
EDUCATION	University of Washington Seattle, WA <i>PhD in Human Centered Design & Engineering, advised by Emily Tseng</i> 2025-
	Brown University Providence, RI <i>Bachelors of Science in Cognitive Science - Honors</i> 2020 - 2024
PUBLICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Amy Wei Xiao, Zainab Iftikhar, and Jeff Huang. "Tone Indicators: Designing Accessible Messaging Cues for Neurodiverse Communication." <i>Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction</i>, 9(7), CSCW496, 2025. https://dl.acm.org/doi/10.1145/37576772. Zainab Iftikhar, Amy Wei Xiao, Sean Ransom, Jeff Huang, and Harini Suresh. "How LLM Counselors Violate Ethical Standards in Mental Health Practice: A Practitioner-Informed Framework" <i>Proceedings of the AAAI/ACM Conference on AI, Ethics, and Society</i>, 8(2), 1311-1323, 2025. https://doi.org/10.1609/aies.v8i2.366323. Sara Syed, Zainab Iftikhar, Amy Wei Xiao, and Jeff Huang. "Machine and Human Understanding of Empathy in Online Peer Support: A Cognitive Behavioral Approach." <i>Proceedings of the CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems</i>, 2024. https://doi.org/10.1145/3613904.3642034.4. Zainab Iftikhar, Sean Ransom, Amy Wei Xiao, and Jeff Huang. "Therapy as an NLP Task: Psychologist's Comparison of LLMs and Human Peers in Online CBT Sessions." <i>Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction</i>, CSCW 2026. http://arxiv.org/abs/2409.02244
CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Amy Wei Xiao*, Arman Deeder*, Shravya Sompalli* and Elena Shih. "Liberation Atlas: Mapping the Policing of Asian Massage Work." <i>Beyond the Interface: Critical Perspectives of Sex Work and Sextech</i>, 2024.2. Amy Wei Xiao*, Arman Deeder*, Shravya Sompalli*, and Elena Shih. "The Trafficking-Deportation Pipeline: Policing Asian Massage Bodywork and the War on Trafficking." <i>Association for Asian American Studies Conference</i>, 2024.3. Amy Wei Xiao*, Kaitlyn Mundy*, and M.H Chau*, "Sex Machina: In/Visible Queer Entanglements and Human-AI* Cybersexual Intimacies." <i>The Society for the Study of Affect Conference: Promises, Impasses, Threats, Settlings</i>, 2024.
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	<p>Research Assistant @ Brown HCI Lab PVD, RI 6.2023 - 6.2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Designed and ran a multi-week user study, creating a custom platform to gather systems data and conducting qualitative interviews.• Engineered dynamic data visualizations for a relationship informatics platform.• Synthesized disciplinary theories around ethics, accessibility, and social networks to propose frameworks for effective, ethical computing research. <p>Research Assistant @ Brown Anti-Trafficking Cluster PVD, RI 12.2022 - 2.2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducted ethnographic workshops with a NYC-based migrant and sex worker on anti-trafficking policing.• Analyzed public arrest and eviction data for with respect to changing licensing and prosecution policies for massage and sex work across NYC, NJ, and RI.• Developed interactive, multi-media data visualizations for public exhibition using ArcGIS, React, and Leaflet.js. <p>Research Assistant @ Brown 3D IPA Lab PVD, RI 9.2021 - 11.2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Constructed an apparatus to examining the effects of physical versus simulated objects for natural slant perception, analyzing gaze and grasp data.

PROJECTS	Liberation Atlas		
	<i>Red Canary Song, Ruth Simmons Center For Slavery and Justice</i>		2022 - 2025
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An ongoing critical cartographic project using public and ethnographic data to create interactive, mixed media visualizations unveiling the impact of policing on migrant massage and sex workers in New York. • Exhibited in both public-facing and academic venues such as the NYU Kimmel Center for the Department of Social and Cultural Analytics and Decriminalize NYC Advocacy Day. 		
	Sochiatrist Wrapped		
	<i>Brown Human-Computer Interaction Group, Brown Center for Digital Health</i>		2024
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A personal informatics platform that enables users to gain data-driven insights on their relationships via an comprehensive analysis of their messaging behavior and content, exploring aspects such as sentiment and reciprocity. • Basis of a larger exploration of relationship informatics for self-reflection and network building amongst youth. 		
WORK EXPERIENCE	Design Researcher @ J.P Morgan Chase NYC, NY		8.2024 - Present
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drove early product development and research strategy for internal fintech products 		
	Graphic Designer @ Brown LGBTQ Center PVD, RI		1.2021 - 5.2024
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinated student outreach campaigns and created graphics for 8000+ students and Providence residents. 		
	User Research Intern @ URBN Remote		6.2022 - 8.2022
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ran generative and usability studies, using qualitative user interviews, usability testing, and A/B testing. 		
AWARDS, HONORS, & GRANTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community-Engaged Computing Grant, The University of Washington 		2025
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program, National Science Foundation 		2025
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College of Engineering Dean's Fellowship, The University of Washington 		2025
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most Outstanding Thesis, Brown Department of Cognitive, Linguistic, and Psychological Sciences 		2024
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bonners Fellowship, Swearer Center for Public Service 		2020-2023
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Royce Fellowship*, Ruth Simmons Center for the Study for Slavery and Justice 		2023
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>*received, but not accepted</i> 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergraduate Teaching and Research Award, Brown University 		2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brown Art Institute Student Grants, Brown Art Institute 		2022	