Gabriella Thompson

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EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX B.A. in Psychology | 3.96 GPA *Minor in Informatics*

University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX M.S. in Information Studies | 4.0 GPA *Concentration in User Experience Design*

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant, UT School of Information, Austin, TX Advised by Dr. Angela D. R. Smith

Conducted qualitative and quantitative research in the field of Human-Computer Interaction and Computer Supported Cooperative Work with a focus on topics in Social Justice. Co-authored five full papers and worksin-progress papers that explore technology use in marginalized communities, and the perspectives of current and future technologists on integrating social justice in their work. Led the qualitative analysis and writing for four of these publications. Quantitative research including data analysis on survey responses using Python.

SKILLS

Skilled in Qualitative research, Figma, ATLAS.ti, Overleaf, Excel, Adobe Illustrator, Tableau, Qualtrics

Intermediate in Data analysis, Python, Jupyter Notebook

Familiar with JavaScript, HTML, CSS

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

Graduate: Interaction Design, Visual Design, User Experience Hardware Design, JavaScript Programming, Data Storytelling, Human-AI Interaction, Ethnography and Socio-Technical Futures

Undergraduate: User Research, Information and Interaction Design, Intro to UX Design, Intro to Graphic Design, Programming for Informatics, Intro to Social Justice Informatics

PUBLICATIONS

Conference Papers

 Gabriella Thompson, Lynn Dombrowski, and Angela D. R. Smith. 2025. Embracing Social Justice within a Computing Curriculum to Foster Social Change. In CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '25), April 26-May 1, 2025, Yokohama, Japan. ACM, New York, NY, USA,17 pages. https://doi.org/10.1145/3706598.3713125

Posters and Works-in-Progress

- Gabriella Thompson, Nissi Otoo, Jaden Christopher Fisher, Irene Sibi, Angela D. R. Smith, and Ihudiya Finda Ogbonnaya-Ogburu. 2024. Technology Use in the Black Church: Perspectives of Black Church Leaders Preliminary Findings. In Companion of the 2024 Computer-Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing (CSCW Companion '24),
- 2. Gabriella Thompson, Ebtesam Al Haque, Paulette Blanc, Meme Styles, Denae Ford, Angela D.R. Smith, Brittany Johnson-Matthews. 2024. An Investigation of Experiences Engaging the Margins in Data-Centric Innovation. In Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Human Computation and Crowdsourcing.

2019 - 2022

2023 - present

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