
3rd Early Career Development Symposium

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Abstract

This one-day workshop will help early career researchers/academics develop their careers in HCI through intensive interaction with senior mentors from academia and industry who are experienced in research and professional service. Application to the workshop is open to all members of the HCI community who have received their PhDs in the past five years.

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Introduction

Recent PhDs often seek guidance and peer support on how to develop their professional careers in human-computer interaction. The goal of this forum is to provide a supportive environment for early career researchers/academics to discuss career development with their peers and established HCI researchers from industry and academia. The forum will be modeled after the successful first editions of the event [1, 3], as well as [2], and will also take inspiration from the supportive and encouraging environment of highly successful doctoral consortia at CHI and other conferences. This forum is one component of new SIGCHI Executive Committee activities focused on professional development.

- The goal of the Career Development Symposium is to help recent PhDs develop a vision and plan of what they want their HCI careers to look like.

Topics may include the following: Building a cohort group of fellow HCI researchers.

- Establishing a successful career path in academia, industry, and/or the nonprofit sector
- Selecting and developing a research trajectory.
- Understanding funding sources and preparing proposals.
- Getting involved in professional service.
- Communicating work and strengthening a public profile
- Balancing work, family and social life.

Organizers

Geraldine Fitzpatrick has served as mentor in previous CHI and OZCHI Early Career Development workshops, and in numerous Doctoral Consortia including co-chairing ECSCW2017, ISS2017, Interact2015, CSCW2013, C&T2012 and UbiComp2006. She was papers co-chair at CSCW2018, PervasiveHealth2016, CHI2011, CHI2010; ECSCW2003, and will be general co-chair for CHI2019. She is also a trained professional coach and group facilitator.

Michael Muller has served as mentor in previous CHI Early Career workshops, and in Doctoral Consortia at CHI, DIS, and ECSCW. He has co-chaired conference programs, most recently for GROUP 2016, as well as early Participatory Design Conferences; he has also co-chaired program subcommittees for CHI and DIS, and the Exploratory Papers program for ECSCW 2018. Michael co-conducted the Student Review Mentoring program for CSCW 2017 and CSCW 2018. Michael participates as mentor in IBM's summer internship program, leading to numerous papers with students as first authors, at CHI, CSCW, DIS, GROUP, and ICWSM.

Additional mentors will be invited from among experienced members of the CHI community.

Website

<https://chi2018.acm.org/authors/career-development-symposium/>

Pre-Event Plans

Initial recruiting of early career participants will be done via emails to key distribution lists used by members of the CHI and associated communities on multiple continents, via social media, and via our website. We will ask recipients to pass the message along to recent PHDS in their faculty or organization. Potential participants are asked to submit a document outlining their context and goals for the workshop.

Activities at the Workshop

The workshop will include individual presentations, whole-group and small-group discussions, and guest speakers. We will develop the specific topics to be discussed through pre-workshop communications with participants, working from their written applications.

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