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Research Interests

Interactive system design and deployment, human-centered artificial intelligence, human-computer interaction, community citizen science, applied machine learning, computer vision, crowdsourcing, participatory sensing, information visualization, civic engagement, sustainability, community empowerment, data science, cyber-physical system, smart city, social justice, environmental health, urban science, interactive architecture.

Experiences

- **CREATE Lab, Robotics Institute, School of Computer Science, Carnegie Mellon University, USA**
Project Scientist, 12/2018 - present
Senior Research Programmer/Analyst, 08/2018 - 11/2018
Ph.D. Student Researcher, 09/2014 - 07/2018
Web Designer/Developer, 10/2013 - 06/2014
Research Associate, 01/2013 - 07/2013
- **Code Lab, School of Architecture, Carnegie Mellon University, USA**
Master's Student, 09/2011 - 12/2012
Lab Assistant, 09/2011 - 05/2012
- **IA Lab, Department of Architecture, National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan**
Research Assistant, 09/2010 - 06/2011
- **Department of Architecture, National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan**
General Coordinator, Graduation Design Preparation Committee, 09/2008 - 06/2009
Director of General Affairs, Student Committee, 09/2007 - 06/2008

Education

- **Ph.D. in Robotics**, 08/2014 - 08/2018
Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, USA
Thesis Title: Designing Interactive Systems for Community Citizen Science
Committee: Illah Nourbakhsh (advisor), Aaron Steinfeld, Jeffrey Bigham, and Eric Paulos
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- **Master of Tangible Interaction Design**, 08/2011 - 12/2012
Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, USA
- **Dual B.S. in Architecture and in Computer Science**, 08/2005 - 05/2010
National Cheng Kung University, Tainan, Taiwan

Awards and Honors

- [A1] Best Paper Honorable Mention Award (Top 2.5%, 7 out of 282 submissions). 2019. ACM IUI Conference on Intelligent User Interfaces, USA. <https://dl.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=3302293>
- [A2] Best Paper Honorable Mention Award (Top 5%). 2017. ACM CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems, USA. <https://dl.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=3025853>
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- [A4] Best New Artist. 2009. The National Golden Award for Architecture, Taiwan. http://www.yestaiwan.com.tw/page06_5.html
- [A5] Third Prize, National Country House Design Competition. 2008. Ministry of the Interior, Taiwan.
- [A6] Outstanding Student Academic Achievement. 2005, 2006, 2007. Department of Architecture, National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan.

Referred Journal and Magazine Papers

- [J1] **Yen-Chia Hsu**, Jennifer Cross, Paul Dille, Michael Tasota, Beatrice Dias, Randy Sargent, Ting-Hao (Kenneth) Huang, and Illah Nourbakhsh. 2019. Smell Pittsburgh: Engaging Community Citizen Science for Air Quality. arXiv preprint arXiv:1912.11936. (Article accepted by ACM Transactions on Interactive Intelligent Systems) <https://arxiv.org/abs/1912.11936>
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Referred Conference Papers

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- [C2] **Yen-Chia Hsu**, Jennifer Cross, Paul Dille, Michael Tasota, Beatrice Dias, Randy Sargent, Ting-Hao (Kenneth) Huang, and Illah Nourbakhsh. 2019. Smell Pittsburgh: Community-Empowered Mobile Smell Reporting System. In Proceedings of the 24th International Conference on Intelligent User Interfaces (IUI 2019). ACM. (Best Paper Honorable Mention Award, Top 2.5%) <https://dl.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=3302293>
- [C3] **Yen-Chia Hsu**, Paul Dille, Jennifer Cross, Beatrice Dias, Randy Sargent, and Illah Nourbakhsh. 2017. Community-Empowered Air Quality Monitoring System. In Proceedings of the 2017 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI 2017). ACM. (Best Paper Honorable Mention Award, Top 5%) <https://dl.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=3025853>
- [C4] **Yen-Chia Hsu**, Tay-Sheng Jeng, Yang-Ting Shen, and Po-Chun Chen. 2012. SynTag: A Web-based Platform for Labeling Real-time Video. In Proceedings of the ACM 2012 Conference on Computer Supported Cooperative Work (CSCW 2012). ACM. <https://dl.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=2145312>

