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SUMMARY

I am a scholar in **human-computer interaction** and assistant professor at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, where I direct the [Security and Privacy Experiences \(SPEX\)](#) research group and mentor the Cybersecurity Clinic. I work primarily in **usable security, privacy, and AI**. My focus is on **(1) understanding system users** and **(2) empowering them** to act securely while meeting individual and social needs. I employ a mix of qualitative and quantitative methods from social science, computer science, and design. My scholarship also is informed by prior experiences as a journalist, an IT/UX specialist, and a social media manager.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2022-26 **Assistant Professor, University of North Carolina at Charlotte.** Pursuing research and teaching in usable security and privacy, human-centered AI/UX, and social computing in the Department of Software and Info. Systems, College of Computing and Informatics.

EDUCATION

- 2022 **Ph.D. Human-Computer Interaction, Human-Computer Interaction Institute, School of Computer Science, Carnegie Mellon University.**
2021 **M.S. of Computer Science, Carnegie Mellon University.**
Thesis: "Toward a Socio-Cognitive Stage Model of Cybersecurity Behavior Adoption."
Advisors: Laura Dabbish and Jason I. Hong.
- 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.**

EXTERNAL FUNDING

- 2025-26 Bank of America, "**UNC Charlotte Cybersecurity Clinic,**" Lead Faculty Mentor/Champion, \$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.

REFEREED CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS

- 2026 Nikolaj Dall, Hanno Gustav Hagge, Peter Mayer, and Cori Faklaris. "**From Fear to Control: Developing a Three-Factor Scale for Cybersecurity Anxiety (CybAS).**" In *Proceedings of the 2026 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '26)*, April 13–17, 2026, Barcelona, Spain (1,703 out of 6,730, 25.3% acceptance rate). ACM, New York, NY, USA, 17 pages. [[Preprint](#)]

- Sarah Tabassum, Narges Zare, and Cori Faklaris. “**From Scam to Safety: Participatory Design of Digital Privacy and Security Tools with International Students from Global South.**” In *Proceedings of the Symposium on Usable Security and Privacy (USEC 2026)*, Feb. 23, 2026, in San Diego, San Diego, CA, USA (22 out of 65, 33.8% acceptance rate). Internet Society, Reston, VA, and Geneva, Switzerland. [[Preprint](#)]
- 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 (107 submissions; Impact Score: 1.60). Association of Computing Machinery, New York, NY, USA. [[Open-access link](#)]
- Narges Zare, Cori Faklaris, Sarah Tabassum, and Heather Lipford. “**Improving Mobile Security with Visual Trust Indicators for Smishing Detection.**” In *Proceedings of the IEEE 6th Annual World AI IoT Congress (AIoT 2025)*, May 28-30, in Seattle, WA, USA (Impact Score: 0.50). Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, 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 (18 out of 42, 42.9% acceptance rate). Internet Society, Reston, VA, and Geneva, Switzerland. [[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 (33 out of 156, 21.2% acceptance rate; Impact Score: 2.90). 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 (27 out of 121, 22.3% acceptance rate; Impact Score: 2.90). USENIX Association, Berkeley, CA. [[Paper](#)]
- 2018 Cheul Young Park, Cori Faklaris, Siyan Zhao, Laura Dabbish and Jason I. Hong. “**Share and Share Alike? An Exploration of Secure Behaviors in Romantic Relationships.**” In *Proceedings of the Fourteenth Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security (SOUPS 2018)*, Aug. 12-14, 2018, in Baltimore, MD, USA (28 out of 123, 22.8% acceptance rate). USENIX Assoc., Berkeley, CA, USA. [[Paper](#)]

