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EDUCATION

- 2021–present **University of California**, Irvine, CA
Ph.D. in Informatics
Advisor: *Dr. Yunan Chen*
- 2020–2021 **University of Maryland**, College Park, MD
M.S. in Computer Science
Scholarly Paper: *Opportunities to Support Kids' Agency and Well-being: A Review of Kids' Wearables*
Advisor: *Dr. Eun Kyoung Choe*
- 2015–2019 **University of Maryland**, College Park, MD
B.S. in Computer Science, B.A. in Germanic Studies
Advisor: *Dr. Leilani Battle*

PUBLICATIONS

* denotes equal contribution

Conference Proceedings (Rigorously Peer Reviewed)

Rachael Zehrung,* Astha Singhal,* Michael Correll, and Leilani Battle. **Vis Ex Machina: An Analysis of Trust in Human versus Algorithmically Generated Visualization Recommendations.** *Proceedings of the ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '21)*.

Shaan Chopra, Rachael Zehrung, Tamil Arasu Shanmugam, and Eun Kyoung Choe. **Living with Uncertainty and Stigma: Self-Experimentation and Support-Seeking around Polycystic Ovary Syndrome.** *Proceedings of the ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '21)*.

Workshops, Posters, and Technical Reports (Lightly Peer Reviewed)

Rachael Zehrung, Zhaoyuan “Nick” Su, and Yunan Chen. **Rare Aesthetic: Lived Experiences, Challenges, and Support-Seeking Practices of Adolescents with Rare Diseases on TikTok.** *Proceedings of the 2022 American Medical Informatics Association Annual Symposium (AMIA)*.

Rachael Zehrung and Yunan Chen. **Care Work in Parental Tracking Technologies.** *CSCW 2021 Workshop on The Future of Care Work*.

In Review

Yawen Guo, Rachael Zehrung, Katie Genuario, Yunan Chen, and Kai Zheng. **Perspectives on Privacy in the Post-Roe Era: A Machine Learning-Assisted Qualitative Analysis of Tweets.** *Submitted to AMIA 2023.*

Rachael Zehrung and Yunan Chen. **Self-Expression and Sharing around Chronic Illness on TikTok.** *Submitted to AMIA 2023.*

SKILLS

Languages: Python, JavaScript, Java, HTML/ CSS

Technologies: Linux, Git, PostgreSQL, D3, Tableau, Figma, Qualtrics, LaTeX

Research: Interviews, Surveys, User-Centered Design, Qualitative Data Analysis, Data Visualization

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2022 GAANN Fellowship in Socially Responsible AI
- 2021 Recruitment Fellowship, UC Irvine (\$5,000)
Chair's Award, UC Irvine School of Information and Computer Sciences (\$2,000)
Competitive Edge Summer Research Fellowship, UC Irvine (\$5,000)
GAANN Fellowship in Socially Responsible AI
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Honorable Mention
- 2020 First Place in Design Challenge, Terps Makeathon (\$600)
- 2019 Student Commencement Speaker, UMD School of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures
- 2018 Sarah Reehl Scholarship, UMD Department of Computer Science (\$2,000)
- 2017 German Society of Maryland Scholarship (\$1,000)
Anneliese and Alfred Strauch Scholarship for Foreign Language Study (\$500)
- 2016 Grace Hopper Scholarship, Maryland Center for Women in Computing
- 2014 Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange Scholarship

TEACHING

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of California, Irvine

- INF 133: User Interaction Software (Fall 2022)

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Maryland, College Park

- INST 327: Database Design and Modeling (Spring 2021)
- CMSC 838X: Personal Health Informatics and Visualization (Fall 2020 with *Dr. Eun Kyoung Choe*)

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, University of Maryland, College Park

- CMSC 250: Discrete Structures (Spring 2017, Fall 2017)
- CMSC 131: Object-Oriented Programming I (Fall 2017)
- CMSC 132: Object-Oriented Programming II (Spring 2018)

EMPLOYMENT

- Aug 2021–
present **University of California**, Irvine, CA
Graduate Research Assistant (*under Dr. Yunan Chen*)
- May 2020–
Aug 2020 **University of Maryland**, College Park, MD
Graduate Research Assistant (*under Dr. Eun Kyoung Choe*)
- Jan 2020–
May 2020 **Maryland Population Research Center**, College Park, MD
Graduate Administrative Assistant
- May 2019–
Dec 2019 **University of Maryland**, College Park, MD
Post-baccalaureate Researcher (*under Dr. Leilani Battle*)
- May 2018–
Aug 2018 **The Vanguard Group**, Malvern, PA
Software Engineer Intern
- May 2017–
Aug 2017 **The Vanguard Group**, Charlotte, NC
Software Engineer Intern
- May 2016–
Aug 2016 **Laboratory for Telecommunication Sciences**, College Park, MD
Security Research Intern

INVITED TALKS

Investigating Opportunities to Support Kids' Agency and Well-being: A Review of Kids' Wearables
HCIL Symposium 2021

SERVICE

Mentor, Competitive Edge Summer Research Program (2022), Technica (2020)

Reviewer, AMIA 2022, ACM CHI 2023

Student Volunteer, ACM CHI PLAY 2020

Outreach Ambassador, Maryland Center for Women in Computing (2016)