

KEVIN CHOW

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EDUCATION

- Sep 2019 - Present **University of British Columbia (UBC)**
PhD Student, Computer Science
Expected graduation December 2024
- Sep 2014 - May 2019 **University of British Columbia (UBC)**
Bachelor of Science, Major in Computer Science
91.1% avg. in Math and Computer Science courses, 89.7% overall

PUBLICATIONS

- TOCHI
(in revision stage) **Feeling Stressed and Unproductive? A Field Evaluation of a Therapy-Inspired Digital Intervention for Knowledge Workers**
Kevin Chow, Thomas Fritz, Liisa Holsti, Skye Barbic, Joanna McGrenere
- CHI '20 **Is Your Time Well Spent? Reflecting on Knowledge Work More Holistically**
Hayley Guillou, Kevin Chow, Thomas Fritz, Joanna McGrenere
[\[https://dl.acm.org/doi/abs/10.1145/3313831.3376586\]](https://dl.acm.org/doi/abs/10.1145/3313831.3376586)
- CSCW '19 **Challenges and Design Considerations for Multimodal Asynchronous Collaboration in VR**
Kevin Chow, Caitlin Coyiuto, Cuong Nguyen, Dongwook Yoon
[\[https://dl.acm.org/doi/abs/10.1145/3359142\]](https://dl.acm.org/doi/abs/10.1145/3359142)
- EuroHaptics '18 **A Multimodal Illusion of Force Improves Control Perception in Above-Surface Gesture: Elastic Zed Zoom**
Dilan Ustek, Kevin Chow, Haihua Zhang, Karon MacLean
[\[https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-319-93445-7_26\]](https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-319-93445-7_26)

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Nov 2021 - May 2022 **CPSC 444 Course Revamp @ UBC**
 - Advanced Methods for Human-Computer Interaction: 4th-year CS course
 - Revamped course readings and associated quizzes
- May 2019 - Sep 2019 **Research Assistant @ UBC eDAPT Lab**
 - Helped with the design and implementation of the initial intervention for the Time Well Spent (TWS) project under the supervision of Hayley Guillou, Dr. Joanna McGrenere, and Dr. Thomas Fritz
 - Assisted with the thematic analysis of elicited TWS definitions to produce four themes that characterizes the term as one that emphasizes a more holistic perspective towards work.
- May 2018 - Sep 2018 **Research Assistant @ UBC D-Lab**
 - Led research project on conceptualizing multimodal, asynchronous collaboration in VR, under the supervision of Dr. Dongwook Yoon
 - Implemented research prototype in Unity3D and conducted exploratory, need-finding study with the prototype system (n=15) to understand challenges and design considerations for this form of asynchronous collaboration

- May 2017 - Sep 2017 **Research Assistant @ UBC Sensory, Perception & Interaction (SPIN) Lab**
 - Developed prototype system for enabling above-surface, in-air gesture interactions with a Leap Motion sensor under the supervision of Dilan Ustek and Dr. Karon MacLean
 - Helped with designing and piloting the lab study, as well as collecting data from participants
- Jan 2016 - Sep 2016 **Junior Java Developer @ Absolute Software**
 - Developed the backend for a web dashboard that aggregated installed software data from multiple devices
 - Obtained Professional Scrum Master (PSM I) certification

TEACHING

- Jan 2022 - May 2022
Jan 2021 - May 2021
Jan 2020 - May 2020 **CPSC 444 Teaching Assistant @ UBC**
Advanced Methods for Human-Computer Interaction: 4th-year CS course
- Sep 2019 - Dec 2019
Sep 2017 - Dec 2017 **CPSC 344 Teaching Assistant @ UBC**
Introduction to Human-Computer Interaction Methods: 3rd-year CS course
- Apr 2018 **Eric Hamber Studio Workshops @ UBC**
Organized, planned, and taught interactive workshops on UI/UX and prototyping to 15-20 secondary school students for service and outreach purposes
- Jan 2017 - May 2017 **CPSC 210 Teaching Assistant @ UBC**
Software Construction: 2nd-year CS course
- Sep 2015 - Dec 2015 **CPSC 110 Teaching Assistant @ UBC**
Computation, Programs, and Programming: entry-level CS course

SERVICE

- May 2020 - Present **UBC MUX Knowledge Base Czar**
I organize and manage the online knowledge base for the MUX group at UBC, which consists of the broader UBC HCI/InfoViz faculty and students.
- Sep 2019 - Dec 2021 **UBC CS Grad Wellbeing Representative**
Student-run organization that brings together graduate students from departments across UBC to tackle issues of graduate student wellbeing and mental health.

AWARDS

- 2020 **Four Year Doctoral Fellowship (4YF)**
Provides UBC's best PhD students with financial support of at least \$18,200 per year plus tuition for up to four years of their doctoral studies, with a limited number awarded to each department in UBC.
- 2019 **Huawei Scholarships in Computer Science**
One of two scholarships of \$5000 offered annually by Huawei to support first-year masters students in the UBC Computer Science Department.
- 2018 **CRA Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award, Honourable Mention**
Recognizes undergraduate students in North American universities who show outstanding research potential in an area of computing research.

- 2018 **Rick Sample Summer Internship**
Research award given to outstanding undergraduate students for summer internships in the UBC Computer Science Department.
- 2016, 2015 **Faculty of Science International Student Scholarship**
Awarded to students within the Faculty of Science who have demonstrated strong academic achievement, engagement in the Faculty, and the potential to make a scholarly contribution within their chosen field of study.
- 2015 **Trek Excellence Scholarship for Continuing Students**
Awarded to the top 5% of undergraduate students at UBC Vancouver.
- 2015 **Dean of Science Scholarship**
Awarded to honour the most promising undergraduate students in the Faculty of Science.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming

Python, Julia, MongoDB, SQL, R, MATLAB, JavaScript/TypeScript, HTML/CSS, Java, C#, Git

Machine Learning

TensorFlow, Keras, scikit-learn, pandas, NumPy

Other Libraries/Tools/Frameworks

Electron, D3.js, OpenCV, Android SDK, Unity3D, Virtual Reality Toolkit (VRTK), Leap Motion Sensor