforts in beginning the use of automation software in testing procedures.
 - Assisted with fellow intern in quality assurance work, creating test cases in SpiraTest and executing said tests on the company website.
 - o Documented various processes and assisted with design of the upcoming company wiki.
 - July Geek Squad Advanced Repair Agent, Best Buy, Greenfield, WI.
- 2012–Oct. Installed and repaired hardware and software for customers.
 - 2012 Tuned up computers and removed errant programs (i.e. malware (rootkits, etc) and viruses).
 - Consulted with customers and answered Mac OS and Windows questions.
 - Oct. Website Administrator, Hyde Park Languages, Chicago, IL.
- 2011—June $\, \circ \,$ Performed tasks related to maintaining and updating an HTML website. 2012
 - Oct. Student Computing Assistant, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.
- 2009—June o Installed hardware and software, tuned up computers and removed malware/viruses from dean/counselor's computers.
 - Designed a department website for the Biological Sciences Collegiate Division using Drupal 6.0.
 - Performed preliminary set up tasks and maintenance tasks for labs at the Biological Sciences Collegiate Division and new computers within the College.
 - Acted as contact for advisers and deans regarding computer order pickup, computer-related questions, and general computer problems (applications behaving strangely, etc).
 - Aug. Utility Clerk/Produce Clerk, Roundy's Supermarkets, Inc, Oak Creek, WI.
- 2007–June Bagged groceries, performed general cleaning duties and retrieved carts as a Utility Clerk.

 2008 Recognized for outstanding customer service by the store in this role.
 - Cleaned the salad bar, cut and arranged fruit for the floor as a Produce Clerk.
 - Performed cashiering duties when needed.

Volunteer

- Mar. **Technical Volunteer**, *Unity Church of Milwaukee*, Wauwatosa, WI.
- 2016-present Maintain website and administer Microsoft Powerpoint slides for services.
 - Mar. 2016 **Technical Volunteer**, *Black Girls Code Chicago*, Chicago, IL.

 Assisted in teaching young girls of color (ages 7-17) how to build their own mobile applications.
 - Aug. Web Chair, IEEE COMPSAC, Taichung, Taiwan.
 - 2014—June Assisted in managing web content, updating dates, finding venue information and photographs 2015 for website.

Other Notable Projects

- o Raspberry Pi Cluster (2015). Project undertaken as part of coursework towards Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Computational Sciences. Created a cluster from four Raspberry Pi 2 devices in a team, and benchmarked the speed improvement as a result of the clustering with the popular High Performance Linpack (HPL) set of
- PassPlay (2012). Project undertaken as part of coursework towards Master of Science Degree in Computing. Created a proof-of-concept application for authenticating with an Android smartphone with a team. Application utilized a 3D model which a user would pose in a particular way in order to unlock a phone.
- RoomGuard: Arduino-Based Personal Security System (2012). Project undertaken as part of coursework towards Master of Science Degree in Computing. Created an Arduino configuration to capture light and motion data for a small room. Data was forwarded to ThingSpeak, a web service that monitors incoming data for numbers of interest. Push notifications enabled for Android devices and iOS devices for room entry. Developed an Android application that allowed the data to be monitored continuously.
- Arduino-Powered Furby Choreography (2011). Project undertaken as part of coursework toward Bachelor of Science in Computer Science. Controlled the motor of a Hasbro Furby toy with an Arduino using an H-Bridge. Connected a new speaker to the Furby and played sine waves from the Arduino over the speaker, while controlling a choreographed motion.

Research Interests

Human- Maximizing usability of different computer interfaces.

Computer Interaction

Designing interfaces that can be used by the largest number of people.

Accessibility and Universal

Design

Intelligent Developing interfaces that adapt to a user's needs.

and Adaptive

Interfaces

Internet of Using internet-connected systems of devices to solve problems.

Things

Privacy

Security and Issues of security and privacy in personalization of interface design, IoT systems, mobile health systems.

Publications

Book Chapters

- D. Williams, I. Addo, G. M. T. Ahsan, F. Rahman, C. Tamma, and S. I. Ahamed, "Privacy in Healthcare," in *Privacy in a Digital, Networked World.* Switzerland: Springer International Publishing, Oct. 2015, pp. 85–110.
- D. Williams, M. O. Gani, I. Addo, C. P. Tamma, M.-T. Wang, C.-H. Chang, A. J. A. Majumder, and C.-C. Chu, "Challenges in Developing Applications for Aging Populations," in *Optimizing Assistive Technologies for Aging Populations*. Hershey, PN: IGI Global, Sep. 2015, pp. 1–21.