REFEREED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- 2026 Saajan Patel, Cori Faklaris, Ramisha Mahiyat, Aditya Narasimhan Sampath, and Siddharth Krishnan. “**Adapting the Dangerous Speech Paradigm to Identify Incitement from Polarized and Hate Speech.**” In press for *ACM Transactions on Social Computing (TSC)*. ACM, New York, NY, USA, 22 pages. [[Preprint](#)]
- 2022 Sauvik Das, Cori Faklaris, Laura Dabbish, and Jason I. Hong. “**The Security & Privacy Acceptance Framework (SPAF): A Review of Why Users Accept or Reject Cybersecurity and Privacy Best Practices.**” *Foundations and Trends in Security and Privacy*, Vol. 5, No. 1-2, pp. 1–143. Now Publishers Inc., Boston, MA, USA and Delft, Holland. 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. Association of Computing Machinery, 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. Association of Computing Machinery, 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](#)]
- 2016 Cori Faklaris and Sara Anne Hook. "Oh, Snap! **The State of Electronic Discovery Amid the Rise of Snapchat, WhatsApp, Kik and Other Mobile Messaging Apps.**" *The Federal Lawyer* (May 2016). Federal Bar Association, Washington, D.C., 63 (4): 64-75. Reprinted with permission in *The Computer & Internet Lawyer* (October 2016). Wolters Kluwer Law & Business, New York, NY, USA, 33(10): 1-17. [[Article](#)]

REFEREED CONFERENCE POSTERS + WORKSHOP PAPERS

- 2025 Rajatsubhra 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. (No impact data available). IEEE Computer Society and The Computer Vision Foundation, Ithaca, NY, USA, 10 pages. [[Preprint](#)]
- Narges Zare, Cori Faklaris, Sarah Tabassum, and Heather Lipford. "Improving Mobile Security with Visual Trust Indicators for Smishing Detection." *Proceedings of the 21st Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security* (SOUPS 2025), Aug. 11, 2025, in Seattle, WA, USA (Impact Score: 2.90). USENIX Association, Berkeley, CA, USA. [[Poster](#)]
- 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 the 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](#)]
- Prakruthi Reddy and Cori Faklaris. "Usability for Digital Forensics Professionals (Work in Progress)." *Proceedings of the 10th Workshop on Security Information Workers* (WSIW 2024), Aug. 11, 2024. USENIX Association, Berkeley, CA, USA. [[Preprint](#)]
- Sarah Tabassum and Cori Faklaris. "Understanding Privacy and Security Challenges of First-Generation Educational Migrants in the USA: A Proposal for Research." *Proceedings of the 9th Workshop on Inclusive Privacy and Security* (WIPS 2024), Aug. 9, 2024. USENIX Association, Berkeley, CA, USA. [[Preprint](#)]
- 2022 Cori Faklaris. "How a Security Adoption Process Model Might Differ for Information Workers." *Proceedings of the 8th Workshop on Security Information Workers* (WSIW 2022), Aug. 6, 2022. USENIX Association, Berkeley, CA, USA. [[Abstract](#)]
- 2021 Cori Faklaris. "Components of a Model of Cybersecurity Behavior Adoption." *Proceedings of the 7th Workshop on Security Information Workers* (WSIW 2021), Aug. 8, 2021. USENIX Association, Berkeley, CA, USA. [[Abstract](#)]
- 2018 Cori Faklaris, Laura Dabbish and Jason Hong. "Adapting the Transtheoretical Model for the Design of Security Interventions." *Fourteenth Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security Adjunct* (SOUPS 2018), Aug. 12-14, 2018, in Baltimore, MD, USA (40 out of 58, 69.0% acceptance rate). USENIX Association, Berkeley, CA, USA. [[Abstract and poster](#)]
- Cori Faklaris. "Social Cybersecurity and the Help Desk: New Ideas for IT Professionals to Foster Secure Workgroup Behaviors." *Proceedings of the 4th Workshop on Security Information Workers* (WSIW 2018), Aug. 12, 2018, in Baltimore, MD, USA (8 out of 13, 61.5% acceptance rate). USENIX Association, Berkeley, CA, USA. [[Paper](#)]
- 2017 Cori Faklaris and Sara Anne Hook. "Attitudes About 'Fair Use' and Content Sharing in Social Media Applications." *Companion of the 2017 ACM Conference on Computer Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing* (CSCW '17 Companion). ACM, New York, NY, USA, 171-174. [[Abstract](#)]

