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SUMMARY

I am a scholar in human-computer interaction. I work in usable privacy and security, using a mix of qualitative and quantitative methods. My focus is on (1) understanding system users and (2) empowering them to act securely while meeting individual and social needs. My research is informed by prior work as a journalist, IT/UX specialist, and social media manager. I direct the [Security + Privacy Experiences](#) group.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2022-present Assistant Professor, Department of Software and Information Systems, College of Computing, University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

EDUCATION

- 2022 Ph.D. Human-Computer Interaction, Human-Computer Interaction Institute, School of Computer Science, Carnegie Mellon University.
2021 M.S. Thesis: “Toward a Socio-Cognitive Stage Model of Cybersecurity Behavior Adoption.”
2017 M.S. Human-Computer Interaction, Department of Human-Centered Computing, Indiana University School of Informatics and Computing at IUPUI.
1996 B.S. Journalism (News-editorial), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

GRANTS

- 2025-26 Bank of America, “**UNC Charlotte Cybersecurity Clinic**,” Principal Investigator, \$55,000.
2024-27 U.S. Army Research Lab, “**Characterizing, Detecting, and Distinguishing Polarized Opinion in Social Media Networks from Misinformation, Hate Speech, and Speech Likely to Incite Violence**,” Principal Investigator, \$382,888.
2024-25 U.S. National Science Foundation, “**Collaborative Research: CIRC: Planning-C: Building a Safer Cyberspace by Creating a Centralized Research Infrastructure to Track and Mitigate Privacy Harms**,” Principal Investigator (University of North Carolina at Charlotte), \$5,363.
2024-25 Google, “**CYBERSECURITY BUDDY: A Human-in-the-loop AI App for Encouraging Security and Privacy Best Practices**,” Principal Investigator, \$60,000.
2024-25 BasisTech and SleuthLabs LLC, “**Evaluating the Usability of Security Tools for Digital Forensics and Incident Response (DFIR)**,” Principal Investigator, \$50,000.
2023-24 Center for Cybersecurity Analytics and Automation, “**Identifying SMSing Vulnerability in the U.S. Population**,” Principal Investigator, \$51,496.

HONORS

- 2024 Google Research Scholar in Human-Computer Interaction.
2020 Knight Fellow of the Center for Informed Democracy and Social Cybersecurity (IDeaS).

REFEREED CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS

- 2025 Sarah Tabassum, Nishka Mathew, and **Cori Faklaris**. “Privacy on the Move: Understanding Educational Migrants' Social Media Practices through the Lens of Communication Privacy Management Theory.” In *Proceedings of the ACM Journal on Computing and Sustainable Societies (COMPASS 2025)*, July 22-25, 2025, in Toronto, Canada. Association of Computing Machinery, New York, NY, USA. [[Preprint](#)]
Jacob Hopkins, Carlos Rubio Medrano, and **Cori Faklaris**. “The Price Should Be Right: Exploring User Perspectives on Data Sharing Negotiations.” In *Proceedings of the Fifteenth Usable Security and Privacy Symposium (USEC 2025)*, Feb. 24, 2025, in San Diego, CA, USA. Internet Society, Reston, VA. [[Preprint](#)]
2024 Sarah Tabassum, **Cori Faklaris**, and Heather Richter Lipford. “What Drives SMiShing Susceptibility? A U.S. Interview Study of How and Why Mobile Phone Users Judge Text Messages to be Real or Fake.”

- In *Proceedings of the Twentieth Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security* (SOUPS 2024), Aug. 11-13, 2024, in Philadelphia, PA, USA. USENIX Association, Berkeley, CA. [[Preprint](#)]
- 2019 **Cori Faklaris**, Laura Dabbish and Jason I. Hong. “A Self-Report Measure of End-User Security Attitudes (SA-6).” In *Proceedings of the Fifteenth Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security* (SOUPS 2019), Aug. 11-13, 2019, in Santa Clara, CA, USA. USENIX Association, Berkeley, CA. [[Paper](#)]

