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## Education

- August 2016–Present **Carnegie Mellon University**, Pittsburgh, US.  
PhD student, Human Computer Interaction, School of Computer Science.  
**Advisor: Scott Hudson**
- July 2015 **Technische Universität Berlin**, Berlin, Germany.  
Masters in Human-Computer Interaction and Design  
Thesis Advisor: Stefanie Mueller and Patrick Baudisch
- July 2012 **SASTRA University**, Thanjavur, India.  
Bachelor of Technology in Computer Science and Engineering
- 2011–2012 **ETH Zürich**, Zürich, Switzerland.  
Exchange Student at department of computer science

## Publications

- Saiganesh Swaminathan**, Raymond Fok, Fanglin Chen, Ting-Hao Kenneth Huang, Irene Lin, Rohan Jadvani, Walter S. Lasecki, and Jeffrey P. Bigham. WearMail: On-the-Go Access to Information in Your Email with a Privacy-Preserving Human Computation Workflow. *In Proc. of UIST'17*: ACM, Pages, 807-815, October 2017
- Saiganesh Swaminathan**, Kotaro Hara, and Jeffrey P. Bigham. The Crowd Work Accessibility Problem *In Proc. of W4A'17*: ACM, April 2017
- Saiganesh Swaminathan**, Thijs Roumen, Robert Kovacs, David Stangl, Stefanie Mueller, and Patrick Baudisch. Linespace: A Sensemaking Platform for the Blind. *In Proc. of CHI'16*: ACM, Pages, 2175–2185, May 2016
- Benjamin V. Hanrahan, Jutta K. Willamowski, **Saiganesh Swaminathan**, David B. Martin. TurkBench: Rendering the Market for Turkers *In Proc. of CHI'15*: ACM, Pages 1613-1616, April 2015
- Saiganesh Swaminathan**, Conglei Shi, Yvonne Jansen, Pierre Dragicevic, Lora Oehlberg, Jean-Daniel Fekete. Supporting The Design and Fabrication of Physical Visualizations. *In Proc. of CHI'14*: ACM, pages 3845-3854, April 2014.

## Posters and Demos

- Saiganesh Swaminathan**, Bill Thies, Amit Sharma, Devansh Mehta, Alok Sharma. Learn2Earn: Enabling Mass Awareness through Financial Incentives. *In Proc. of ICTD 2019*, Jan 2019.
- Ting-Hao Kenneth Huang and Joseph Chee Chang and **Saiganesh Swaminathan** and Jeffrey P. Bigham. Evorus: A Crowd-powered Conversational Assistant That Automates Itself Over Time. Poster at UIST'17. *In Adjunct Proc. of UIST'17 EA*: ACM, pages 155-157, OCT 2017.
- Saiganesh Swaminathan**, Ting-Hao K. Huang, Irene Lin, Anhong Guo, Gierad Laput, and Jeffrey P. Bigham. (2017) Epistemo: A Crowd-Powered Conversational Search Interface. In the Talking with Conversational Agents in Collaborative Action Workshop at the 20th ACM CSCW, Feb 2017.

**Saiganesh Swaminathan**, Conglei Shi, Yvonne Jansen, Pierre Dragicevic, Lora Oehlberg, Jean-Daniel Fekete. Creating Physical Visualizations With MakerVis. Interactivity Demo at CHI'14. *In Proc. of CHI'14 EA*: ACM, pages 543-546, April 2014.

## Research Experiences

2016–Present **Carnegie Mellon University, School of Computer Science**

*Graduate Student Researcher, Human Computer Interaction Institute.*

Exploring additive manufacturing of printed electronics. Specifically looking at processing innovations that enable a new class of multi-functional composites for designing custom interactive electronic devices and assistive technologies.

2015–2016 **Microsoft Research, Bangalore**

*Research Fellow, Technologies for Emerging Markets group with Bill Thies, Ed Cutrell.*

I explored how to use mobile airtime incentives to strengthen public awareness campaigns

2014–2015 **Hasso-Plattner-Institut, Berlin**

*Research Assistant, HCI Lab with Stefanie Mueller, Patrick Baudisch.*

Developed a sensemaking platform for blind users with 3d printers, published at CHI'16

2013–2014 **Xerox Research Europe Centre, Grenoble**

*Research Intern, Work Practice Technology group with Ben Hanrahan, David Martin.*

Helped develop turkbench, a tool which helps crowd workers, published at CHI'15.

2012–2013 **INRIA, Paris**

*Research Intern, AVIZ group with Yvonne Jansen, Pierre Dragicevic.*

Built Makervis a tool that helps novice users build physical visualizations, published at CHI'14

## Skill Set

Hardware:	Solidworks, Mechatronic systems, Eagle PCB, Gcode, Digital Fabrication, Arduino programming, Machining, Tooling, 3D printers, Lasercutters, CNC Routers	Programming:	Javascript, HTML 5, CSS 3, D3, Processing, OpenGL, OpenCV, Python, Django, C, C++, Java, MySQL
Machine learning:	Keras, Scikit-learn, Weka		
Design:	Photoshop, Illustrator, Premiere	Other Tools:	R statistical modelling

## Scholarships

- **EIT ICT Labs Excellence Nominee** which includes stipend, tuition fee waiver and travel support for attending two graduate school(16,800 euros with tuition fee waivers).
- **Desh-Videsh** scholarship for study abroad awarded by (1000 euros + roundtrip air tickets).
- Scholarship awarded by **Global information systems group, ETH Zürich** to pursue research activities at ETH Zürich (5,250 Swiss Francs)
- Roundtrip travel expenses from INRIA to present my scientific paper in Toronto, Canada
- Bonus for filing invention disclosure at Xerox Research Europe
- Stipendium from Hasso Plattner Institut to finish my thesis

## Reviewing

ACM CHI '16,'17,'18, '19

ACM UIST '17

ACM TEI '18

ACM ISS '18

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## References

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