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EDUCATION

Princeton University

Aug 2023 - May 2025

M.Sc Computer Science (Full Scholarship)

Advisor: Prof. Andrés Monroy-Hernández

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)

B.Sc Mathematics & Computer Science

May 2020 - May 2023 Urbana, IL

Princeton, NJ

• GPA: 3.89 / 4

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social Computing, Social Media, Mental Health, Human-AI Interaction, Decentralization, Computational Social Science

PUBLICATION

- Owen Xingjian Zhang, Shuyao Zhou, Jiayi Geng, Yuhan Liu. Dr. GPT in Campus Counseling: Understanding Higher Education Students' Opinions on LLM-assisted Mental Health Services. Plan to submit to CSCW 2025.
- Allen Song, Owen Xingjian Zhang, Elizebeth Murnane. Design Technologies that Support School Psychologists in K-12 Education. Plan to submit to CHI 2025.
- Yuhan Liu, Owen Xingjian Zhang, Mariana Consuelo Fernandez, Vibhav Nanda, Ankhitha Manjunatha, Alexander Yang, Orestis Papakyriakopoulos, Andrés Monroy-Hernández. Mapping out the Ecosystem of Independent Food Delivery Platforms. Accepted as CSCW 2024 Full Paper. https://arxiv.org/abs/2402.14159
- Yi-Shyuan Chiang*, Ho Shan (Sharon) Lam*, Xingjian Zhang, Eshwar Chandrasekharan. Crumbl: An awareness enhancing tool for cookie collection. Accepted as SOUPS 2022 Posters https://www.usenix.org/system/files/soups2022poster53 chiang abstract final.pdf
- Owen Xingjian Zhang, Tiffany Li, Karrie Karahalios. The change of attitudes and perceived effectiveness in first-time online instructors during Covid19. Senior Thesis.
- Maggie Mengqing Zhang, Owen Xingjian Zhang, Ruisong Li. "Pictures tell a thousand words": using computer vision to explore trolls' visual strategies. Accepted in CVSS 2022 Workshop.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Princeton HCI projects

May 2022 - Present

Princeton, NJ

Grad Researcher @ Princeton HCI

- Advised by Prof. Andrés Monroy-Hernández
- Project 1: Mapping out Ecosystem of Local Food Delivery Platforms: Accepted as CSCW 2024 Full Paper.
- Project 2: Understanding Higher Education Students' Opinions on LLM-assisted Mental Health Services: Plan to submit to CSCW 2025.
- Project 3: Comprehensive Approach to Blocklist Management and Customization on Mastodon: ongoing Master's thesis.
- Co-author of blog post: Five Themes Discussed at Princeton's Workshop on Decentralized Social Media link
- Notetaker in Food Delivery Summit, Decentralized Social Media Workshop hosted by CITP and Princeton HCI

Undergrad Researcher @ Social Spaces Lab

Sep 2022 - May 2023

Remote/Champaign, IL

- Advised by Prof. Karrie Karahalios
- Senior thesis: First-time Online Teaching Attitudes Change
- Applied Bayesian analysis to estimate direct effect of variables
- Plan to submit to Computers & Education.

Social/Anti-social Computing Projects

Jan 2022 - May 2022

Champaign, IL

Undergrad Researcher

Senior Thesis

- Advised by Prof. Eshwar Chandrasekharan
- Crumbl: An awareness enhancing tool for cookie collection: Accepted by SOUPS 2022 Poster Paper.
- Cleaned and integrated cookie datasets from databases, implemented backend server, frontend stale cookies page, and conducted user study.
- "Pictures tell a thousand words": using computer vision to explore trolls' visual strategies. Accepted in CVSS 2022 Workshop.

Peer Evaluation Project

Jan 2022 - May 2023

Undergrad researcher @ ORCHID lab

Champaign, IL

- Advised by Prof. Brian Bailey
- Final project of CS565 Crowdsourcing Creativity (graduate level course): Predict Peer Evaluation Performance through Google Doc Version History
- Conducted pilot study, and analyzed data with correlation matrix and other ML models

MENTORING & VOLUNTEERING

Aug 2022 - Present

reaching Assistant Champaign, 12 & Finescon, 13

• Teach 20-people discussions in related topics

Grade homework and manage office hours

• Taught: Intro to CS for 3 semesters, Intro to HCI for 1 semester

SV @ CSCW 2023 Oct 2023 - Oct 2023

Student Volunteer Minneapolis, MN

Princeton SEAS Travel Grant Receiver

The Cornell, Maryland, Max Planck Pre-doctoral Research School 2023

Aug 2023 - Aug 2023

Participant Saarbrucken, Germany

Full Scholarship: All flights and accommodation expenses are covered.

Outstanding undergraduate and Masters students are invited to learn about cutting-edge research in computer science.

SV @ UIST2022 Oct 2022 - Nov 2022

Student Volunteer Bend, OR

Help to run the registration desk

• Session support for Vision talk

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Interactive Mobile Music Exploring App Aug 2021 - Dec 2021

UI Designer

Champaign, IL

Final project of CS465(UI design)

• A mobile music app using graph visualization to show the relations between artists

Build on Android studio

PeopleWeave: a matching application for researchers

Dec 2021 - Apr 2022

Design team

Design User Interface for our application

• Conduct user research and case study of other popular academic platforms

Interactive Particle Simulator Jan 2021 - May 2021

Coder

Remote

Champaign, IL

• 6000+ lines of code in C++ and Java for weekly assignment

• Covered topics: Naive Bayes application, Physical movement estimator, JSON application, etc.

HONORS & AWARDS

Princeton MSE Awards (Full Scholarship + Stipend)	2023-2025
Princeton SEAS Travel Grant Award	2023
Max Planck Institute Pre-doctoral Research School Grant (Full Scholarship)	2023
UIUC Dean's List	2020-2022
UIUC Study Abroad I4I Scholarship	2021.12
Hong Kong PolyU Dean's Honors List	2019-2020

SKILLS LIST

Advanced: Python, Java, C++, SQL, R Used in projects: Java Script, HTML, CSS

WORKING EXPERIENCE

PMI Product Management @ Illinois

Sep 2021 - Jul 2022

Vice President @ Operations

Invite guest speakers & Held 20+ info sessions about preparation for product manager positions

- Participate in weekly Executive Council meetings
- Arrange weekly meeting agenda, 11 meetings/semester

Tencent Jan 2020 - Apr 2020

Tencent Business Analysis Intern Tencent Game

Online

Champaign, IL

- Participated in domestic and foreign game competitive products/case analysis, industry research, information collection and summary, data analysis and visualization, etc
- Disassemble the gameplay and deduce the category

TechX Academy

House Lead

May 2021 - Aug 2021

Shanghai

Research on improving user experience

- Research on factors to organize teams and create algorithms to form teams among students
- Design and co-organize summer camp activities for Chinese high school students