- 2016 Cori Faklaris, Francesco Cafaro, Sara Anne Hook, Asa Blevins, Matt O'Haver, and Neha Singhal. **"Legal and ethical implications of mobile live-streaming video apps."** *Proceedings of the 18th International Conference on Human-Computer Interaction with Mobile Devices and Services Adjunct (MobileHCI '16)*. ACM, New York, NY, USA, 722-729. [[Abstract](#)]

OTHER NOTABLE PUBLICATIONS

- 2025 Cori Faklaris, Yixin Zou, Adam Jenkins, Anastasia Sergeeva, Apu Kapadia, Daricia Wilkinson, Sameer Patil, Simran Munot. 2025. **Measurement, Methods, and Ethics.** *Future of Human-Centered Privacy (Dagstuhl Seminar 25261)*. ed(s). Zinaida Benenson, Simone Fisher-Hubner, Heather Richter Lipford, and William Seymour. Vol. 15. Schloss Dagstuhl – Leibniz-Zentrum Für Informatik. 88-93
- Cori Faklaris. **Understanding and Shaping Secure Online Behavior: From Smishing Vulnerability to Social Influences and AI-Driven Interventions.** Poster presentation for the CCC Computing Futures Symposium, May 15-16, 2025, in Washington, D.C. [[Poster](#)]
- Garrett Smith, Xinru Page, Bart Knijnenburg, Pamela Wisniewski, and Cori Faklaris. **CIRC: Planning-C: Building a Safer Cyberspace by Creating a Centralized Research Infrastructure to Track and Mitigate Privacy Harms.** Poster presentation for the 2025 NSF CIRC PI Meeting, March 10-11, 2025, in Raleigh, NC. [[Poster](#)]
- 2024 Cori Faklaris. **Mitigating Smishing: Challenges and Future Work.** arXiv [cs.CR]. [[Preprint](#)]
- 2023 Cori Faklaris, Heather Richter Lipford, and Sarah Tabassum. **Preliminary Results from a U.S. Demographic Analysis of Smish Susceptibility.** arXiv [cs.HC]. [[Preprint](#)]
- Akash Rajeev Bhatia and Cori Faklaris. **"Exploring the Impact of a Cybersecurity Buddy for Improving Attack Vulnerability."** Poster and abstract for the UNC Charlotte Graduate Research Symposium, March 24, 2023, Charlotte, NC, USA. (Second-place award, CCI.) [[Poster PDF](#)]
- 2022 Cori Faklaris. **Toward a Socio-Cognitive Stage Model of Cybersecurity Behavior Adoption** (Doctoral thesis). Carnegie Mellon University. [[Document](#)]
- Cori Faklaris, Laura Dabbish, and Jason I. Hong. **"Experimental Evidence for Using a TTM Stages of Change Model in Boosting Progress Toward 2FA Adoption."** arXiv [cs.HC]. [[Paper](#)]
- Cori Faklaris, Laura Dabbish, and Jason I. Hong. **"Do They Accept or Resist Cybersecurity Measures? Development and Validation of the 13-Item Security Attitude Inventory (SA-13)."** arXiv [cs.CR]. [[Paper](#)]
- 2020 Tianshi Li, Jackie Yang, Cori Faklaris, Jennifer King, Yuvraj Agarwal, Laura Dabbish, and Jason I. Hong. **"Decentralized is not risk-free: Understanding public perceptions of privacy-utility trade-offs in COVID-19 contact-tracing apps."** arXiv [cs.HC]. [[Paper](#)]
- 2017 Cori Faklaris. **The State of Digital 'Fair Use': An Investigation of Legal and Ethical Content Sharing In Social Media And Messaging Apps** (Master's thesis). IUPUI Scholar Works. [[Document](#)]

AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2026-27 Olin College of Engineering "Reinventing AI" Faculty Fellow.
- 2025 Dagstuhl Conference on "Future of Human-Centered Privacy," participant and co-author.
CCC Computing Futures Symposium, participant, Washington, D.C.
- 2024 Google Research Scholar, Human-Computer Interaction.
CRA Early Career Workshop - Research, participant, Washington, D.C.
- 2023 DARPA AI Forward, participant and proposer, online and in Boston, MA.
NSF SaTC Aspiring PI Workshop, participant, Washington, D.C.
- 2020-21 Knight Fellow of the Center for Informed Democracy and Social Cybersecurity (IDEaS).
- 2018-19 Presidential Fellow of the CyLab Security & Privacy Institute.

