

CONTACT
INFORMATION

xpu@umich.edu

EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Ph.D. precandidate in Computer Science and Engineering 2017-

Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA

B.S., Computer Science and Engineering, 4.0/4.0. 2013 - 2017

RESEARCH
EXPERIENCES**Graduate Student Research Assistant**

Fall 2017 -

Uncertainty visualization, open science practices

Advisor: Matthew Kay, Ph.D.,

Department of Computer Science/School of Information

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Research projects:

- Proposed a design space for reliable exploratory visual analytics.
- Conducted a qualitative interview study to understand the use of preregistration.
- Systematizing the categorization and generation of uncertainty visualizations.
- Modeling the effectiveness of an uncertainty visualization with pilot data.

Summer Internship in Parallel Computational Science Summer 2016*Visualization*

Advisor: Rick Brownrigg, Ph.D.,

Computational and Information Systems Lab (CISL),

National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR), Boulder, CO

- Visualized climate model similarity with multidimensional scaling.
- Used an MIQP optimizer to achieve a non-overlapping layout.
- Collaborated closely with NCAR climate scientists.

Undergraduate Researcher

May 2015 - Dec 2015

Physiological computing, human-computer interaction

Advisor: Evan M. Peck, Ph.D.,

Department of Computer Science at Bucknell University

- Extended and optimized a physiological computing framework.
- Adopted MQTT protocol for streaming data across platforms.
- Used machine learning (Weka) to classify real-time cognitive load.
- Designed protocol to quantify implicit bias in decision-making.

Undergraduate Researcher

Summer 2014

Environmental geochemistry

Advisor: Carl S. Kirby, Ph.D.,

Department of Geology & Environmental Geosciences at Bucknell University

- Designed to use mussels as biomarkers for heavy metal contaminants.
- Analyzed high spatial resolution *in-situ* concentration of Barium and Strontium in thin-sections from electron probe microanalysis (EPMA).

PUBLICATION	Pu, X. and Kay M., “The Garden of Forking Paths in Visualization: A Design Space for Reliable Exploratory Visual Analytics.” 2018 IEEE Evaluation and Beyond - Methodological Approaches for Visualization (BELIV 2018).	
PRESENTATIONS	Kay, M., Pu, X. , and Conrad, F. “Preregistration: Assessing Whether the Pledge Matches the Report”. Presentation at the APA Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA. August 2018.	
	Pu, X. , “Visualizing Intermodel Comparison of Climate Simulations”. SIParCS program student presentations. July 2016.	
	Pu, X. , “Decision-making via Wearable Biosensors”. Susquehanna Valley Undergraduate Research Symposium. Oral presentation. August 2015.	
	Pu, X. and Kirby, C.S., “Feasibility of using freshwater mussels to monitor Ba and Sr contamination due to shale gas flowback water in Pennsylvania streams.” Geological Society of America Abstracts with Programs, Vol. 46, No. 6, p.315. (Poster presentation at 2014 Geological Society of America Annual Meeting in Vancouver, BC.)	
IN PREPARATION	Kirby, C.S. and Pu, X. , “Feasibility of using freshwater mussels to monitor Ba and Sr contamination due to shale gas flowback water in Pennsylvania streams.”, Environmental Science & Technology or Applied Geochemistry.	
AWARDS	GHC Scholar — Anita Borg Institute	Oct. 2016
	Competitive stipend for attending the Grace Hopper Celebration, \$900	
	Oral Presentation Award (top 4%)	Aug. 2015
	Susquehanna Valley Undergraduate Research Symposium, \$100	
HONOR SOCIETIES	Honorable Mention	Feb. 2015
	Mathematical Contest in Modeling — COMAP	
	Tau Beta Pi	
	Phi Beta Kappa (7 out of 900)	
GRANTS	Bucknell Program for Undergraduate Research	2015
	“Improving Computer-Mediated Decision-Making via Physiological Signals from Wearable Sensors”, \$3000.	
	Katherine Mabis McKenna Environmental Internship Program	2014

“Feasibility of using freshwater mussels to monitor Ba and Sr contamination due to shale gas flowback water in Pennsylvania streams.”, \$3500 stipend + \$600 material.

GRADUATE
COURSEWORK

- Probability and Distribution Theory
- Natural Language Processing
- Machine Learning
- Social Computing Systems
- Principles of Real-time Computing

TEACHING
EXPERIENCES

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

- CSCI 208L - Programming Languages lab Fall 2016
- CSCI 204L - Introduction to Computer Science II lab Spring 2016
- CSCI 206L - Computer Organization and Programming lab Spring 2016
- PHYS 211L - Classical & Modern Physics lab Fall 2014

SERVICE

Middle school outreach program with GirlsEncoded Winter 2018 -
President. Bucknell ACM Women-in-Computing Chapter Spring 2016
First Bucknell Admissions Outreach for promoting diversity Jan. 2016

SKILLS

- C/C++, Java, Python, Verilog, MATLAB, R and \LaTeX .
- Applied machine learning, networks, experimental design, qualitative interview, statistics and visualization.
- FPGA programming, CAD, 3D printing and laser-cutting.