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EDUCATION

University of Michigan (UM) Ph.D. in Information Science Dissertation Title: Understanding Digital Literacy for Job Search for Returning Citizens Specializations: Human-Computer Interaction (HCI), Information and Communication Technologies and Development (ICTD) Advisor: Kentaro Toyama Committee: Tawanna Dillahunt, Sheena Erete, James Holly Jr., Jeffrey Morenoff	August 2023
Harvard Graduate School of Education (HGSE) M.Ed. in Technology, Innovation, and Education	May 2015
Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) B.S. in Information Technology Minor in Communication	May 2010

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, & AWARDS

2023	Gary M. Olson Outstanding Ph.D. Student Award
2023	John W. Holmes Award
2023	CMD-IT Academic Careers Workshop Travel Grant
2021	Microsoft Research Dissertation Fellowship
2021	UMSI Award for Impact in Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
2020	ACM SIGCHI, Best Paper Award
2020	SIGCHI Development Fund, Grant for Race in HCI
2020	GEM Fellowship (Adobe Employer Fellow)
2020	Generation Google Scholarship (formerly Women Techmakers Scholars)
2020	Wartell Family Scholarship for Leadership Engagement
2018, 2021	University of Michigan, Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant
2018 – 2020	UMSI Travel Grant
2018 – 2020	Rackham Travel Grant
2018	ACM SIGCHI CHIME Workshop Travel Grant
2018	CRA-WP Grad Cohort Workshop for Underrepresented Minorities and Persons with Disabilities Travel Grant
2017 - 2023	University of Michigan, Rackham Graduate School Merit Fellowship
2015, 2019	NSBC Travel Grant
2015, 2018	CRA-W Grad Cohort for Women in Computing Travel Grant

REFEREED CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS*

- 🌐 **Ogbonnaya-Ogburu, I. F.**, Smith, A. D., To, A., Toyama, K. (2020, April). Critical Race Theory for HCI. In Proceedings of the 2020 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (pp. 1-16). [Acceptance rate: 23.8%] **[Best Paper Award - Top 1%]**
- Ogbonnaya-Ogburu, I. F.**, Toyama, K., & Dillahunt, T. R. (2019, May). Towards an Effective Digital Literacy Intervention to Assist Returning Citizens with Job Search. In Proceedings of the 2019 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (pp. 1-12). [Acceptance rate: 23.8%]

*Publishes under the pen name *Ihudiya Finda Ogbonnaya-Ogburu*

REFEREED POSTERS AND DEMONSTRATIONS*

Ogbonnaya-Ogburu, I. F., Toyama, K., Dillahunt, T. (2018, October). Returning Citizens' Job Search and Technology Use: Preliminary Findings. In Companion of the 2018 ACM Conference on Computer Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing (pp. 365-368). ACM.

Erete, S., Nicole, L., Mumm, J., Boussayoud, A., & **Ogbonnaya-Ogburu, I. F.** (2016, May). That Neighborhood is Sketchy!: Examining Online Conversations about Social Disorder in Transitioning Neighborhoods. In Proceedings of the 2016 CHI Conference Extended Abstracts on Human Factors in Computing Systems (pp. 1180-1186). ACM.

BOOK CHAPTERS*

Ogbonnaya-Ogburu, Ihudiya Finda, Smith, Angela D. R., To, Alexandra. 2020. Racial Justice and Scholar Activism: Reflections on Critical Race Theory for HCI.

ORGANIZED PANELS AND WORKSHOPS*

Dosono, B., **Ogbonnaya-Ogburu, I. F.**, Rankin, Y. A., Smith, A. D., & Toyama, K. (2022, April). Anti-Racism in Action: A Speculative Design Approach to Reimagining SIGCHI. In CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems Extended Abstracts (pp. 1-5).

Smith, A. D., Ahmed, A. A., Alvarado Garcia, A., Dosono, B., **Ogbonnaya-Ogburu, I. F.**, Rankin, Y., ... Toyama, K. (2020, April). What's Race Got To Do With It? Engaging in Race in HCI. In Extended Abstracts of the 2020 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems Extended Abstracts (pp. 1-8).

MAGAZINE ARTICLES*

Smith, A. D., Garcia, A. A., Arawjo, I., Bennett, A., Braswell, K., Dosono, B., ... & Wong-Villacres, M. (2021). Keepin' it real about race in HCI. *Interactions*, 28(5), 28-33.

INVITED TALKS

UMass Amherst Manning College of Information and Computer Science Rising Stars Seminar Series	October 2022
Understanding Digital Literacy for Job Search for Formerly Incarcerated Individuals	
Designing for People (DFP) Community at the University of British Columbia Seminar	February 2021
"Critical Race Theory for HCI" – Co-Presented with Angela Smith, Alexandra To	
Indiana University Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering Informatics Colloquium	January 2021
"Critical Race Theory for HCI" – Co-Presented with Angela Smith, Alexandra To	
Cornell Information Science Colloquium	October 2020
"Critical Race Theory for HCI" – Co-Presented with Angela Smith, Alexandra To	
University of Chicago HCI Club Seminar	August 2020
"Critical Race Theory for HCI" – Co-Presented with Angela Smith, Alexandra To	
University of Maryland HCIL	August 2020
"Critical Race Theory for HCI" – Co-Presented with Angela Smith, Alexandra To	
SNAP HCI Research Special Seminar	August 2020
"Critical Race Theory for HCI" – Co-Presented with Angela Smith, Alexandra To	
UC Berkeley AFOG Group	August 2020
"Critical Race Theory for HCI" – Co-Presented with Angela Smith, Alexandra To	
ChicagoCHI	August 2020
"Critical Race Theory for HCI" – Co-Presented with Angela Smith, Alexandra To	
Adobe Research HCI/VIS Seminar	August 2020
"Critical Race Theory for HCI" – Co-Presented with Angela Smith, Alexandra To	
Thumbtack DEI, Design, Research Special Seminar	August 2020

