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## Research Interests

**Citizen Science, Artificial Intelligence, Computer Vision, Human-Computer Interaction, Community Empowerment,** Visual Analytics, Machine Learning, Data Science, Crowdsourcing, Participatory Sensing, Co-Design, Visualization, Civic Engagement, Civic Technology, Sustainability, Air Quality, Smart City, Social Justice, Environmental Health, Urban Science, Scientific Citizenship, Information and Communications Technology, Operations Research.

## Experiences

- **Informatics Institute, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands**  
Assistant Professor, 04/2022 -
- **Department of Sustainable Design Engineering, Faculty of Industrial Design Engineering, TU Delft (Delft University of Technology), The Netherlands**  
Postdoctoral Researcher, 03/2021 - 04/2022
- **CREATE Lab, Robotics Institute, School of Computer Science, Carnegie Mellon University, USA**  
Project Scientist, 12/2018 - 12/2020  
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**  
Lab Assistant (part-time), 09/2011 - 05/2012
- **IA Lab, Department of Architecture, National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan**  
Research Assistant (part-time), 09/2010 - 06/2011
- **Department of Architecture, National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan**  
General Coordinator, Graduation Design Preparation Committee (part-time), 09/2008 - 06/2009  
Director of General Affairs, Student Committee (part-time), 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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<https://www.cmu.edu/hub/registrar/graduation/diplomas/electronic/validation/index.html>
- **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

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- [A2] Third Prize, National Country House Design Competition. 2008. Ministry of the Interior, Taiwan.
- [A1] Outstanding Student Academic Achievement. 2005, 2006, 2007. Department of Architecture, National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan.

## Referred Journal and Magazine Papers

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- [J2] **Yen-Chia Hsu**, Jennifer Cross, Paul Dille, Michael Tasota, Beatrice Dias, Randy Sargent, Ting-Hao Huang, and Illah Nourbakhsh. 2020. Smell Pittsburgh: Engaging Community Citizen Science for Air Quality. *ACM Transactions on Interactive Intelligent Systems*. <https://arxiv.org/abs/1912.11936>
- [J1] **Yen-Chia Hsu** and Illah Nourbakhsh. 2020. When Human-Computer Interaction Meets Community Citizen Science. *Communications of the ACM*. <https://arxiv.org/abs/1907.11260>

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- [C5] Ting-Yao Hsu, Chieh-Yang Huang, **Yen-Chia Hsu**, and Ting-Hao Huang. 2019. Visual Story Post-Editing. In *Proceedings of the 57th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL 2019)*. <https://arxiv.org/abs/1906.01764>
- [C4] **Yen-Chia Hsu**, Jennifer Cross, Paul Dille, Michael Tasota, Beatrice Dias, Randy Sargent, Ting-Hao 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%**) [Note: this paper has errors, and we provide the corrections in the last two pages of the preprint] <https://arxiv.org/abs/1810.11143>
- [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://arxiv.org/abs/1804.03293>

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- [C1] 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](https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007%2F978-3-642-23734-8_16)

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- [P5] Andrea Mauri, Andrea Tocchetti, Lorenzo Corti, **Yen-Chia Hsu**, Himanshu Verma, and Marco Brambilla. 2022. COCTEAU: an Empathy-Based Tool for Decision-Making. Posters and Demos Track at The Web Conference 2022 (WWW 2022). <https://arxiv.org/abs/2204.06289>
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## Released Open Source Tools

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- [T14] TUD KInD. A Tool for Citizen Engagement at Scale. Computer software. <https://github.com/TUD-KInD/COCTEAU-TUD>
- [T13] CMU CREATE Lab. Deep Learning Models and Dataset for Recognizing Industrial Smoke Emissions. Computer software. <https://github.com/CMU-CREATE-Lab/deep-smoke-machine>
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- [T1] 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



### **COCTEAU: an Empathy-Based Tool for Decision-Making [P5, P6, T14], 2021 - 2022**

I worked in a team to build a tool to strengthen interactions between citizens and decision-makers on a large scale. The goal is to elicit empathetic relations among stakeholders to collect perspectives on societal issues. (<https://periscope.io.tudelft.nl/>)



### **Project RISE: Recognizing Industrial Smoke Emissions [C6, T13], 2018 - 2020**

I co-designed a system with local communities in labeling videos with industrial smoke emissions. These labels were used to train a deep neural network to recognize smoke and industrial pollution events for air quality advocacy. (<https://smoke.createlab.org/>)



