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# EDUCATION

University of Washington	2021 -
Ph.D. Student, Human Centered Design and Engineering	
Research Advisors: Dr. Sucheta Ghoshal and Dr. Sean Munson	
Pomona College	2018 -
B.A., Computer Science	2021
Research Advisors: Dr. Alexandra Papoutsaki and Dr. Daniel Epstein (University of California,	

Irvine)

# PUBLICATIONS

#### PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS AND CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Samantha Kolovson, **Samuel So**, and Sean A. Munson. (2024) "Using Speculative Design to Understand Preferred Futures for the Design and Use of Tracking Data in U.S. College Sport Teams". Proceedings of the ACM Human-Computer Interaction 8, CSCW1, Article 189

Eunkyung Jo, Myeonghan Ryu, Georgia Kenderova, **Samuel So**, Bryan Shapiro, Alexandra Papoutsaki, Daniel A. Epstein. (2022) "Designing Flexible Longitudinal Regimens: Supporting Clinician Planning for Discontinuation of Psychiatric Drugs". *Proceedings of the 2022 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems* (CHI).

Alexandra Papoutsaki, **Samuel So**, Georgia Kenderova, Bryan Shapiro, Daniel A. Epstein. (2021) "Understanding Delivery of Collectively Built Protocols in an Online Health Community for Discontinuation of Psychiatric Drugs". *Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction 5, CSCW2*, Article 420

Grete Helena Kütt, Teerapaun Tanprasert, Jay Rodolitz, Bernardo Moyza, **Samuel So**, Georgia Kenderova, Alexandra Papoutsaki. (2020) "Effects of Shared Gaze on Audio- Versus Text-Based Remote Collaborations". *Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction 4*, CSCW2, Article 136

#### WORKSHOPS

Joice Tang, McKane Andrus, **Samuel So**, Udayan Tandon, Andrés Monroy-Hernández, Vera Khovanskaya, Sean A. Munson, Mark Zachry, and Sucheta Ghoshal. (2023) "Back to ''Back to Labor": Revisiting Political Economies of Computer-Supported Cooperative Work." *CSCW* '23 *Companion*.

#### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Human Centered Design and Engineering, University of Washington	2023 -
Graduate Research Assistant (with Dr. Sucheta Ghoshal and Dr. Sean Munson)	
Primary researcher for NSF-funded research project on the 2022-2023	
technology layoffs. Researching tech workers' perspectives on the layoff	
decisions towards the development of workplace accountability systems.	
Conducted 25 interviews with laid off tech workers.	
The Institute of Human Development and Social Change, New York University	2022 -
Assistant Research Scientist (with Dr. Charlton McIlwain)	2023
Conducted social network analysis on organizations and initiatives that work	
at the intersection of race and computing technologies. Organized a Race and	
Technology network funded by Center for Critical Race + Digital Studies and	
Microsoft Research.	
Human Centered Design and Engineering, University of Washington	2022 -
Graduate Research Assistant (with Dr. Sean Munson)	2023
Researched post-mortem data and digital legacies through speculative co-	
design engagements with dyads composed of close friends, romantic	
partners, and family members.	
Human Centered Design and Engineering, University of Washington	2021 -
Graduate Research Assistant (with Dr. Sam Kolovson)	2022
Researched college athletes and sports tracking technologies. Co-facilitated	
focus groups and semi-structured interviews in reaction to speculative	
design fictions about wearable technology. Transcribed, coded, and affinity	
diagrammed interview data.	

Human Computer Interaction Lab, Pomona College Undergraduate Research Assistant (with Dr. Alexandra Papoutsaki and Dr. Daniel Epstein) Researched an online health community (OHC) around psychiatric drug withdrawal. Sketched and prototyped early iterations of <i>AT</i> Planner, an application that helps patients and providers collaboratively plan, track, and manage psychiatric drug tapers.	2020 - 2021
<b>Project EMAR</b> , University of Washington <i>NSF REU Intern</i> (with Dr. Patrícia Alves-Oliveira, Dr. Elin A. Björling, and Dr. Maya Cakmak) Designed virtual mental health interventions under Project EMAR, a NSF- funded project that investigates adolescent stress and mood data through interactions with a social robot.	2020
<b>Human Computer Interaction Lab</b> , Pomona College <i>Research Assistant</i> (with Dr. Alexandra Papoutsaki) Researched the impact of shared eye-tracking on remote dyad collaborations	2019

across text- and audio-based media.

# **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

HCDE492: Capstone Planning, University of Washington	WI 2024
<i>Teaching Assistant</i> (taught by Dr. Alan Marks)   class size: 76 (Undergraduate)	- SP 2024
HCDE313: Introduction to User Research, University of Washington	SP 2023
Teaching Assistant (taught by Dr. Sucheta Ghoshal)   class size: 38 (Undergraduate)	
Speculative Engagements with Post-mortem Digital Legacies, Directed Research	FA 2022
Group	- SP 2023
Instructor   class size: 6 (Undergraduate and Graduate)	
HCDE501: Theoretical Foundations of HCDE, University of Washington	FA 2022
Teaching Assistant (taught by Dr. Kristin Dew)   class size: 40 (Graduate)	
HCDE419: Concepts in Human-Computer Interaction, University of Washington	SP 2022
Teaching Assistant (taught by Dr. Taryn Bipat)   class size: 32 (Undergraduate)	

# TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

"Designing a Digital Memorial: Speculative Engagements with Post-mortem Digital Legacies" Samuel So. Data & Society, Digital Doppelgangers Workshop. May 2023.

### PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC SERVICE

Student Volunteer, ACM Conference on Computer Supported Cooperative Work

2023

# SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

UW Top Scholar Award (\$2500)	2021
Pomona College Internship Program (\$1200)	2019
Pomona College Scholar	2018, 2019

## **RESEARCH SKILLS**

**Methods**: User Research, Interviews, Surveys, Co-design, Usability Testing, Remote Participatory Design

**Topics**: Critical Technology Practice, Discursive Design, Design Research, Social Computing, Personal Informatics, Human-Computer Interaction, Critical Race and Digital Media