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EDUCATION

Brigham Young University Provo, UT

June 2020 - April 2025

Bachelor of Arts: Anthropology

Minor in Computer Science and International Development

Brigham Young University Provo, UT

April 2025 - PRESENT

Doctor of Philosophy: Computer Science, Emphasis in Human-Computer Interaction

EXPERIENCE

Social Technology and Privacy Lab, BYU Provo — *Research Lead*

April 2024 - PRESENT

Project 1: Social Media Privacy Educational Intervention for Neurodiverse Users

- Led a 10-member team developing and testing a privacy-education course for neurodiverse individuals.
- Partnered with a local residential site to promote independent and safer social-media use.
- Conducted qualitative open-coding analyses of class data; managed data collection and teaching.

Project 2: Cross-Cultural Communication and LLMs

- Managed a diverse team (2 undergraduates, 1 graduate student) and coordinated with external collaborators.
- Designed a mixed-methods study examining how large language models detect or mitigate intercultural misunderstandings.
- Developed a qualitative codebook of communication and cultural-theory constructs for data analysis.

Museum of Peoples and Culture, Provo — Computer Programmer

January 2022 - August 2025

- Designed and taught weekly lessons introducing Python to non-technical learners. Guided students in applying coding to self-defined, real-world problems.
- Cleaned database data systematically, including 150,000+ data entries
- Built mobile application for better accessibility to a database

SKILLS

- Technical: Proficient in the following coding language: Python, Java, C++
- Research: Qualitative Coding, HCI Study Design, Thematic Analysis, Cultural Theory Application.

Publications & Papers

*In computer science, the top and archival publications are often conference proceedings. The top publications for my field of Human-Computer Interaction are listed on [Google Scholar](#). For example, the highest cited publication is a conference **Proceedings of the ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI)** and the top journal and second most cited publication is the **Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction (PACM HCI)**.*

Journal Articles ⁺

⁺ Recently, several top conferences have transitioned to a journal model and do not yet have an impact factor - below these are indicated by ⁺ and include the corresponding conference name and google scholar ranking at time of publication

Kirsten Chapman, **Kaitlyn Klabacka**, Garrett Smith, Xinru Page, “Persuasiveness of Conversational Agents for Targeted Advertising: Autism and Gen-AI Chatbots.” Proceedings of the 2025 ACM on Human-Computer Interaction⁺ (**CSCW 2025**)

Archived Abstracts (and presented as posters)

Kirsten Chapman, **Katie Klabacka**, Terisa Gabrielson, Xinru Page. (2025) “Social Media Safety Literacy for Emerging Adults: A Rule-Based Curriculum.” International Society for Autism Research Annual Meeting (INSAR 2025), Seattle, Washington, USA.