Xiaoying Pu Curriculum vitae

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RESEARCH INTERESTS Uncertainty visualizations, visual analytics, human-computer interaction.

EDUCATION University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Ph.D. pre-candidate 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

Member of the Midwest Uncertainty Collective.

Fall 2017 -

Advisor: Matthew Kay, Ph.D. (School of Information) Computer Science and Engineering, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Research projects:

- Using Bayesian hierarchical models to study decision-making aided by uncertainty visualizations in MTurk experiments.
- Designing and implementing a probabilistic grammar of graphics.
- Proposed a design space for reliable exploratory visual analytics.
- Conducted a qualitative interview study to understand the use of preregistration.

Computer Science (Visualization) Intern

Summer 2019

Mentor: Kristi Potter, Ph.D.

Insight Center

National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), Golden, CO

- Context: energy systems (power grid) integration research.
- Iteratively prototyped interactive visualizations with scientists.
- Designed two new visual representations for dynamical system concepts.
- Reviewed uncertainty visualization techniques applied to visual analytics.

Summer Internship in Parallel Computational Science Summer 2016

Visualization, interdisciplinary collaboration

Advisor: Rick Brownrigg, Ph.D.

Computational and Information Systems Lab (CISL)

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

- Examined and cleaned climate model outputs with NCL and GDAL.
- 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

- Collected and analyzed field water quality data.
- Used freshwater 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

Xiaoying Pu and Matthew Kay. 2018. 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).

Under Review

Xiaoying Pu, and Matthew Kay. 2019. A Probabilistic Grammar of Graphics. *CHI 2020*.

In Press

Mert Pese, **Xiaoying Pu**, Kang Shin. 2019. SPy: Car Steering Reveals Your Trip Route! *Proceedings on Privacy Enhancing Technologies (PoPETs)*.

PRESENTATIONS

Xiaoying Pu, Licheng Zhu, Matthew Kay, and Frederick Conrad. 2019. Designing for Preregistration: a User-Centered Perspective. In *CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems Extended Abstracts (CHI19 Extended Abstracts), May 4-9, 2019, Glasgow, Scotland UK.* ACM, New York, NY, USA, 6 pages. https://doi.org/10.1145/3290607.3312862

Matthew Kay, **Xiaoying Pu**, and Frederick Conrad. 2018. Preregistration: Assessing Whether the Pledge Matches the Report. Presentation at the *APA Annual Convention*. San Francisco. CA.

Xiaoying Pu. 2016. Visualizing Intermodel Comparison of Climate Simulations. SIParCS program student presentations.

Xiaoying Pu and C.S. Kirby. 2014. 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

C.S. Kirby and **Xiaoying Pu**, 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

Honorable Mention

Feb. 2015

Mathematical Contest in Modeling — COMAP

Honor Societies

Tau Beta Pi

Phi Beta Kappa (7 out of 900)

Grants

Bucknell Program for Undergraduate Research Summer 2015 "Improving Computer-Mediated Decision-Making via Physiological Signals from Wearable Sensors", \$3000.

Katherine Mabis McKenna Environmental Internship Program Summer 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
- Advanced Topics in Computer Architecture
- Carillon Performance & Literature

REVIEW

- CHI 2020 Papers, CHI 2019 Late Breaking Work, CHI 2019 alt.chi
- EXPERIENCE VIS 2019 InfoVis Papers

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

• CSCI 208L - Programmi	ing Languages lab	Fall 2016
• CSCI 204L - Introduction	on 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

Data Visualization Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop Fall 2019 - Middle school outreach program with GirlsEncoded Winter 2018 - Winter 2019 President. Bucknell ACM Women-in-Computing Chapter Spring 2016 First Bucknell Admissions Outreach for promoting diversity Jan. 2016

SKILLS

- R, C/C++, Java, Python, Verilog, and MATLAB.
- Statistical modeling, experimental design, applied machine learning, visualization, computer networks, and qualitative interview.