# Yaxin Hu

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## Education

### Ph.D. in Computer Sciences, University of Wisconsin - Madison, United States

2020 – 2025 (expected)

Affiliated with People and Robots Laboratory

Advisor: Bilge Mutlu

#### M.Sc. in Computational Design, Carnegie Mellon University, United States

2018 - 2020

Affiliated with Human and Robots Partners Lab Advisors: Henny Admoni and Daniel Cardoso Llach

#### B.Sc. in Computer Science, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

2012 - 2017

First Class Honour, Minor in Fine Arts

### **Exchange Student, Dartmouth College, United States**

2014

### Selected Publication

Yaxin Hu, Hajin Lim, Hailey L. Johnson, Josephine M. O'Shaughnessy, Lisa Kakonge, Lyn S. Turkstra, Melissa C. Duff, Catalina L. Toma, Bilge Mutlu. "Investigating day-to-day experiences with conversational agents by users with traumatic brain injury." In proceedings of the 25th International ACM SIGACCESS Conference on Computers and Accessibility. (ASSETS 2023, acceptance rate: 30%)

**Yaxin Hu**, Laura Stegner, Bilge Mutlu. "Designing Socially Assistive Robots with Transactive Memory System." *CHI workshop: Socially Assistive Robots as Decision Makers: Transparency, Motivations, and Intentions 2023.* 

Lim, Hajin, Lisa Kakonge, **Yaxin Hu**, Lyn S. Turkstra, Melissa C. Duff, Catalina L. Toma, and Bilge Mutlu. "So, I Can Feel Normal: Participatory Design for Accessible Social Media Sites for Individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury." In *Proceedings of CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems 2023*. (CHI 2023)

**Yaxin Hu**, Yuxiao Qu, Adam Maus, Bilge Mutlu. "Polite or Direct? Conversation Design of a Smart Display for Older Adults Based on Politeness Theory." In *Proceedings of CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems 2022*. (CHI 2022, acceptance rate: 24.7%)

**Yaxin Hu**, Lingjie Feng, Bilge Mutlu, Henny Admoni. "Exploring the Role of Social Robot Behaviors in a Creative Activity." In *Proceedings of Designing Interactive Systems Conference 2021*. (DIS 2021, acceptance rate: 26.8%)

# Research Experience

#### Big Lab, Human-Computer Interaction Institute, Carnegie Mellon University

Visiting Scholar; Advisor: Prof. Jeffrey Bigham

06/2023 - Present

### People and Robots Lab, Department of Computer Sciences, University of Wisconsin – Madison

Research Assistant; Advisor: Prof. Bilge Mutlu

Social Communication for People with Traumatic Brain Injury

03/2022 - Present

Led the study on social media support tool for people with traumatic brain injury.

eHealth System for Senior People with Chronic Pain

08/2020 - Present

Led the implementation on health-intervention systems on smart displays (Google Nest Hub and Amazon Echo Show).

## Human and Robot Partners Lab, Robotics Institute, Carnegie Mellon University.

06/2019 - 08/2020

Research Assistant; Advisor: Prof. Henny Admoni

- Led the research on non-verbal behaviors of a social robot Kuri and its effect on children's art-making.
- Designed interactive activities and conducted pilot study at Children's Museum of Pittsburgh.
- Let OurCS workshop for undergraduate women engineers and guided social robotics research project with Kuri.

## Work Experience

# Project Amelia (Immersive Theater), Bricolage Production Company, Pittsburgh

05/2019 - 08/2019

- Theater Assistant and Hardware Engineer
- Built indoor tracking system with Bluetooth beacons for audience locating and personalized experience.
- Assisted in project management and logistics of the immersive theater production.

# Global Equity Derivatives, Deutsche Bank, Hong Kong

07/2017 - 07/2018

### Analyst in Technology

- Integrated global data feeding pipeline in Java and migrated Oracle database with PL/SQL for legacy components, which had impact on equity trading activities across Hong Kong, Japan and Australia.
- Developed Perl and Python scripts for trading analysis (more than 200,000 trading records daily), report generation and mass email automation.

# Global Markets, Deutsche Bank, Hong Kong

06/2016 - 08/2016

Summer Intern

Assisted in production support for global equity trading platforms.

#### Thomson Reuters, Hong Kong

08/2015 - 12/2015

Training Engineer in Technology Division

Built up an automation testing system for a searching engine using Ruby, Cucumber and Selenium Toolkit.

### Services

Conference Review: HRI 2022, CSCW 2023

Journal Review: Computers in Human Behavior (2022), ACM Transactions on Computer-Human Interaction (TOCHI 2023)

### **Awards**

- Merit Scholarship, Carnegie Mellon University, 2018-2020
- Master List, Morningside College, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2017
- Dean's List, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2017
- GEF Scholarship (awarded to attend summer program at Oxford University), The Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2014

### Skills

- Engineering: ROS (Robot Operating System), C++, Python, PyTorch, Java, Javascript, Node.js, Perl, Linux, Pandas, Unity
- Design Tools: Adobe Creative Suites, Figma, D3.js, OpenFrameworks