Journal Papers

- L. Burhansstipanov, L. Krebs, D. Petereit, M. Dignan, S. Ahamed, M. Sargent, K. Cina, K. Crawford, D. Thibeault, S. Bordeaux, S. Kanekar, G. Ahsan, W. D., and A. I., "Reality Versus Grant Application Research "Plans"," *Health promotion practice*, jul 2017.
- D. Williams, S. I. Ahamed, W. C.-C. Chu, M.-T. Wang, and C.-H. Chang, "Cloud-Based Synchronization for Interface Settings for Older Adults," *International Journal of Hybrid Information Technology*, vol. 7, no. 4, pp. 29–42, nov 2014.

Conference Papers

- C. Regan, D. Williams, and R. O. Smith, "The symbiotic relationship between accessible features of information and effective research inquiry," in 2018 Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America's National Conference, Washington, DC, Jul. 2018.
- D. Williams, H. Ding, J. Awebwa, D. Williams, S. I. Ahamed, R. Mendonca, and R. O. Smith, "MediRank: visualizing consumer needs and medical device accessibility features," in *2018 Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America's National Conference*, Washington, DC, Jul. 2018.
- D. Williams, G. M. T. Ahsan, I. Addo, S. I. Ahamed, D. Petereit, L. Burhansstipanov, L. U. Krebs, and M. Dignan, "Building a Tailored Text Messaging System for Smoking Cessation in Native American Populations," in *The 42nd IEEE Computer Society Signature Conference on Computers, Software & Applications*, Tokyo, Japan, Jul. 2018.
- D. Williams, C. Regan, J. Skelton-Miller, J. McCall, C. Dobson, D. Tomashek, S. I. Ahamed, and R. O. Smith, "Developing an Accessible Archival Website," in *2017 Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America National Conference*, New Orleans, LA, Jun. 2017.
- M. O. Gani, G. M. T. Ahsan, D. Do, D. Williams, M. Balfas, S. I. Ahamed, and M. Arif, "An Approach to Localization in Crowded Area," in *2016 IEEE International Conference on e-Health Networking, Applications and Services*, Munich, Germany, Sep. 2016.
- D. Williams, N. Johnson, A. S. Kumar, N. Spaeth, H. Domke, T. Snyder, D. Tomashek, S. I. Ahamed, and R. O. Smith, "xFACT: Developing Usable Surveys for Accessibility

- Purposes," in 2016 Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America National Conference, Washington, D.C., Jul. 2016.
- D. Williams, N. Johnson, A. S. Kumar, N. Spaeth, H. Domke, D. Tomashek, S. I. Ahamed, and R. O. Smith, "Access Ruler: An Accessible Measurement Application for Determining Accessibility in the Built Environment," in *2016 Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America National Conference*, Washington, D.C., Jul. 2016.
- N. Johnson, P. Saxena, D. Williams, O. C. Bangole, M. K. Hasan, S. I. Ahamed, R. O. Smith, and D. Tomashek, "Smartphone-Based Light and Sound Intensity Calculation Application for Accessibility Measurement," in *2015 Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America National Conference*, Denver, CO, Jun. 2015.
- D. Williams, N. Johnson, O. C. Bangole, M. K. Hasan, D. Tomashek, S. I. Ahamed, and R. O. Smith, "Access Tools," in *2015 Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America National Conference*, Denver, CO, Jun. 2015.
- W. C.-C. Chu, C.-H. Chang, C.-H. Chang, T.-C. Hsu, F. Kawsar, N. Johnson, P. Saxena, D. Williams, S. I. Ahamed, and C.-Y. Tsao, "A Novel Light Weight Balance Monitoring Tool for Elderly Care," in *2014 International Computer Symposium*, Taichung City, Taiwan, Dec. 2014.
- D. Williams, S. I. Ahamed, and W. C.-C. Chu, "Use of Cloud-Synchronized Settings in Intelligent Applications for the Elderly," in *Cloud and Super Computing 2014*, Taichung City, Taiwan, Dec. 2014.
- D. Williams, S. I. Ahamed, and W. Chu, "Designing Interpersonal Communication Software for the Abilities of Elderly Users," in 2014 IEEE 38th International Computer Software and Applications Conference Workshops (COMPSACW), Vasteras, Sweden, Jul. 2014.
- D. Williams, M.-T. Wang, C.-H. Chang, S. I. Ahamed, and W. Chu, "ShowMeHow: Using Smart, Interactive Tutorials in Elderly Software Development," in *2014 International Conference on Smart Homes and Health Telematics*, Denver, CO, Jun. 2015.
- D. Williams, M.-T. Wang, C.-H. Chang, S. I. Ahamed, and W. Chu, "Agile Development for the Creation of Proper Human-Computer Interfaces for the Elderly," in *2014 International Conference on Smart Homes and Health Telematics*, Denver, CO, Jun. 2014.
- G. M. T. Ahsan, D. Williams, I. Addo, S. I. Ahamed, D. Petereit, L. Burhansstipanov, L. U. Krebs, and M. Dignan, "A Mobile Survey Tool for Smoking Dependency Among Native Americans," in *2014 International Conference on Smart Homes and Health Telematics*, Denver, CO, Jun. 2014.