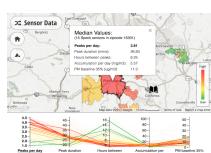
### **A Tool for Creating Interactive Stories on the EarthTime Timelapse [T10], 2018**

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 local citizens to build an air quality monitoring system that integrates camera data, sensing data, and smell reports. The system used computer vision to generate videos with smoke emissions to serve as evidence of pollution. (<http://shenangochannel.org>)



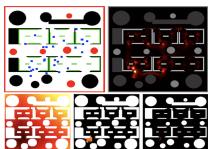
### A Web-based Large-scale Timelapse Editor for Interactive Storytelling [P1, T7], 2014

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

Human Computation journal, Human Computation Institute, 2021

Multimedia Systems Journal, Springer, 2021

Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), 2021

ACM Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM), 2021

ACM Conference on Computer-Supported Cooperative Work (CSCW), 2019 - 2020

ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI), 2019 - 2022

ACM Conference on Designing Interactive Systems (DIS), 2019

ACM Symposium on User Interface Software and Technology (UIST), 2022

ACM Multimedia (MM), 2022

European Conference on Technology-Enhanced Learning (EC-TEL), 2022

Journal of Environmental Planning and Management, 2020

Pattern Analysis and Applications Journal, 2019

Taiwan Association of Computer-Human Interaction (TAICHI), 2017 - 2021

IEEE Robotics and Automation Magazine, 2015

- **Conference Presenter**

Dutch Post-CHI, 2022

Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), 2021

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

- **Event Organizer/Co-Organizer**

Workshop (Empathy-Centric Design At Scale), ACM CHI 2022

## Invited Talks and Lectures

- *Citizen Science*, Crowd Computing (CS4145) course, Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Mathematics and Computer Science, TU Delft, The Netherlands, 2022
- *Empowering Local Communities Using Artificial Intelligence*, Informatics Institute, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 2021
- *Empowering Local Communities Using Artificial Intelligence*, Air Quality Working Group, European Citizen Science Association, 2021
- *Empowering Local Communities Using Artificial Intelligence*, Department of Computer Science, University of Warwick, United Kingdom, 2021
- *Empowering Local Communities Using Artificial Intelligence*, Amsterdam Business School, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 2021
- *Empowering Local Communities Using Artificial Intelligence*, Information School, University of Sheffield, United Kingdom, 2021
- *Citizen Science*, Crowdsourcing and Crowd-AI Systems (IST597-008 Special Topics) course, College of Information Sciences and Technology, Pennsylvania State University, PA, USA, 2021
- *Empowering Local Communities Using Artificial Intelligence*, Institute for People-Centred AI, University of Surrey, United Kingdom, 2021
- *Citizen Science*, Crowd Computing (CS4145) course, Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Mathematics and Computer Science, TU Delft, The Netherlands, 2021
- *Community Citizen Science: A new approach driving HCI and AI to promote social good and pursue sustainability*, MOST-IEM Global Research Forum, Ministry of Science and Technology, Taiwan, 2021
- *Community Citizen Science: A new approach driving HCI and AI to promote social good and pursue sustainability*, AI Biomedical Research Center, National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan, 2021
- *Community Citizen Science: A new approach driving HCI and AI to promote social good and pursue sustainability*, Department of Industrial Engineering and Engineering Management, National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan, 2021
- *Smell Pittsburgh: Community-Empowered Mobile Smell Reporting System*, One Health One Planet Symposium, Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens, Pittsburgh, PA, USA, 2020
- *Designing Citizen-Centered Artificial Intelligence Systems*, Faculty of Technology, Policy and Management, TU Delft, The Netherlands, 2020
- *Designing Interactive AI Systems for Community Empowerment*, Faculty of Industrial Design Engineering, TU Delft, The Netherlands, 2020