2016 **GHC Scholar** for the Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing.

MENTORED STUDENTS

- 2026 Raj Chakraborty (*Phd co-advisee*), Nova Ebrahimi (*Phd co-advisee*), Farida Eleshin (*Phd advisee*), Eli Elk, Amanda Fye, Jacob Hopkins (*Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi*), Harsh Makadia, Brian Mellinger, Saajan Patel (*Phd co-advisee*), Prakruthi Reddy (*Phd advisee*), Sarah Tabassum (*Phd advisee*), Narges Zare (*Phd advisee*).
- 2025 Eesha Alla, Raj Chakraborty (*Phd co-advisee*), Nova Ebrahimi (*Phd co-advisee*), Farida Eleshin (*Phd advisee*), Amanda Fye, Jacob Gaines (*Marvin Ridge High School*), Noga Gercsak (*David W. Butler High School*), Jacob Hopkins (*Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi*), Tyler Laframboise, Melody Long, Ramisha Mahiyat, Nishka Mathew, Sahasra Muchalapuri (*Marvin Ridge High School*), Saajan Patel (*Phd co-advisee*), Prakruthi Reddy (*Phd advisee*), Kenta Sakamoto (*St. Olaf College*), Sarah Tabassum (*Phd advisee*), Sri Yeswanth (Yash) Tadimalla, Narges Zare (*Phd advisee*).
- 2024 Han Alzughbi (*Clemson University*), Christian Chavis (*Phd advisee*), Nova Ebrahimi (*Phd co-advisee*), Nathan Gray, Noga Hadasah (*High school student*), Jabou Jallow, Raj Kumar, Melody Long, Nishka Mathew, C’Naiya Morrow, Tom Nguyen, Toya Okey-Nwamara, Aanuoluwapo (Aan) Olajide, Saajan Patel (*Phd co-advisee*), Prakruthi Reddy (*Phd advisee*), Bhavain Shah, Garrett Smith (*Brigham Young University*), Sarah Tabassum (*Phd advisee*), Sri Yeswanth (Yash) Tadimalla, Emily Wayne (*visiting from San José State University*), Narges Zare (*Phd advisee*).
- 2023 Akash Rajeev Bhatia (*hired for governance, risk, and compliance at VISA*), Laura Medina Centanni, Christian Chavis (*Phd advisee*), Matthew De La Rosa, Britt Field, Kaylei Goff (*visiting from Winthrop College*), David Jordan (*PhD, North Carolina State University*), Raj Kumar, Sarah Tabassum (*Phd advisee*), Narges Zare (*Phd advisee*).
- 2022 Akash Rajeev Bhatia, Ashlesha Gupta, Anahita Hassan, Animesh Singh.
- 2021 Faye Kollig (*visiting from Michigan State; Phd at Univ. of Colo.-Boulder*), Animesh Singh.
- 2020 Anna Cai, Michelle Ling, Serena Wang (*nominee for CMU Judith A. Resnik Award*).

INVITED TALKS

- 2026 **“From Anxiety to Agency: Empowering Users Against SMiShing and Digital Stress in the Age of AI,”** colloquia speaker, Department of Computer Science, University of Iowa, April 3, 2026.
“AI in Your Hands: A Practical Guide to Capabilities, Prompting, and Pitfalls,” kick-off presentation for the Senior Scholars at Queens 2026 spring speaker series, Providence United Methodist Church, Charlotte, NC, Jan. 9, 2026.
- 2025 **“Understanding and Mitigating SMiShing Vulnerability: Insights from U.S. Surveys and Interviews,”** presentation (with Dr. Heather Richter Lipford, Sarah Tabassum, and Narges Zare) to the 65th General Meeting of the Mobile Messaging Malware Anti-Abuse Working Group (M3AAWG), Charlotte, NC, Oct. 14, 2025.
“Stewardship in a New Age: Using AI with Wisdom and Purpose,” Covenant Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC, Sept. 24, 2025.
Panel discussion of AI for small businesses, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Library, University City Regional branch, May 14, 2025.
“The Social Dynamics of Cybersecurity: Attitudes, Influences, and Usable Security,” presentation to the Cognitive Security Institute, remote, Feb. 26, 2025.
“What We Learned About SMiShing,” presentation to the Financial Services Information Sharing and Analysis Center (FS-ISAC), remote, Jan. 28, 2025.
- 2024 **“Connecting Attitudes and Social Influences with Designs for Usable Security and Privacy”** and **“Subjective Measures for Usable Security,”** lectures for the CISPA Summer School 2024 on Usable Security, Saarbruecken, Germany, July 23, 2024.