- [C5] Yang-Ting Shen, Tay-Sheng Jeng, and **Yen-Chia Hsu**. 2011. A Live Interactive Tagging Interface for Collaborative Learning. International Conference on Cooperative Design, Visualization and Engineering (CDVE 2011). Springer. https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007%2F978-3-642-23734-8_16

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- [P2] **Yen-Chia Hsu**, Jennifer Cross, Paul Dille, Illah Nourbakhsh, Leann Leiter, and Ryan Grode. 2018. Visualization Tool for Environmental Sensing and Public Health Data. In Proceedings of the 2018 ACM Conference Companion Publication on Designing Interactive Systems (DIS 2018 Companion). ACM. <https://dl.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=3197391.3205419>
- [P3] **Yen-Chia Hsu**, Paul Dille, Randy Sargent, Christopher Bartley, and Illah Nourbakhsh. 2015. A Web-based Large-scale Timelapse Editor for Creating and Sharing Guided Video Tours and Interactive Slideshows. IEEE Information Visualization Posters, 2015. <https://vimeo.com/136251467>

Other Publications

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- [O3] **Yen-Chia Hsu**. 2018. SimArch: A Multi-agent System For Human Path Simulation In Architecture Design. arXiv preprint arXiv:1807.03760. <https://arxiv.org/abs/1807.03760>
- [O4] **Yen-Chia Hsu**. 2016. Industrial Smoke Detection and Visualization. Technical Report CMU-RI-TR-16-55. Robotics Institute, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA. <https://www.ri.cmu.edu/publications/industrial-smoke-detection-and-visualization/>

Featured Media and Book Coverage

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- [F3] TIME. Jeffrey Kluger. 2013. Timelapse: Landsat Satellite Images of Climate Change. <http://world.time.com/timelapse/>

Other Media and Book Coverage

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- [M2] The Portland Tribune. 2019. Smell MyCity app could sniff out air quality issues. <https://pamplinmedia.com/pt/9-news/444239-359239-smell-mycity-app-could-sniff-out-air-quality-issues>
- [M3] Willamette Week. Elise Herron. 2019. New App Helps People Track Air Pollution in Portland, Which Is Among the Top 25 Cities With the Most Short-Term Particulate Pollution. <https://www.wweek.com/news/2019/11/23/new-app-helps-people-track-air-pollution-in-portland-which-is-among-the-top-25-cities-with-the-most-short-term-particulate-pollution/>
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- [M12] Seventh Generation. 2019. If You Smell Something, Now You Can Say Something. <https://www.seventhgeneration.com/blog/if-you-smell-something-now-you-can-say-something>
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- [M16] Hack The Grid. Andrea Polli. 2018. Carnegie Museum Of Art. <https://cmoa.org/publication/hack-the-grid/>
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- [M20] ProMarket. Emiliano Huet-Vaughn, Nicholas Z. Muller, and **Yen-Chia Hsu**. 2018. Livestreaming Polluters to Enforce Environmental Policy: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in Pittsburgh. <https://promarket.org/livestreaming-polluters-enforce-environmental-policy-evidence-natural-experiment-pittsburgh/>
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Released Open Source Tools

