

Gabriella Thompson

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EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin , Austin, TX B.A. in Psychology 3.96 GPA <i>Minor in Informatics</i>	2019 – 2022
University of Texas at Austin , Austin, TX M.S. in Information Studies 4.0 GPA	2023 - 2025

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant , UT School of Information, Austin, TX <i>Advised by Dr. Angela D. R. Smith</i> 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. Published 3 full papers and 3 works in-progress papers that explore themes of social justice and technology. Quantitative research including data analysis on survey responses using Python.	2023 – 2025
Research Associate , UT School of Information, Austin, TX Collaborated with Dr. Angela D. R. Smith on research in the field of Human-Computer Interaction and Social Justice. Applied qualitative methods, including interview study, frame analysis, and user study, to analyze topics related to the intersection of technology and social injustice.	2025 – <i>present</i>

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

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>
- Angela D. R. Smith, Gianna Williams, **Gabriella Thompson**, and Alexandra To. 2025. Constructing a Community of Play: Black Sims Players and Game Modding. *Proc. ACM Hum.-Comput. Interact.* 9, 6, Article GAMES014 (October 2025), 30 pages. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3748609>
- Ebtesam Al-Haque*, **Gabriella Thompson***, Angela D. R. Smith, Brittany Johnson. 2025. An Investigation into Black and Brown Communities' Engagement with Data & Technology. In Proceedings of the AAAI/ACM Conference on AI, Ethics, and Society (AIES '20). Association for Computing Machinery, New York, NY, USA

Posters and Works-in-Progress

- Lisa Egede, Ebtesam Al Haque, **Gabriella Thompson**, Alicia Boyd, Angela D. R. Smith, and Brittany Johnson. 2025. Exploring Culturally Informed AI Assistants: A Comparative Study of ChatBlackGPT and ChatGPT. In *Proceedings of the Extended Abstracts of the CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI EA '25)*. Association for Computing Machinery, New York, NY, USA, Article 242, 1–9. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3706599.3720136>
- 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),
- 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.