- N. Negar, D. Williams, J. Schwartz, S. I. Ahamed, and R. O. Smith, "Smartphone-Based Light Intensity Calculation Application For Accessibility Measurement," in 2014 Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America National Conference, Indianapolis, IN, Jun. 2014.
- F. Rahman, D. Williams, S. I. Ahamed, J.-J. Yang, and Q. Wang, "PriDaC: Privacy Preserving Data Collection in Sensor Enabled RFID Based Healthcare Services," in *Ninth IEEE International Symposium on High-Assurance Systems Engineering (HASE'05)*, Miami Beach, FL, Aug. 2014.
- D. Williams, M. A. U. Alam, S. I. Ahamed, and W. Chu, "Considerations in Designing Human-Computer Interfaces for Elderly People," in *13th International Conference on Quality Software*, Nanjing, China, Jul. 2013.

Posters

- D. Williams, A. S. Kumar, N. Spaeth, D. Tomashek, S. I. Ahamed, and R. O. Smith, "An Interface for Making Decisions for Accessibility Purposes," in *2016 Forward Thinking Poster Session*, Milwaukee, WI, Nov. 2016.
- D. Williams, A. S. Kumar, H. Domke, N. Spaeth, D. Tomashek, S. I. Ahamed, and R. O. Smith, "A Mobile Method for Determining Access Ratings for the Built Environment," in *2016 Forward Thinking Poster Session*, Milwaukee, WI, Nov. 2016.
- D. Williams, A. S. Kumar, S. I. Ahamed, D. Tomashek, and R. O. Smith, "Condensing Accessibility Information for the Built Environment via a Usable Mobile Application," in 2016 Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing, Houston, TX, Oct. 2016.
- D. Williams, N. Johnson, A. S. Kumar, D. Tomashek, S. I. Ahamed, and R. O. Smith, "Designing a Usable Survey for Assessing the Built Environment," in *2016 CRA-W Graduate Cohort*, San Diego, CA, Apr. 2016.
- D. Williams, N. Johnson, O. C. Bangole, M. K. Hasan, D. Tomashek, S. I. Ahamed, and R. O. Smith, "Towards a Usable Smartphone-Based Application to Determine Building Access Levels," in *2015 CRA-W Graduate Cohort*, San Francisco, CA, Apr. 2015.
- M. O. Gani, D. Do, D. Williams, G. M. T. Ahsan, M. Balfas, S. I. Ahamed, M. A. S. Hamid, and A. J. Kattan, "Ubitrack," in *2014 Forward Thinking/International Poster Session*, Milwaukee, WI, Dec. 2014.
- D. Williams, N. Negar, Y. Zhou, D. Tomashek, J. Schwartz, S. I. Ahamed, and R. O. Smith, "Developing a Smartphone-Based Tool to Assess Building Accessibility," in *Broadening Participation Workshop @ Ubicomp 2014*, Bellevue, WA, Sep. 2014.
- D. Williams, M. A. U. Alam, S. I. Ahamed, and W. C.-C. Chu, "Designing Human-Computer Interfaces for Elderly People in Taiwan," in *2013 Forward Thinking/International Poster Session*, Milwaukee, WI, Dec. 2013.

G. M. T. Ahsan, D. Williams, I. Addo, S. I. Ahamed, D. Petereit, S. Kanekar, L. Burhansstipanov, L. U. Krebs, and M. Dignan, "Utilization of a SMS-Based Support System for American Indian Smoking Cessation," in *2013 Forward Thinking/International Poster Session*, Milwaukee, WI, Dec. 2013.