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- [T2] CMU CREATE Lab. A Tool for Labeling Video Clips (both front-end and back-end). <https://github.com/CMU-CREATE-Lab/video-labeling-tool>
- [T3] CMU CREATE Lab. Predicting and Interpreting Smell Data Obtained from Smell Pittsburgh. Computer software. <https://github.com/CMU-CREATE-Lab/smell-pittsburgh-prediction>
- [T4] CMU CREATE Lab. Earth Timelapse Viewer. Computer software. <https://github.com/CMU-CREATE-Lab/data-visualization-tools>
- [T5] CMU CREATE Lab. A Mobile Application to Crowdsource and Visualize Pollution Odors. Computer software. <https://github.com/CMU-CREATE-Lab/smell-pittsburgh-rails>
- [T6] CMU CREATE Lab. Visualization Tool for Environmental Sensing and Public Health Data. Computer software. <https://github.com/CMU-CREATE-Lab/ehp-channel>
- [T7] CMU CREATE Lab. A Web-Based Interactive Viewer for Visualizing Large-Scale Timelapses. Computer software. <https://github.com/CMU-CREATE-Lab/timemachine-viewer>
- [T8] Yen-Chia Hsu. A HTML/CSS Template for Building Projects or Personal Websites. Computer software. <https://github.com/yenchiah/project-website-template>
- [T9] Yen-Chia Hsu. A JavaScript Library for Creating an Interactive Geographical Heatmap. Computer software. <https://github.com/yenchiah/geo-heatmap>
- [T10] Yen-Chia Hsu. A JavaScript Library for Creating an Interactive Timeline Heatmap. Computer software. <https://github.com/yenchiah/timeline-heatmap>

- [T11] Yen-Chia Hsu. A Wearable Shoe-Integrated Interaction Interface. Computer software. <https://github.com/yenchiah/SENSEable-Shoes>
- [T12] Yen-Chia Hsu. A Multi-agent System for Human Path Simulation In Architecture Design. Computer software. <https://github.com/yenchiah/SimArch>
- [T13] Yen-Chia Hsu. A Web-based Platform for Labeling Real-time Video. Computer software. <https://github.com/yenchiah/SynTag>

Grants and Other Support

- [G1] Nvidia GPU Grant (accepted), GeForce Titan Xp, 2018
A Deep Learning Tool for Smoke Detection

Projects



Community-Powered Industrial Smoke Labeling System [T12, T13], 2018 - 2019

I am developing a system that invites citizens to label videos with industrial smoke emissions. As we gather more labels, they will be used to train a deep neural network for smoke detection, and we will design visualization for industrial pollution events. (<https://smoke.createlab.org/>)



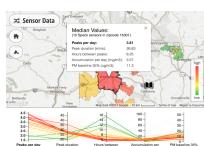
A Tool for Creating Interactive Stories on the EarthTime Timelapse [T10], 2018

I worked in a team to develop a web-based tool that enables users to create, edit, and share stories about nature changes and human impact on EarthTime, visualizing the transformation of the EarthTime over three decades with images and datasets. (<https://earthtime.org>)



Community-Empowered Mobile Smell Reporting System [C4, F2, T9, A6], 2017 - 2018

I worked in a team to develop Smell Pittsburgh, a mobile application for citizens to report pollution odors to regulators. A map visualizes the reports with air quality and wind data. A machine learning model predicts odors and sends push notifications. (<http://smellpgh.org>)



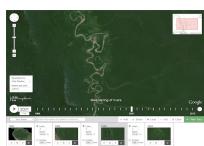
Visualization Tool for Environmental Sensing and Public Health Data [P2, T5, T8], 2017

I worked in a team to develop the Environmental Health Channel, an interactive web-based tool for visualizing health symptoms, particulate measurements, and personal stories from residents who are affected by oil and gas drilling development. (<http://envhealthchannel.org>)



Community-Empowered Air Quality Monitoring System [C3, F3, A5], 2015 - 2016

I worked with a community to develop an air quality monitoring system that integrates live camera data, sensing data, and smell reports. The system uses computer vision to generate videos with smoke emissions, which serve as evidence of pollution for community advocacy.