“Critical Race Theory for HCI” – Co-Presented with Angela Smith, Alexandra To IIT Dehli	August 2020
“Critical Race Theory for HCI” Michigan MISC Seminar	July 2020
“Critical Race Theory for HCI” – Co-Presented with Angela Smith, Alexandra To Meta	July 2020
“Critical Race Theory for HCI” – Co-Presented with Angela Smith, Alexandra To Stanford University HCI Group Seminar	July 2020
“Critical Race Theory for HCI” – Co-Presented with Angela Smith, Alexandra To Carnegie Mellon HCII and Robotics Institute Special Seminar	July 2020
“Critical Race Theory for HCI” – Co-Presented with Angela Smith, Alexandra To University of Washington DUB Seminar	July 2020
“Critical Race Theory for HCI” – Co-Presented with Angela Smith, Alexandra To Microsoft Research HCI Seminar	May 2020

WORK EXPERIENCE

Microsoft Research Ph.D. Intern <i>Microsoft Research</i>	May 2021 – August 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Led and managed qualitative research project seeking to understand online meeting engagement of African Americans at work and outside of work · Conducted and analyzed 20 semi-structured interviews 	
Data Science Research Intern <i>Adobe Research</i>	May 2020 – August 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Led and managed qualitative research project seeking to understand adults 50 and over visualization preferences · Conducted and analyzed 13 qualitative interviews and scenario-based studies with adults 50 and over 	
Smarter IT Fellow (Product Manager) <i>U.S Department of State</i>	January 2017 - August 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Lead requirements gatherer and Statement of Work developer for Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs Team; Technical Liaison for an interagency partnership of Department of State and the General Services Administration 	
Data Analytics Team Application Developer <i>Uplift Education</i>	July 2015 - December 2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Designed, developed, implemented, and maintained Uplift Educations Intranet solution and its architecture per organizations vision and best practices using HTML5, CSS, JavaScript and Tableau that is accessed by over 1400 users 	
Reclaiming Access to Inquiry-Based Science Education (RAISE) for Incarcerated Students Research Assistant <i>Center for Applied Special Technology (CAST)</i>	May 2015 - June 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Lead software evaluator for the project · Developed a test eBook in order to explore the possibilities of its usage in the classrooms of juvenile corrections settings 	
Digital Kids Production Assistant <i>WGBH</i>	January 2015 - June 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Analyzed data and assisted in the development of the formative evaluation of the Design Squad Website; Conducted and analyzed user/playtesting for the Design Squad website with kids between the ages of 10 to 14; Designed personas based on user/playtesting sessions and research 	

Research Assistant

April 2014 - August 2014

DePaul University

- Developed online scrappers using Python that collected over 10,000 threads; Performed qualitative content analysis using inductive coding based on Grounded Theory

ICT Local Government Capacity Builder

September 2011 - February 2014

Peace Corps

- Project and Logistics Manager for a 30,000 Pula (\$4,000) Girls and Guys Leading Our World Camp for 30 children

Software Engineer Consultant

June 2010 - August 2011

Booz Allen Hamilton

- Customized, created, and maintained additional functionality for the software, Primavera ProSight, using JavaScript, for over 2,300 ProSight users

TEACHING AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

SI 506 Teaching Assistant: University of Michigan Introduction to Python Programming	September 2019 - December 2019
SI 339 001 Teaching Assistant: University of Michigan Web Design	September 2018 - December 2018
MIT D-Lab Curriculum Developer	August 2014 - December 2014

UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

CHI 2022 Assistant to the General Chairs	2021-2022
University Research Opportunity Program (UROP) Graduate Mentor	2021
ACM Transactions on Computing Education Reviewer	2021, 2022
CHI Student Volunteer	2019, 2020
CHI Reviewer	2018, 2019, 2020
CSCW Reviewer	2019, 2020
CHI Session Chair	2018
Tapia Conference Workshop Reviewer	2018

OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Black@SI Founder and Founding Board Member	2020 – 2022
Graduate Society of Black Engineers and Scientists Communications Director	2020
University of Michigan Doctoral Executive Committee	2018 - 2019
AnitaB.org Google Summer of Code Project Manager	2014, 2015, 2016
Harvard Graduate School of Education Student Council Communications Officer	2014 - 2015
Peace Corps Botswana Information Communication Technology Committee Founder	2012 - 2014
National Peace Corps Association Serving Volunteer Advisory Board Social Media Senior Advisor	2012 - 2013
Women in Computing Ambassador	2008 - 2010
President of the Rochester Institute of Technology Leadership Institute and Community Service Center Student Advisory Board	2008 - 2009
Vice President of the ALANA (African, LatinX, Native, and Asian American) Collegiate Association	2007 - 2008
Resident Assistant	2006 - 2007

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

ACM, IEEE, BDPA, NSBE, CRA-WP, IAAMCS, NSBC