- “What We Learned About ‘What Drives SMiShing Susceptibility?’”** Bank of America, May 8, 2024, remote.
- “Identifying Vulnerability to SSMiShing,”** presentation for the Center for Cybersecurity Analytics and Automation (CCAA), George Mason University, April 18, 2024, remote.
- “A Guide to AI for Smarter Nonprofits,”** presentation for the United Way of Greater Charlotte Board of Directors retreat, April 18, 2024, in Charlotte, NC, USA.
- “Heuristic Evaluation of Cyber Triage Usability,”** presentation and discussion with Sleuth Kit Labs LLC, April 5, 2024, remote.
- “A Human Factors Approach to University Account Sharing,”** guest lecture in Dr. Sanchari Das’ course “Human-Centered Data Security and Privacy,” University of Denver, Jan. 30, 2024, remote.
- 2023 **“Human Factors at the Grid Edge,”** presentation for the Center for Advanced Power Engineering Research (CAPER), Clemson University, Nov. 6, 2023, in Clemson, SC, USA.
- “Identifying Vulnerability to SSMiShing,”** presentation for the Center for Cybersecurity Analytics and Automation (CCAA), Colorado State University, Oct. 25, 2023, in Fort Collins, CO, USA.
- “Security, Privacy, and Diversity in Computing,”** presentation for the Field to the Boardroom II (FTBR2) Tech Conference, Oct. 7 2023, in Charlotte, NC, USA.
- “What We Learned About ‘Who Falls for SMiSh?’,”** Bank of America, Sept. 21, 2023, remote.
- 2022 **“Toward a Socio-Cognitive Stage Model of Cybersecurity Behavior Adoption,”** Dept. of Software and Information Systems, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, March 17, 2022, remote; School of Data Science, University of Virginia, March 10, 2022, in Charlottesville, VA, USA; Department of Information Science, Drexel University, Jan. 27, 2022, in Philadelphia, PA, USA.
- 2021 **“Components of a Model of Cybersecurity Behavior Adoption,”** presentation for the Workshop on Security Information Workers at USENIX Security, Aug. 8, 2021, remote on Zoom.
- “Social Cybersecurity,”** presentation and moderated Q&A (with Tom Magelinski) for Bytes of Good Live, organized by Hack4Impact, March 24, 2021, remote on YouTube. [[Video](#)]
- 2020 **“A New Attitude-Behavior Model for Cybersecurity,”** informal talk for the Workshop on Security Information Workers quarterly meeting, Nov. 9, 2020, remote on Zoom.
- “Recent Findings in End-User Cybersecurity Attitudes and Behaviors,”** talk for the Social Cybersecurity Working group, NSF South Big Data Innovation Hub, Nov. 5, 2020, remote on Zoom.
- 2019 **“How Can We Boost ‘Cyber Health’? Psychometrics, Social Appeals and Tools for Cybersecurity,”** invited talk at Ohio State University, Oct. 28, 2019, in Columbus, OH, USA.
- “Reframing Usable Security to Design for ‘Cyber Health’,”** lightning talk for the 2019 Women in Cybersecurity conference (WiCys ’19), March 29-30, 2019, in Pittsburgh, PA, USA.
- 2018 **“Social Cybersecurity: Ideas for Nudging Secure Behaviors Through Social Influences,”** Three Rivers Information Security Symposium (TRISS 2018), Oct. 19, 2018, Monroeville, PA, USA.
- “Reframing Usable Privacy and Security to Design for ‘Cyber Health’,”** lightning talk for the 14th Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security (SOUPS 2018), Baltimore, Md., Aug. 13, 2018.
- “Reframing Organizational Security to Design for ‘Cyber Wellness’,”** 2018 Organizational Science and Cybersecurity Workshop, George Mason University, Fairfax, Va., July 15, 2018.

