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## Research Interests

Uncertainty visualizations, visual analytics, open science

## Experiences

- 2017-  
University of Michigan — *Ann Arbor, MI*  
Ph.D. Candidate (2020-). Advisor: Matthew Kay, Ph.D.
- 2020  
Microsoft Research — *New York City, NY*  
Research Intern. Mentors: Jake Hofman, Ph.D. and Dan Goldstein, Ph.D.
- 2019  
National Renewable Energy Lab — *Golden, CO*  
Visualization Intern. Mentor: Kristi Potter, Ph.D.
- 2016  
National Center for Atmospheric Research — *Boulder, CO*  
Summer Intern in Parallel Computational Science. Mentor: Rick Brownrigg, Ph.D.
- 2014 - 2015  
Bucknell University — *Lewisburg, PA*  
Undergraduate Researcher in Computer Science. Advisor: Evan Peck, Ph.D.  
Undergraduate Researcher in Geology. Advisor: Carl Kirby, Ph.D.

## Education

- 2020  
M.S. in Computer Science and Engineering  
University of Michigan — *Ann Arbor, MI*
- 2017  
B.S. in Computer Science and Engineering  
Bucknell University — *Lewisburg, PA*  
*Summa cum laude*. Minor: Mathematics

## Grants, Honors & Awards

- 2020 Best Paper Honorable Mention, ACM CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems
- 2014-2017 President’s Award for Distinguished Academic Achievement, Bucknell University
- 2016 GHC Scholar, Anita Borg Institute, \$900
- 2015 Travel Award, Explore Graduate Studies in CSE at University of Michigan, \$350
- Oral Presentation Award (top 4%), Susquehanna Valley Undergraduate Research Symposium, \$100
- Honorable Mention, Mathematical Contest in Modeling — COMAP
- Bucknell Program for Undergraduate Research, “Improving Computer-Mediated Decision-Making via Physiological Signals from Wearable Sensors”, \$3000.
- 2014 Katherine Mabis McKenna Environmental Internship Program, “Feasibility of using freshwater mussels to monitor Ba and Sr contamination due to shale gas flowback water in Pennsylvania streams”, \$3500 stipend + \$600 material.

## Publications & Presentations

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS, FULLY REVIEWED AND ARCHIVAL

*Conferences are the main publication venues for computer science research.*

- 2021 **Pu, Xiaoying**, Sean Kross, Jake Hofman, Daniel Goldstein. 2021. Datamations: Animated Explanations of Data Analysis Pipelines. (To appear at CHI 2021)
- 2020 **Pu, Xiaoying**, Matthew Kay. A Probabilistic Grammar of Graphics. 2020. In *Proceedings of the 2020 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems* (CHI 2020). (Best Paper Honorable Mention, top 5%)
- Pesé, Mert D., **Xiaoying Pu**, and Kang G. Shin. 2020. SPy: Car Steering Reveals Your Trip Route!. In *Proceedings on Privacy Enhancing Technologies 2020.2*: 155-174.
- 2018 **Pu, Xiaoying**, and Matthew Kay. The Garden of Forking Paths in Visualization: A Design Space for Reliable Exploratory Visual Analytics: Position Paper. In *2018 IEEE Evaluation and Beyond-Methodological Approaches for Visualization (BELIV)*. IEEE, 2018.

## WORKSHOP PAPERS AND POSTERS, LIGHTLY REVIEWED AND NON-ARCHIVAL

- 2019 **Pu, Xiaoying.** 2019. Visual analytics techniques for uncertainty in power systems simulation ensembles. *VIS 2019 Application Spotlight — Visualization Paradigms in the Renewable Energy Space*.
- Pu, Xiaoying,** Matthew Kay, Michael Correll, Eli Brown. 2019. Unbiasing Visual Data Exploration in the Garden of Forking Paths. *CHI 2019 Workshop on Human-Centered Study of Data Science Work Practices*.
- Pu, Xiaoying,** Licheng Zhu, Matthew Kay, and Frederick Conrad. 2019. Designing for Pre-registration: a User-Centered Perspective. In *CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems Extended Abstracts (CHI'19 Extended Abstracts), May 4-9, 2019, Glasgow, Scotland UK*. ACM, New York, NY, USA, 6 pages. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3290607.3312862>
- 2018 Kay, Matthew, **Xiaoying Pu,** and Frederick Conrad. 2018. Preregistration: Assessing Whether the Pledge Matches the Report. Presentation at the *APA Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA*.
- 2014 **Pu, Xiaoying** 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*.

## Teaching

### GRADUATE STUDENT INSTRUCTOR

Teaching discussion sections, designing homework assignments, and hosting office hours.

WN 2021 EECS 203 - Discrete Mathematics

### UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT

Assisted the instructor and answered student questions in labs.

SP 2016 CSCI 204L - Introduction to Computer Science II lab  
CSCI 206L - Computer Organization and Programming lab  
FA 2016 CSCI 208L - Programming Languages lab  
FA 2014 PHYS 211L - Classical & Modern Physics lab

## TEACHING TRAINING

- SP 2017 UNIV 239 - Working with Writers: Theory and Practice  
Training course for working as a consultant at the Writing Center.

## Paper Reviews

- 2020 CHI 2020 Papers, Special Recognitions for Outstanding Reviews  
2019 CHI 2019 Late Breaking Work, alt.chi  
VIS 2019 InfoVis Papers

## Service

### ORGANIZATIONS AND EVENTS

- 2020 Earth Day 50 Teach Out, University of Michigan  
Performed a nature-themed carillon arrangement  
2019-2020 Data Visualization Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshops, University of Michigan  
2018 - 2019 Middle school outreach program with GirlsEncoded, University of Michigan  
SP 2016 President. Bucknell ACM Women-in-Computing Chapter  
2016 First Bucknell Admissions Outreach for promoting diversity

### STUDENT MENTORING

- 2021 Sophia Wang  
Undergraduate student at the University of Michigan  
2020-2021 Daniel Wang  
Undergraduate student at Northwestern University  
2019-2020 Qiang Cheng, Statistics  
Undergraduate student at the University of Michigan  
2018–2019 Dillon Zaugg, Computer Science and Engineering  
Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP) at the University of Michigan

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