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Education

University of Washington – Seattle, WA
Ph.D., Information Science (expected graduation: 2026)
Advisor: Alexis Hiniker

Foster School of Business, University of Washington – Seattle, WA
Technology Entrepreneurship Certificate (expected graduation: 2026)

University of California, Berkeley – Berkeley, CA
Master of Science, College of Environmental Design

Academic Publications

CONFERENCE PAPERS

2026   **Decoupling of Usefulness and Novelty: Evaluating the Impact of Generative AI on Design Outputs and Designers' Creative Thinking**
Yue Fu, Tony Zhou, Bin Han, Marx Wang, Yixin Chen, Zelia Gomes Da Costa Lai, Rock Yuren Pang, Katharina Reinecke, Jacob O. Wobbrock, Alexis Hiniker
CHI 2026 (To appear)

2026   **More than Decision Support: Exploring Patients' Longitudinal Usage of Large Language Models in Real-World Healthcare Settings**
Yancheng Cao, Yishu Ji, **Yue Fu**, Sahiti Dharmavaram, Meghan Turchioe, Natalie Benda, Lena Mamykina, Yuling Sun, Xuhai Xu
CHI 2026 (To appear)

2026   **The Engagement-Prolonging Designs Teens Encounter on Very Large Online Platforms**
Yixin Chen, **Yue Fu**, Zeya Chen, Jenny Radesky, Alexis Hiniker
CHI 2026 (To appear)

2025   **Exploring the Collaborative Co-Creation Process with AI: A Case Study in Novice Music Production**
Yue Fu, Michele Newman, Lewis Going, Qiuzi Feng, Jin Ha Lee
DIS 2025

2025   **Understanding Privacy Norms Around LLM-Based Chatbots: A Contextual Integrity Perspective**
Sarah Tran, Hongfan Lu, Isaac Slaughter, Bernease Herman, Aayushi Dangol, **Yue Fu**, Lufei Chen, Biniyam Gebreyohannes, Bill Howe, Alexis Hiniker, Nicholas Weber, Robert Wolfe
AIES, 2025

2025   **What Social Media Use Do People Regret? An Analysis of 34K Smartphone Screenshots with Multimodal LLM**
Longjie Guo, **Yue Fu**, Xiran Lin, Xuhai "Orson" Xu, Yung-Ju Chang, Alexis Hiniker
CHI 2025

2025   **Understanding Children's Avatar Making in Social Online Games**
Yue Fu, Samuel Schwamm, Amanda Baughan, Nicole Powell, Zoe Kronberg, Alicia Owens, Emily Renee Izenman, Dania Alsabeh, Elizabeth Hunt, Michael Rich, David Bickham, Jenny Radesky, Alexis Hiniker
CHI 2025

2025   **Should ChatGPT Write Your Breakup Text? Exploring the Role of AI in Relationship Dissolution**
Yue Fu, Yixin Chen, Zelia Gomes Da Costa Lai, Alexis Hiniker
CSCW 2025

2024   **From Text to Self: Users' Perceptions of Potential of AI on Interpersonal Communication and Self**
Yue Fu, Sami Foell, Xuhai Xu, Alexis Hiniker
CHI 2024, Best Paper (top 1%)

2024   **Investigating Attention and Normative Dissociation in Children's Social Video Games**
Amanda Baughan, **Yue Fu**, Emily Izenman, Samuel Schwamm, Dania Alsabeh, Nicole Powell, Elizabeth Hunt, Michael Rich, David Bickham, Jenny Radesky, Alexis Hiniker
Interaction Design and Children (IDC) 2024

2024 **MindShift: Leveraging Large Language Models for Mental-States-Based Problematic Smartphone Use Intervention**
Ruolan Wu, Chun Yu, Xiaole Pan, Yujia Liu, Ningning Zhang, **Yue Fu**, Yuhan Wang, Zhi Zheng, Li Chen, Qiaolei Jiang, Xuhai Xu, Yuanchun Shi
CHI 2024

2023 **Self-Talk with Superhero Zip: Supporting Children's Socioemotional Learning with Conversational Agents**
Yue Fu, Mingrui Zhang, Yifan Lin, Lynn K. Nguyen, Rebecca Michelson, Tala June Tayebi, Alexis Hiniker
Interaction Design and Children (IDC) 2023

2023 **"Laughing so I Don't Cry": How TikTok Users Employ Humor and Compassion to Connect Around Psychiatric Hospitalization**
Anastasia Schaadhardt, **Yue Fu**, Cory Gennari Pratt, Wanda Pratt
CHI 2023, Best Paper Honorable Mention (top 5%)

2022 **Social Emotional Learning with Conversational Agents: Reviewing Current Designs and Probing Parents' Ideas for Future Ones**
Yue Fu, Rebecca Michelson, Yifan Lin, Lynn K. Nguyen, Tala June Tayebi, and Alexis Hiniker
Interactive, Mobile, Wearable and Ubiquitous Technologies (IMWUT) 2022

WORKSHOP PAPERS

2025 **Supporting Students' Reading and Cognition with AI**
Yue Fu, Alexis Hiniker
CHI 2025, Workshop on Tools for Thought