CAMPUS/DEPARTMENTAL TALKS

- 2025 **Panel discussion on innovative teaching practices,** Center for Education Innovation Research Seminar, UNC Charlotte, remote, March 14, 2025.
- 2024 **Introductory speaker for David Pogue, “Post AI and Post Robot World: Life in 2050,”** kickoff event for the Charlotte Shout festival of culture and ideas, UNC Charlotte Dubois Center, April 3, 2024.
- 2023 **Panel discussion on artificial intelligence tools for teaching and other tasks, and ethics issues involved,** OS Current Topics Seminar, UNC Charlotte, Organizational Science, Oct. 30, 2023.

“Evolution of Generative AI Tools for Education,” Next-Gen Learning with AI Tools Professional Certificate Course, Zoom, UNC Charlotte School of Professional Studies, June 13, 2023.

“An Introduction to Generative AI,” Plenary Talk, Charlotte AI Institute for Smarter Learning, UNC Charlotte Dubois Center, May 18, 2023.

Panel discussion for “Picture a Scientist” film, Women’s History Month, College of Computing and Informatics, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, March 14, 2023.

2022 **“Beyond Security Awareness Training,”** CyberDNA Research Group, College of Computing and Informatics, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Dec. 1, 2022.

“Empirical Support for a Stage Model of Cybersecurity Behavior Adoption,” Graduate Research Seminar, College of Computing and Informatics, UNC Charlotte, Aug. 26, 2022.

“Applying Social Psychology to Cybersecurity,” Center for Informed Democracy and Social Cybersecurity (IDeaS) Summer Institute, Carnegie Mellon University, June 22, 2022.

2021 **“Developing a Socio-Cognitive Model of Cybersecurity Behavior Change,”** Center for Informed Democracy and Social Cybersecurity (IDeaS), Carnegie Mellon, July 13, 2021, remote.

“Applying Social Psychology to Cybersecurity,” with Jason I. Hong, IDeaS Center Summer Institute, Carnegie Mellon University, June 11, 2021, remote on MS Teams.

2020 **“Examining the Influence of Smartphones on Information Judgment in Social Media,”** presentation for the Social Cybersecurity in Times of Change and Crisis virtual conference, Center for Informed Democracy and Social Cybersecurity (IDeaS), Nov. 18-20, 2020.

“Behavior Change Using Social Influences,” presentation for the CyLab Partners Conference at Carnegie Mellon University, Sept. 23, 2020, remote on Zoom.

2019 **“Life of a PhD Student,”** remarks for the 25th Anniversary of the Human-Computer Interaction Institute at Carnegie Mellon University, Oct. 24, 2019, in Pittsburgh, PA, USA.

ACADEMIC TEACHING AND TRAINING

2025-26 **Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence.** Faculty instructor for an in-person undergraduate and first-year graduate course that explores the intersection of artificial intelligence and human-centered design. Students acquire knowledge and skills to develop AI systems that are not only technically advanced but also ethical, responsible, and human-centric. They engage with research papers in a role-play format. They team up on a semester project in need-finding, augmented sensemaking, or augmented doing. Graduate students present current events and case studies relevant to the course.

Spring 2026: Chosen to pilot material for a UNC system-wide credential in Generative AI literacy.

2024-25 **Social Technology Design.** Faculty instructor for an in-person undergraduate and first-year graduate course in which students engage with concepts from the social sciences that are expressed and applied in collaborative and social technologies online (e.g. Wikipedia, Facebook, TikTok, Google Docs, Twitch, Discord). Students then apply those concepts in individual assignments and a student-led group project.

2022-25 **Usable Security and Privacy.** Faculty instructor for an in-person “flipped” course, in which undergraduates prep by watching videos and reading assigned materials, then use class time for group activities. Students learn about fundamentals such as encryption and privacy frameworks, then practice human-centered research and design methods for secure and private tools.