REFEREED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- 2022 Sauvik Das, **Cori Faklaris**, Laura Dabbish, and Jason I. Hong. *The Security & Privacy Acceptance Framework (SPAF)*. Foundations and Trends in Security and Privacy, Vol. 5, No. 1-2, pp. 1–143. Now Publishers Inc. DOI: 10.1561/3300000026 [[Preprint](#)]
- Serena Wang, **Cori Faklaris**, Junchao Lin, Laura Dabbish, and Jason I. Hong. “‘It’s Problematic but I’m not Concerned’: University Perspectives on Account Sharing.” *Proceedings of the ACM: Human-Computer Interaction*, Vol. 6, Issue CSCW1, Article 68 (April 2022), 27 pages. ACM, New York, NY, USA. [[Article](#)]
- 2020 Hong Shen, **Cori Faklaris**, Haojian Jin, Laura Dabbish, and Jason I. Hong. “‘I Can’t Even Buy Apples If I Don’t Use Mobile Pay?’: When Mobile Payments Become Infrastructural in China.” *Proceedings of the ACM: Human-Computer Interaction*, Vol. 4, Issue CSCW2, Article 170 (October 2020), 26 pages. ACM, New York, NY, USA. [[Article](#)]
- Cori Faklaris**, Francesco Cafaro, Asa Blevins, Matthew A. O’Haver, and Neha Singhal. “A Snapshot of Bystander Attitudes about Mobile Live-Streaming Video in Public Settings.” *Informatics 7*, 2: 10. MDPI, Basel, Switzerland. [[Article](#)]
- 2019 Yunpeng Song, **Cori Faklaris**, Laura Dabbish, Zhongmin Cai and Jason I. Hong. “Normal and Easy: Account Sharing Practices in the Workplace.” *Proceedings of the ACM: Human-Computer Interaction*, Vol. 3, Issue CSCW, Article 83 (November 2019), 25 pages. Association of Computing Machinery, New York, NY, USA. [[Article](#)]

REFEREED CONFERENCE POSTERS + WORKSHOP PAPERS

- 2025 Rajat Subhra Chakraborty, Xujun Che, Depeng Xu, **Cori Faklaris**, Xi Niu, and Shuhan Yuan. “BiasMap: Can Cross-Attention Uncover Hidden Social Biases?” In *Proceedings of the CVPR 2025 Demographic Diversity in Computer Vision Workshop* (CVPR 2025 DemoDiv), June 11, 2025, in Nashville, TN, USA. IEEE Computer Society and The Computer Vision Foundation, Ithaca, NY, USA, 10 pages. [[Preprint](#)]
- 2024 **Cori Faklaris**, Laura Dabbish, and Jason I. Hong. “A Framework for Reasoning about Social Influences on Security and Privacy Adoption.” In *Extended Abstracts of ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems* (CHI EA 2024), May 11-16, 2024, Honolulu, HI, USA (1154 submissions, 33.9% acceptance rate). ACM, New York, NY, USA, 13 pages. [[Preprint](#)]

SELECTED INVITED TALKS

- 2025 “The Social Dynamics of Cybersecurity: Attitudes, Influences, and Usable Security,” presentation to the Cognitive Security Institute, remote, Feb. 26, 2025.
- 2023 “Identifying Vulnerability to SMSing,” presentation for the Center for Cybersecurity Analytics and Automation (CCAA), Colorado State University, Oct. 25, 2023, in Fort Collins, CO, USA.
- “What We Learned About ‘Who Falls for SMiSh?’,” Bank of America, Sept. 21, 2023, remote.

ACADEMIC TEACHING AND TRAINING

- 2025 Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence, UNC Charlotte. Instructor of record and course originator.
- 2022-4 Usable Privacy and Security, UNC Charlotte. Instructor of record.
- 2023-4 Social Technology Design/CSCW, UNC Charlotte. Instructor of record and course originator.

NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

- Present Consultant for hire on DeepBench.io and by private arrangement.
- 2015-17 Social Media Consultant and Editor/Writer. Ran my own consulting business.
- To 2015 Various positions in social media, news reporting, news editing, design, and IT/UX.