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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Human-Computer Interaction · Education · Creative Process · Creativity Support Tools

EDUCATION

2022	Ph.D.	Computer Science Designated Emphasis in New Media <i>Advisor:</i> Eric Paulos <i>Thesis:</i> Process-Sensitive Creativity Support Tools	University of California, Berkeley
2016	MS	Computer Science	Stanford University
2014	BS	Engineering: Product Design	Stanford University

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Publications

- CHI '23
🏆 Best Paper **Sterman, S.**, Nicholas, M., Vivrekar, J., Mindel, J., and Paulos, E. [Kaleidoscope: A Reflective Documentation Tool for a User Interface Design Course](#). In Proceedings of the 2023 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems.
- C&C '22
🏆 Best Paper Nicholas, M.*, **Sterman, S.***, and Paulos, E. [Creative and Motivational Strategies of Expert Practitioners](#). In Proceedings of the 2022 ACM Conference on Creativity and Cognition.
(*denotes equal contribution)

- CSCW '22 **Sterman, S.***, Nicholas, M.*, and Paulos, E. 2022. [Towards Creative Version Control](#). In Proceedings of the 2022 ACM Conference on Computer Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing.
(*denotes equal contribution)
- CHI '20 **Sterman, S.**, Huang, E., Liu., V, and Paulos, E. 2020. [Interacting with Literary Style through Computational Tools](#). In Proceedings of the 2020 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems.
- DIS '18 Torres, C., **Sterman, S.**, Nicholas, M., Lin, R., Pai, E., and Paulos, E. 2018. [Guardians of Practice: A Contextual Inquiry of Failure-Mitigation Strategies within Creative Practices](#). In Proceedings of the 2018 Designing Interactive Systems Conference.
- CHI '18 **🏆 Best Paper Honorable Mention** Tian, R., **Sterman, S.**, Chiou, E., Warner, J., and Paulos, E. 2018. [MatchSticks: Woodworking through Improvisational Digital Fabrication](#). In Proceedings of the 2018 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems.
- TEI '18 Dierk, C., **Sterman, S.**, Nicholas, M., and Paulos, E. 2018. [HäirIÖ: Human Hair as Interactive Material](#). In Proceedings of the 12th International Conference on Tangible, Embedded, and Embodied Interaction.
- CSCW '17 Kim, J., **Sterman, S.**, Cohen, A., and Bernstein, M. 2017. [Mechanical Novel: Crowdsourcing Complex Work through Reflection and Revision](#). In Proceedings of the 2017 ACM Conference on Computer Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing.

Lightly Reviewed Workshop Papers and Talks

- CHI '23 **Sterman, S.** “Perceptions of Process Influence Creativity Support Tool Adoption.” Position paper for ACM CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems workshop *Digital Skills for the Creative Practitioner: Supporting Informal Learning of Technologies for Creativity*.
- CHI '23 Zhou, D. and **Sterman, S.** “Creative Struggle: Arguing for the Value of Difficulty in Supporting Ownership and Self-Expression in Creative Writing.” Position paper for ACM CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems workshop *Intelligent and Interactive Writing Assistants*.
- C&C '22 **Sterman, S.** “Creative Reflection through Interpretive Style Analysis.” Position talk at ACM Creativity & Cognition workshop *Augmenting Personal Creativity with AI*.
- CHI '18 Nicholas, M. and **Sterman, S.** “Between Technology and Nature: Blurring Boundaries in Outdoor HCI.” Position paper for the ACM CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems workshop *HCI Outdoors: Understanding Human-Computer Interaction in the Outdoors*.

WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

HASTAC '17 Stanfill, M., Li, J., Stenger, J., **Sterman, S.** (2017). Digital Humanities Methods and Fan Studies. HASTAC '17.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2023 Provost's Faculty Retreat Grant
\$4000 grant for "Reflective Methods Modules: Growing Reflective Practice among Graduate Students"

2023 Best Paper Award – ACM CHI
Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems

2022 Best Paper Award – ACM C&C
Conference on Creativity & Cognition

2020 BCNM Undergraduate Research Fellowship (Mentor)

2020 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, UC Berkeley

2018 Best Paper Honorable Mention – ACM CHI
Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems

2017 Figure Eight's AI for Everyone Challenge
\$25,000 grant for crowdsourcing human judgments of literary style.

2016-2018 Berkeley Chancellor's Fellowship

2016 Berkeley EECS Excellence Award

2016 NSF GRFP Honorable Mention

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2023 Workshops and Tutorials Co-Chair | C&C '24

2023 NSF Panel Reviewer

2023 Associate Chair | DIS '23

2018 Student Volunteer | TEI '18

2017-2023 ACM Reviewer | DIS '19-23, CHI '19-24, CHI Play '17, C&C '19, CSCW '19-'21, UIST '23, ToCHI '23
Special Recognition for Outstanding Reviews: DIS '20, CHI '23, DIS '23, UIST '23

OUTREACH AND DEI

2023	Invited Panelist: NSF CSGrad4US Fellows Mentoring Program Panel <i>new PhD students returning from the workforce</i>
2020-2022	UC Berkeley HCI Research Undergraduate Reading Group – Coordinator <i>undergraduates seeking to get started in research</i>
2017-2021	Bay Area Scientists in Schools – Elementary School Science Outreach Instructor <i>4th and 5th grade classes</i>
2020	Tech and Social Impact – Invited Speaker <i>high school and undergraduate girls interested in STEM</i>
2019	Center for Cyber Education at Mississippi State University, Summer Camp – Invited Author Talk: <i>The Code Witch</i> <i>40 middle schoolers and 40 high schoolers in high poverty areas of Mississippi</i>
2017	Skype a Scientist – Virtual Visit Host <i>high school classes</i>
2016	UC Berkeley Invention Lab Elementary School Outreach – Paper Robots Facilitator <i>elementary school children</i>
2016	UC Berkeley Invention Lab Athena Outreach – Paper Lanterns Facilitator <i>middle school girls</i>
2016	Girls Teaching Girls to Code – Arduino Instructor <i>high school girls</i>
2014	Girls Teaching Girls to Code – Web Development Instructor <i>high school girls</i>
2013	Girls in Tech Minneapolis – Invited Author Talk: <i>The Code Witch</i>

TEACHING

UIUC

2023	Instructor	CS 598 SPH/SMC: Research Methods in HCI
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UC Berkeley

<i>2021</i>	<i>Certificate of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education</i>	
2019	Lecturer	CS160: User Interface Design and Development
2019	Graduate Student Instructor	NWMEDIA 203: Critical Making
2018	Graduate Student Instructor	CS61B: Data Structures

Stanford University

2016	Teaching Assistant	CS101: Introduction to Computing Principles
2016	Teaching Assistant	CS247: Human-Computer Interaction Design Studio
2015	Head Teaching Assistant	CS105: Introduction to Computers
2014	Teaching Assistant	CS122: Artificial Intelligence: Philosophy, Ethics & Impact
2014	Teaching Assistant	CS142: Web Applications
2014	Teaching Assistant	CS181: Computers, Ethics, and Public Policy
2013	Teaching Assistant	CS181: Computers, Ethics, and Public Policy
2013	Teaching Assistant	CS103: Mathematical Foundations of Computing
2012	Section Leader	CS106A: Programming Methodology
2012	Section Instructor	CS2C: Introduction to Multimedia Production
2011	Section Instructor	CS1C: Introduction to Computing