2023 **Collaborative and Social Computing.** Faculty instructor for a graduate seminar in which students engage with foundational and recent work in collaborative and social computing (e.g. Wikipedia, Facebook, TikTok, Google Docs, Twitch, Discord) through modules linking ‘big ideas’ in the social sciences to their application in computing research.

2021 **User-Centered Research and Evaluation.** Led one of six in-person lab sections. A mix of undergraduate and graduate students practiced using tools, techniques, and sources of information about HCI and applied a systematic approach to qualitative research.

2020 **Programming User Interfaces.** Led one of two lab sections. Undergraduate students gained practice using tools such as HTML/CSS/JS and low-fidelity and interactive prototyping.

Computer Science Pedagogy. Doctoral Seminar. Readings from in ACM SIGCSE, cognitive science, and non-CS, such as *What the Best College Teachers Do*. Lecture and teaching statement critique.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2026 **Assistant Chair**, Papers Committee, Twenty-Second Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security (SOUPS 2026), Leibniz University Hannover in Germany, in collaboration with CISPA.
Assistant Chair, Papers Committee, Sixteenth Symposium on Usable Security and Privacy (USEC 2026), co-located with the Network and Distributed System Security (NDSS) Symposium, San Diego, CA, USA.
- 2025 **Assistant Chair**, Papers Committee, Twenty-First Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security (SOUPS 2025), co-located with USENIX Security '25, Seattle, WA, USA.
Member of the SOUPS Research Transparency working group.
- 2024-25 **Assistant Chair**, Privacy and Security Papers Subcommittee, 2025 ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI 2025), Yokohama, Japan.
- 2024 **Panel Reviewer**, U.S. National Science Foundation.
- 2024 **Assistant Chair**, Papers Committee, Twentieth Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security (SOUPS 2024), co-located with USENIX Security '24, Philadelphia, PA, USA.
- 2023-24 **Assistant Chair**, Privacy and Security Papers Subcommittee, 2024 ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI 2024), Honolulu, HI, USA.
- 2023-24 **Assistant Chair**, Papers Committee, Nineteenth Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security (SOUPS 2023), co-located with USENIX Security '23, Anaheim, CA, USA.
Assistant Chair, Papers Committee, 2023 ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency (FAccT 2023), Chicago, IL, USA.
Admin, “Early Careers in HCI/HCI Researchers” Slack workspace.
- 2022-23 **Assistant Chair**, Privacy and Security Papers Subcommittee, 2023 ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI 2023), Hamburg, Germany.
- 2022 **Co-Organizer** (with Heather Richter Lipford), “Special Topics Workshop: Transformational Research in Usable Security,” at the 2022 Centers of Academic Excellence (CAE) in Cybersecurity Community Symposium, June 10, Atlanta, GA, USA.
- 2015-present **External reviewer for HCI-relevant conference proceedings and journals.** These include the ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI), the ACM Conference on Computer-Supported Collaborative Work and Social Computing (CSCW), the ACM Conference on Design of Interactive Systems (DIS), the USENIX Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security (SOUPS), the Internet Society’s Symposium on Usable Security and Privacy (USEC), ACM’s *Transactions on Human-Computer Interaction* (ToCHI), Elsevier’s *Computers in Human Behavior*, Oxford Publishing’s *Journal of Cybersecurity*, and MDPI’s *Informatics*.

SELECTED CAMPUS/DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- 2025-26 **Faculty Council representative** for Dept. of Software and Information Systems.
- 2023-24 **Co-Principal Investigator** for UNC Charlotte for the NSF I/UCRC Center for Cybersecurity Analytics and Automation (with Heather Richter Lipford).
Faculty lead, Cybersecurity Reading Group, CyberDNA Center, UNC Charlotte.
Committee member, Faculty Search, Software and Information Systems, UNC Charlotte.
- 2022-26 **Committee member**, Research, College of Computing and Informatics, UNC Charlotte;
Research and Graduate Students, Dept. of Software and Information Systems, UNC Charlotte;
Research and Graduate Curriculum, Dept. of Software and Information Systems, UNC Charlotte.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

