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## Curriculum Vitae

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**Research interests** Human-Computer Interaction. Software Engineering. AI for Societal Good. Cognitive Processes in Humans. Accessibility. Inclusive Design. Intelligent Interfaces. Social Computing.

**Employment** **University of Southern California** Los Angeles, California  
WiSE Gabilan Assistant Professor 2022 – Present  
Thomas Lord Department of Computer Science

**Education** **Oregon State University** Corvallis, Oregon  
PhD in Computer Science 2016 - 2022  
Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

**Awards** WiSE Gabilan Assistant Professorship 2023

**Grants** DARPA Artificial Intelligence Exploration (AIE): Friction for Accountability in Conversational Transactions 2023  
USC + Amazon Center on Secure & Trusted ML 2023

**Publications** **NomNom: Explanatory Function Names for Program Synthesizers**  
Amirmohammad Nazari, **Souti Chattopadhyay**, Swabha Swayamdipta, Mukund Raghothaman.  
*International Conference on Software Engineering, 2024*  
Poster

### **Understanding and Facilitating Sensemaking in Computational Notebooks**

Zixuan Feng, **Souti Chattopadhyay**, Gonzalo Ramos, Titus Barik, Anita Sarma.

*Computer Supported Cooperative Work, CSCW*

Under Submission

### **Designing adaptive interventions for human-aware autonomous systems**

Vidisha Kudalkar, Anirudh Alameluvari, **Souti Chattopadhyay**, Jyotirmoy Deshmukh.

*Humans in Cyber-Physical Systems, 2023.*

Workshop Paper

### **Cognitive Biases in Software Development**

**Souti Chattopadhyay**, Nicholas Nelson, Audrey Au, Natalia Morales, Christopher Sanchez, Rahul Pandita, Anita Sarma  
*Communications of the ACM, Research Highlights, 2022.*  
Article

**Developers Who Vlog: Dismantling Stereotypes through Community and Identity**  
**Souti Chattopadhyay**, Denae Ford, Thomas Zimmermann  
*Conference on Computer-Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing (CSCW), 2021.*

**Reel Life vs. Real Life: How Software Developers Share Their Daily Life through Vlogs**  
**Souti Chattopadhyay**, Thomas Zimmermann, Denae Ford  
*The ACM Joint European Software Engineering Conference and Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering (ESEC/FSE), 2021.*

**Supporting Code Comprehension via Annotations: Right Information at the Right Time and Place**  
Marjan Adeli, Nicholas Nelson, **Souti Chattopadhyay**, Hayden Coffey, Austin Henley, Anita Sarma  
*IEEE Symposium on Visual Languages and Human-Centric Computing (VLHCC), 2020.*

**A Tale from the Trenches: Cognitive Biases and Software Development**  
**Souti Chattopadhyay**, Nicholas Nelson, Audrey Au, Natalia Morales, Christopher Sanchez, Rahul Pandita, Anita Sarma  
*International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE), 2020.*  
**ACM Distinguished Paper**

**What's Wrong with Computational Notebooks? Pain Points, Needs, and Design Opportunities**  
**Souti Chattopadhyay**, Ishita Prasad, Austin Z Henley, Anita Sarma, Titus Barik  
*CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI), 2020.*  
**SIGCHI Honourable Mention Award**

**Mental Models of Mere Mortals with Explanations of Reinforcement Learning**  
Andrew Anderson, Jonathan Dodge, Amrita Sadarangani, Zoe Juozapaitis, Evan Newman, Jed Irvine, **Souti Chattopadhyay**, Matthew Olson, Alan Fern, Margaret Burnett  
*ACM Transactions on Interactive Intelligent Systems (TiiS), 2020.*  
Journal Paper

**Explaining reinforcement learning to mere mortals: An empirical study**

Andrew Anderson, Jonathan Dodge, Amrita Sadarangani, Zoe Juozapaitis, Evan Newman, Jed Irvine, Souti Chattopadhyay, Alan Fern, Margaret Burnett  
*arXiv preprint, 2019.*

**Latent Patterns in Activities: A Field Study of How Developers Manage Context**

**Souti Chattopadhyay**, Nicholas Nelson, Yenifer Ramirez Gonzalez, Annel Amelia Leon, Rahul Pandita, Anita Sarma  
*International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE), 2019.*

**Context in Programming: An Investigation of How Programmers Create Context**

**Souti Chattopadhyay**, Nicholas Nelson, Thien Nam, McKenzie Calvert, Anita Sarma  
*Cooperative and Human Aspects of Software Engineering (CHASE), 2018.*  
Workshop Paper

**What makes a task difficult? An empirical study of perceptions of task difficulty**

Rafael Leano, **Souti Chattopadhyay**, Anita Sarma  
*Visual Languages and Human-Centric Computing (VL/HCC), 2017.*  
Short Paper

**Context in Exploratory Programming: Towards a Theoretical Framework**

**Souti Chattopadhyay**  
*Visual Languages and Human-Centric Computing (VL/HCC), 2017.*  
Doctoral Symposium

Teaching

**CSCI 499: Introduction to Human-Computer Interaction**

Spring 2024

**CSCI 699: User Experience - Methods of Research and Analysis**

Spring 2024

**CSCI 699: Human Subject Research in Software Systems**

Spring 2023

Student Supervision

**PhD Students**

Zeinabsadat (Athena) Saghi

Fall 2023 -

Run Huang

Fall 2023 -

Sadra Sabouri Halestani  
Philipp Eibl

Fall 2023 -  
Fall 2023 -

**Masters' Students**

Anirudh Alameluvari  
Katie Foss

Spring 2023 2023 - Fall 2023  
Spring 2023 - Fall 2023

**Undergraduate' Students**

David Aoyama  
Katie Foss

Spring 2023 -  
Spring 2023 - Fall 2023

Service

**Program Committee**

Visual Languages and Human-Centric Computing (VL/HCC)  
Mining Software Repositories (MSR)  
Cooperative and Human Aspects of Software Engineering (CHASE)

**Reviewer**

Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI)  
Mining Software Repositories (MSR)  
Cooperative and Human Aspects of Software Engineering (CHASE)  
IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering (TSE)  
ACM Transactions on Software Engineering and Methodology (TOSEM)  
ACM Transactions on Interactive Intelligent Systems (TiIS)

**Outreach and Mentoring**

Center for Undergraduate Research in Viterbi Engineering (CURVE)  
Undergraduate Mentoring

Saturday Academy's Apprenticeships in Science and Engineering  
K-12 Mentoring