INVITED TALKS AND GUEST LECTURES

2023	Invited Panelist	In2Writing Workshop, CHI <i>Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Writing Assistants</i>
2023	Invited Talk	Siebel Center for Design, UIUC <i>Engaging Design in Human Computer Interaction Research</i>
2022	Invited Talk	University of California, Santa Barbara <i>Designing for Process in Computational Creativity Support Tools</i>
2022	Invited Talk	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign <i>Designing for Process in Computational Creativity Support Tools</i>
2022	Invited Talk	Purdue University <i>Teaching and Learning Process in Computer Science and Design</i>
2022	Invited Talk	Olin College of Engineering <i>Designing for Process Values in Computational Creativity Support Tools</i>
2022	Workshop	Teaching Conference for First-Time Graduate Student Instructors <i>Teaching Computer Science</i>
2021	Guest Lecture	Augmenting Human Dexterity (graduate level) <i>Interviewing and Needfinding</i>
2020	Workshop (2 day)	Berkeley Masters in Design (graduate level) <i>Encountering Programming: Hands on with Foundational Software Tools</i>
2020	Guest Lecture	Augmenting Human Dexterity (graduate level)

2019	Guest Lecture	<i>Interviewing and Needfinding</i> The Beauty and Joy of Computing (undergraduate level) <i>Human Computer Interaction</i>
2019	Guest Lecture	Introduction to Data Visualization (graduate level) <i>Heuristic Evaluation in Data Visualization</i>

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2023-present	Research Assistant Professor, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign <i>PI of Process, Interaction, and Creativity Lab</i>
2021 - 2022	Student Researcher, Google <i>Group: Hearing Accessibility Mentor: Dimitri Kanevsky</i>
2021	Research Intern, Google <i>Group: Hearing Accessibility Mentor: Dimitri Kanevsky</i>
2014 - 2016	Research Assistant, HCI Group, Stanford University Computer Science <i>Advisor: Michael Bernstein Mentor: Joy Kim</i>
2014	Software Engineering Intern, Good Eggs <i>Local and sustainable food marketplace and delivery.</i>
2013	Author, <i>The Code Witch</i> <i>Novella for young readers.</i>
2012	Software Engineering Intern, Root-1 <i>Software for K-12 education.</i>

RESEARCH MENTORSHIP

UIUC - Advising

2023	David Zhou	PhD	<i>Advisor</i>
2023	Mingyan Claire Tian	PhD	<i>Independent Study</i>
2023	James Eschrich	PhD	<i>Independent Study</i>
2023	Andrew Chen	MS	<i>Advisor</i>

UIUC - PhD Committees

2023	Wendy Shi	PhD	<i>Prelim Committee</i>
2023	Yi-Shyuan Chiang	PhD	<i>Quals Committee</i>

UIUC - Mentorship

2023	Shon Shtern	iCAN	<i>Summer Research</i>
2023	Chenyang Zhang	MCS	<i>Independent Study</i>
2023	Zhuoru Li	MCS	<i>Independent Study</i>

2023	Yasmin Isa	PhD	<i>Research Project</i>
UC Berkeley - Mentorship			
2020-2021	Jessie Mindel	Undergraduate <i>BCNM Fellowship</i>	<i>Next position:</i> MS MIT Media Lab
2019-2020	Angel Ibarra	Undergraduate	
2020	Michelle Gantos	Undergraduate <i>Jacobs Design Scholar</i>	
2020	Ryan Qiao	Undergraduate	<i>Next Position:</i> MS Berkeley ISchool
2019	Alyse Jones	Undergraduate <i>SUPERB REU</i>	<i>Next position:</i> PhD Virginia Tech
2019	Junghyun Choy	Undergraduate	
2019	Debbie Yuen	Undergraduate	
2019	Resham Khanna	Undergraduate	
2018	Shayna Kothari	Undergraduate	
2018	Tiffany Chien	Undergraduate	
2018	Weiwei Zhang	Undergraduate	
2016-2018	Vivian Liu	Undergraduate	<i>Next position:</i> PhD Columbia
2016-2018	Evey Huang	Undergraduate	<i>Next Position:</i> PhD Northwestern