- 2025 Quoted in “**Unpatched Windows Flaw a Boon for Nation-State Hackers.**” Akshaya Asokan, David Perera, and Ron Ross. *Bank Info Security*. Available at: <https://www.bankinfosecurity.com/unpatched-windows-flaw-boon-for-nation-state-hackers-a-29941>
- Quoted and included on camera for “**Software used by 50,000 HOAs updates privacy policy after man discovered ‘bad security practices’.**” Nate Morabito, WCNC-TV. Available at <https://www.wcnc.com/article/money/consumer/homeowners-association-updates-privacy-policy-software-firm-personal-data/275-4383752a-383f-4de4-9b89-7fba38839b96>
- Quoted and included on camera for “**Many online reviews are fake or written by AI; can you spot them?**” WSOCTV.com News Staff. Syndicated to markets in Atlanta, Boston, elsewhere. Available at <https://www.wsoctv.com/news/local/many-online-reviews-are-fake-or-written-by-ai-can-you-spot-them/K5W2MGOOYFGWPBZJEHHFCHM3KY/>
- 2024 Quoted in “**FBI, Justice Department investigating racist mass texts sent following the election.**” Ayanna Alexander and Matt O’Brien, *Associated Press*. Available at <https://apnews.com/article/racist-text-messages-slavery-investigations-election-efc248569cb48e056931ed3e8470ae65>
- Quoted and pictured in “**Taking Teaching and Learning to the Next Level with AI.**” Susan Messina, *UNC Charlotte Magazine*. Available at <https://inside.charlotte.edu/featured-stories/teaching-and-learning-with-ai/>
- Quoted and included on camera for “**Travelers suffer as CrowdStrike error strands passengers at Charlotte airport.**” Jason Puckett and Ron Lee, WBTV, Charlotte, NC. Online version available at <https://www.wbvtv.com/2024/07/19/travelers-suffer-crowdstrike-error-strands-passengers-charlotte-airport/>
- Special guest on “**Decoding Human-Centered Cybersecurity with Security Attitudes: Career Switch to Cybersecurity and Academic Research,**” part of the Redefining Cybersecurity podcast series hosted by Sean Martin, CISSP, and Julie Haney of NIST. Available at <https://redefiningcybersecuritypodcast.com/episodes/decoding-human-centered-cybersecurity-with-security-attitudes-a-conversation-with-julie-haney-and-dr-cori-faklaris-redefining-cybersecurity-with-sean-martin>
- Quoted and pictured in “**Breaking Barriers: UNC Charlotte’s College of Computing and Informatics champions women in technology, paving the way for leadership and innovation.**” Schaefer Edwards, *Digital Features*, UNC Charlotte. <https://features.charlotte.edu/women-in-technology>

NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2020 **UX Researcher Intern, Facebook.** Helped the Measurement RES team in the Ads & Business Products org to better understand challenges in data literacy. *Direct supervisor: Fawn Ellis*
- 2015-17 **Social Media Consultant and Editor/Writer.** Ran my own consulting business.
- 2013-15 **Engagement Producer.** Social media for IndyStar.com. “Influencer” and columnist.
- Prior to 2013 **Various positions in news and information technology.** Roles included news designer, editor, UX/UI researcher, systems analyst, programmer, graphic artist, and reporter.

PERSONAL

I am a longtime **abstract expressionist painter**. One of my works is hung in the HCII PhD Lounge at CMU in Pittsburgh. Others are in offices and homes in Indianapolis, Denver, and Las Vegas.

I am a **dharma teacher in the Kwan Um School of Zen**. I regularly engage in meditation practices (chiefly sitting still and alert, mantra recitation, and following my breathing). I support other Zen practitioners as we encounter each other. Previously, I mentored a Pittsburgh, PA, dharma teacher-in-training and was the Head Dharma Teacher and on the board of the Indianapolis Zen Center.

When not doing either of these, I can be found hiking in Charlotte-area greenspaces, catching up on TV shows and blogs, relaxing, cooking, posting on social media, or dangling a toy to **entertain my cat, Addie**.