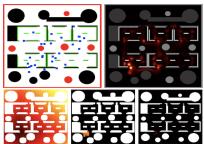
A Web-based Large-scale Timelapse Editor for Interactive Storytelling [P1, T7], 2014

Based on the timelapse viewer, I developed a tool for users to create interactive slideshows or guided tours. Users can embed or share the slideshows or tours on social media for telling interactive stories. (<http://timemachine.cmucreatelab.org/wiki/EarthEngineTourEditor>)



Earth Timelapse Viewer Visualizing Landsat Satellite Imagery [F1, T7, A4], 2013

I worked in a team to develop an Earth timelapse viewer, consisting of cloud-free mosaics of the planet with billions of pixels for decades. The interactive viewer was released with Google and TIME. (<https://earthengine.google.com/timelapse/>, <http://world.time.com/timelapse/>)



SimArch: A Multi-Agent System for Human Path Simulation [O2, T2], 2012

SimArch uses Markov Decision Process to build a behavior model. The model simulates mental states, target range detection, and collision prediction when agents behave in a museum. SimArch outputs the prediction of how likely a person will occur in a location after simulation.



SENSEable Shoes: Hands-Free and Eyes-Free Mobile Interaction [T3], 2012

SENSEable Shoes is a platform for interaction designers to create applications. It recognizes low-level activities by measuring the weight distribution over the feet with sensors in the shoe pad. A Support Vector Machine classifier identifies mobile activities and foot gestures.



Draw-o-lin: A Music Visualizer for Violin, 2011

What does music look like? Draw-o-lin is an interactive mobile robot visualizing music by drawing graphs on a paper according to various sound properties. Violin performers control the robot by playing various pitches, alternating the volume, and changing the tempo.



SynTag: A Web-Based Platform for Labeling Real-time Video [C2, C1, T1], 2010

Users can label Good, Question, and Disagree tags in real or non-real time with visualization of time-stamp video previews on an interactive timeline. SynTag creates thumbnails by using real-time tags for presenters to receive instant feedback and for others to retrieve videos.

Professional Activities

• Program Committee/Reviewer

- ACM Conference on Computer-Supported Cooperative Work (CSCW), 2019 - 2020
- ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI), 2019 - 2020
- ACM Conference on Designing Interactive Systems (DIS), 2019
- Journal of Environmental Planning and Management, 2020
- Pattern Analysis and Applications Journal, 2019
- Taiwan Association of Computer-Human Interaction (TAICHI), 2017 - 2019
- IEEE Robotics and Automation Magazine, 2015

• Conference Presenter

- ACM Conference on Intelligent User Interfaces (IUI), 2019
- ACM Conference on Designing Interactive Systems (DIS), 2018
- ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI), 2017
- Air and Waste Management Association (A&WMA), 2017
- ACM Conference on Computer-Supported Cooperative Work (CSCW), 2012

- **Invited Talks**

EPA Region III MARAMA Air Quality Monitoring Training Workshop, Swarthmore, PA, USA, 2019
Creative AI (10737), Carnegie Mellon University, PA, USA, 2019
Sustainability Salon, Local Community Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, USA, 2019
Health and Environment In Pittsburgh (ANTH 1727-1010), University of Pittsburgh, PA, USA, 2019
Breathe Collaborative Community Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, USA, 2019
Crowdsourcing & Crowd-AI Systems (IST 597), Pennsylvania State University, PA, USA, 2019
Smart Cities (ARCH7124), National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan, 2019
Undergraduate Seminar (ANTH 1750-1270), University of Pittsburgh, PA, USA, 2018
Seminar in Department of Architecture, National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan, 2018
Seminar in Department of Industrial Design, National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan, 2018
Special Topics: Crowd Computing (05-899), Carnegie Mellon University, PA, USA, 2017
Sustainability Salon, Local Community Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, USA, 2017
Geo For Good User Summit, Google Earth Engine, Mountain View, CA, USA, 2013

- **Invited Events**

Bloomberg Philanthropies New Tech & Urban Air Pollution Meeting, New York, USA, 2017

Teaching

- **Robotics Institute, School of Computer Science, Carnegie Mellon University, USA**

Teaching Assistant of 16-811 Math Fundamentals for Robotics, Fall 2015

- **Department of Architecture, National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan**

Teaching Assistant of Living Labs Workshop, Fall 2009

Mentoring

- **Robotics Institute, School of Computer Science, Carnegie Mellon University, USA**

Undergraduate Intern (Sean Prendi), 2018 - 2019

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