2025 **Dirty Dishes and Disturbances: Can AI Keep the Peace?**
Ayan Mohamed Nuur Ali, Kristine Broberg Agerbo, Joel Wester, **Yue Fu**, Rune Møberg Jacobsen, Niels van Berkel
DIS 2025, Fostering Eudaimonia: Design to Support Virtues and Practical Wisdom

Professional and Research experience

2021 – Present **User Empowerment Lab, University of Washington, Seattle**
Research Assistant
Advisor: Alexis Hiniker

2025	**Microsoft Research, Cambridge, UK**
	Research Intern, AI & Creativity in World Model (WHAM), Game Intelligence Group
	Mentor: Katja Hofmann, Linda Wen

2024	**Microsoft Applied Research Team, Redmond**
	Research Intern, AI-user Alignment, Personalization, End-user Programming
	Mentor: Brent Hecht, Bahar Sarrafzadeh

2024 – 2025	**GAMER Group, University of Washington, Seattle**
	AI and Music Project, Research Assistant
	Advisor: Jin Ha Lee

2024 – 2025	**IDEAS at iSchool, University of Washington, Seattle**
	AIMC' Influence on Culture, Research Assistant
	Advisor: Nassim Parvin

2018 – 2021	**Cliff Lowe Associates**
	Product Manager
	Managed and implemented large mixed-use development projects. Worked with San Francisco governmental offices such as SF DPW. Example project: SF 5M Project, a 1 billion total cost city mixed-use project.

2015 – 2018	**VITA Planning and Landscape Architecture**
	Product Designer/Manager
	Designed and managed large-scale international hotel, resort, and urban planning projects. Coordinated with 20+ consultants for each project. Example project: Four Seasons Resort Los Cabos at Costa Palmas, a high-end boutique hotel.

Honors and scholarships

2025	Special Recognition for Outstanding Reviews, CHI conference
2025	Special Recognition for Outstanding Reviews, CSCW conference
2024	Apple Scholars in AI/ML PhD Fellowship UW Nominee (1 of 3 selected)
2024	Best Paper Award, 2024, ACM CHI Conference
2023	Best Paper Honorable Mention Award, 2023, ACM CHI Conference
2021	UW Graduate School Top Scholar Fellow, University of Washington
2013	Professional Degree Tuition Award , University of California, Berkeley
2013	University Award, University of California, Berkeley

Invited Talks & Panels

2025   **AI and Interpersonal Relationships**
Presenter and Panelist, DUB Community Day, University of Washington

2025   **Co-Creation Processes and Relationships with AI**
Speaker, Microsoft Research Cambridge, UK

2025   **AI for Reading & Cognition**
Panelist, CHI 2025 Workshop on Tools for Thought

2025   **Conversational Agents and AI**
Guest Lecturer, UW COMMLD 580A: Content Design for Conversational AI

Teaching and Mentoring

2025   **TA, University of Washington**
INFO 360: Design Methods

2025   **Instructor on Record, University of Washington**
INFO 498F: Cognitive and Behavioral Change in the AI Era
Designed and taught an upper-level undergraduate special topics course aiming to equip students with practical and critical AI competencies through hands-on engagement. Students' average evaluation: 4.5/5.

2023 - 2024   **Directed Research Group**
AI & Creativity, AI & Interpersonal Relationship Projects
For credit students: Zonglin Zuo, Yixin Chen, Zelia Gomes Da Costa Lai

2021 – 2025   **Mentoring**
Yifan Lin (2021-2023, 2025-current), Jessica Wang (2025-present), Daisy Yixin Chen (2023-current), Tony Zhou (2024-current), Jingxin Dong (2023), Sami Foell (2023), Han Xiao (2023), Quizi Feng (2024), Haley Hu (2024), Annie Tu (2024), Zonglin Zuo (2023-2024), Zelia Lai (2023-2024), Lynn Nguyen (2021-2023), Tala Tayebi (2021-2022)

Press Coverage

2023   **Prototype chatbot app promotes kids' positive self-talk**
Seattle's Child

| 2023 | **Learning from superheroes and AI: UW researchers study how a chatbot can teach kids supportive self-talk** |
| | UW News |

| 2022 | **Alexa, can you support kids' social-emotional learning?** |
| | BOLD |

Services

Research Community

Organizer, CHI 2026 Tools for Thought Workshop, 2026

Program Committee Member, IUI Bridging System Uncertainty and User Expectations via Interface and Interaction Design Workshop, 2025

Program Committee Member for ICLR Bi-Align Workshop, 2025

Session Chair of Human-Agent Interaction Session, CHI 2025

University of Washington

iSchool Choir, 2024 – 2025

Digital Youth Lab Organizer (now Center for Digital Youth), 2023 – 2025

DUB (Design, Use, Build) Retreat Coordinator, 2021

University of California, Berkeley

GroundUp Journal (Award-Winning Graduate Student Journal), Editor, 2014-2015

Academic Reviewing

IJCCI, 2025; IASDR, 2025; Nursing Horizons, 2025; DIS, 2025; CHI PLAY, 2025; Creativity & Cognition, 2025; IDC, 2025; Behaviour & Information Technology, 2025; Alt.CHI, 2025; CHI, 2025 (Outstanding Review); CSCW, 2025 (Outstanding Review); Environment and Social Psychology, 2024; IDC, 2024; New Media and Society, 2023