Presentations

- July 14th, 2018 2018 Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America National Conference – Washington, DV
 Presenting the paper "The symbiotic relationship between accessible features of information and effective research inquiry," winner of an honorable mention in the 2018 Student Scientific Paper Awards.
- June 28th, 2017 2017 Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America National Conference – New Orleans, LA Presented the paper "Developing an Accessible Archival Website."
- June 21st, 2013 2013 Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North American National Conference – Bellevue, WA
 Presented the paper "Measuring Font Signage with a Smartphone Application for ADAAG Compliance Assessment."

Talks and Panels

- April 27th, 2018 Ethics of Big Data Symposium Milwaukee, WI
 Speaker during the "Data Science Oath" Presentation. Discussed bias in data collection.
- April 19th, 2018 Milwaukee High School of the Arts Career Day Milwaukee, WI
 - Alumni speaker, discussed potential careers for art students in STEM.
- June 15th, 2016 Write/Speak/Code 2016 Chicago, IL
 Panelist on the "Writing for Developers" Panel. Discussed writing tips and strategies for female developers.

Awards and Achievements

 2018 RESNA Student Scientific Paper Awards (Honorable Mention) – July 2018

Awarded for research merit of the paper, "The symbiotic relationship between accessible features of information and effective research inquiry."

- 2016 Social Innovation Grant November 2016
 Awarded during the Marquette University Forward Thinking Poster Session, along with a \$1000 grant.
- Grace Hopper Conference Scholarship May 2016
 Awarded for travel to the yearly Grace Hopper conference in Houston, TX. Competitive.

- Graduate School Travel Grant for RESNA 2016 May 2016
 Awarded for travel to present a poster at RESNA/NCART 2016.
- Computational Sciences Summer Research Fellowship Award April 2016
 Competitive award given to fund 8 weeks of personal research during the summer.
- CRA-W Grad Cohort Workshop Travel and Accommodation Grant April 2016
 Awarded for travel to the CRA-W Graduate Cohort for women in computing majors.
- AISES National Conference ASSIST Grant [NSF-Funded] November 2015
 Awarded for travel to the American Indian Science and Engineering Society's National Conference.
- Intel Employee Recognition August 2015
 Awarded in recognition of time volunteered to help high school students with mini-internships.
- Intel Employee Recognition July 2015
 Awarded in recognition of efforts/weekend work put forth to finish IDF demo on time.
- CRA-W Grad Cohort Workshop Travel and Accomodation Grant April 2015

 Awarded for travel to the CRA-W Graduate Cohort for women in computing majors.
- AISES Leadership Summit Travel Grant March 2015
 Awarded for travel to the American Indian Science and Engineering Society's yearly Leadership Summit
- AISES/Intel Foundation Scholarship [Intel Scholar] October 2014 May 2015

Very competitive scholarship awarded for tuition and books.

- Broadening Participation Workshop (UBICOMP 2014) Travel Grant –
 September 2014
 - Awarded for travel to attend the 2014 Broadening Participation Workshop at UBI-COMP 2014, in addition to conference attendance.
- Graduate School Travel Grant for RESNA 2014 May 2014
 Awarded for travel to present a poster at RESNA/NCART 2016.
- A.T. Anderson Memorial Scholarship November 2013 May 2014
 Competitive scholarship awarded for tuition and books.
- Best Poster Award in International Research Poster Session, Marquette University December 2013

Awarded for merit of poster submitted to the International Research Poster Session.

Merit Scholarship, University of Chicago – August 2008 - June 2012
 Awarded for academic achievement during High School.

Languages

English Native Speaker Spanish Beginner+

Japanese Beginner

Professional Organizations/Affiliations

- Intel Innovator [IoT/Intel Edison]
- American Indian Science and Engineering Society [Sequoyah Fellow]
- Society of Women Engineers Student Member
- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Student Member
- Association for Computing Machinery Student Member

Computer skills

Programming Node.JS, Javascript, C/C++

> Objective C, Java, MySQL, HTML/HTML5, CSS/CSS3,

Python

Applications Microsoft Office, Adobe Photo-

shop, Selenium, SpiraTest, Base-

camp, Trello

Operating Mac, Windows. Linux Systems (Ubuntu/Fedora/Arch)

IDEs Android Studio, Xcode, Eclipse,

Canopy, Texmaker, Matlab, Mathematica, Visual Studio, LiveCode

Technical Video Editing, Image Editing,

Skills Troubleshooting, Hardware and

Software Repair

Platforms Arduino, Raspberry Pi, Intel Edi-

son, iOS, Android

Hobbies

Illustration Painting, drawing, comic creation

Writing Fiction, non-fiction, blogging

Maker Arduino, Raspberry Pi, microcontrollers, soldering.

Projects

Music Vocals, music production, mixing, piano