- *Designing Interactive Systems for Community Citizen Science*, Faculty of Information (iSchool), University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, 2020
- *Designing Interactive Systems for Community Citizen Science*, Department of Systems and Computer Engineering, Carleton University, Ontario, Canada, 2020
- *Designing Interactive Systems for Community Citizen Science*, Department of Computer Science, Washington University in St. Louis, MO, USA, 2020
- *Designing Interactive Systems for Community Citizen Science*, Department of Computer Science, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, NY, USA, 2020
- *Designing Interactive Systems for Community Citizen Science*, Department of Computer Science, William & Mary, VA, USA, 2020
- *Designing Interactive Systems for Community Citizen Science*, Department of Human Centered Design and Engineering, University of Washington, WA, USA, 2020
- *Designing Interactive Systems for Community Citizen Science*, Department of Computer Science, University of Texas at Dallas, TX, USA, 2020
- *Designing Interactive Systems for Community Citizen Science*, School of Information Studies, Syracuse University, NY, USA, 2020
- *Designing Interactive Systems for Community Citizen Science*, Department of Computer Science, University of Illinois at Chicago, IL, USA, 2020
- *Designing Interactive Systems for Community Citizen Science*, Crowdsourcing and Crowd-AI Systems (IST402: Emerging Issues and Technologies) course, College of Information Sciences and Technology, Pennsylvania State University, PA, USA, 2020
- *When Artificial Intelligence Meets Community Citizen Science*, Principles and Engineering Applications of AI (18-662), Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Carnegie Mellon University, PA, USA, 2020
- *Air Quality and Artificial Intelligence*, EPA Region III MARAMA Air Quality Monitoring Training Workshop, Swarthmore, PA, USA, 2019
- *When Artificial Intelligence Meets Community Citizen Science*, Creative AI (10-737) course, Department of Machine Learning, Carnegie Mellon University, PA, USA, 2019
- *Air Quality and Citizen Science*, Sustainability Salon, Local Community Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, USA, 2019
- *Smell Pittsburgh: Community-Empowered Mobile Smell Reporting System*, Health and Environment In Pittsburgh (ANTH 1727-1010) course, Department of Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh, PA, USA, 2019
- *Labeling and Recognizing Industrial Smoke Emissions*, Breathe Collaborative Community Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, USA, 2019
- *Designing Interactive Systems for Community Citizen Science*, Crowdsourcing and Crowd-AI Systems (IST597) course, College of Information Sciences and Technology, Pennsylvania State University, PA, USA, 2019
- *Designing Interactive Systems for Community Citizen Science*, Smart Cities (ARCH7124) course, Department of Architecture, National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan, 2019
- *Smell Pittsburgh: Community-Empowered Mobile Smell Reporting System*, Undergraduate Seminar (ANTH 1750-1270) course, Department of Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh, PA, USA, 2018
- *Designing Interactive Systems for Community Citizen Science*, Department of Architecture, National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan, 2018

- *Designing Interactive Systems for Community Citizen Science*, Department of Industrial Design, National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan, 2018
- *Designing Interactive Systems for Community Citizen Science*, Special Topics: Crowd Computing (05-899) course, Human-Computer Interaction Institute, Carnegie Mellon University, PA, USA, 2017
- *Community-Empowered Air Quality Monitoring System*, Sustainability Salon, Local Community Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA, USA, 2017
- *A Web-based Large-scale Timelapse Editor for Interactive Storytelling*, Geo For Good User Summit, Google Earth Engine, Mountain View, CA, USA, 2013

## Course Teaching

- **Informatics Institute, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands**  
Coordinator, Informatievisualisatie (Information Visualization), 2023  
Lecturer, Informatievisualisatie (Information Visualization), 2022
- **TU Delft, The Netherlands**  
Coach, IOB4-T3 Machine Learning for Design, 2021/2022 Q3  
Coach, IOB3-3 DATA, 2021/2022 Q1  
Coach, ID4216 Context and Conceptualisation, 2021/2022 Q1  
Coach, CS4145 Crowd Computing, 2020/2021 Q4
- **Robotics Institute, School of Computer Science, Carnegie Mellon University, USA**  
Teaching Assistant, 16-811 Math Fundamentals for Robotics, Fall 2015
- **Department of Architecture, National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan**  
Teaching Assistant, Living Labs Workshop, Fall 2009

## Student Mentoring

- **Informatics Institute, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands**  
Master's Thesis (Millieon Hu), 2022  
Master's Thesis (Mick Vermeulen), 2022
- **Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Mathematics and Computer Science, TU Delft, The Netherlands**  
Master's Thesis (Philippe Lammerts), 2022
- **Robotics Institute, School of Computer Science, Carnegie Mellon University, USA**  
Undergraduate Intern (Sean Prendi), 2018 - 2019

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