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Education

2021 – present

• **Ph.D. Student, University of Chicago** in Computer Science. Computer Science Education, advised by Dr. Diana Franklin.

2016 - 2020

• B.A., University of California, Berkeley
Majors: Computer Science and Mathematics (with Honors).
High Distinction in General Scholarship.

Research Publications

Conference Proceedings

- D. Gonzalez-Maldonado, **J. Liu**, and D. Franklin, "Evaluating gpt for use in k-12 block based cs instruction using a transpiler and prompt engineering," in *Proceedings of the 56th ACM Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education V. 1*, ser. SIGCSETS 2025, Pittsburgh, PA, USA: Association for Computing Machinery, 2025, pp. 388–394, ISBN: 9798400705311. ODI: 10.1145/3641554.3701910.
- J. Liu, E. Goodwin, and D. Franklin, "Student utilization of metacognitive strategies in solving dynamic programming problems," in *Proceedings of the 56th ACM Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education V. 1*, ser. SIGCSETS 2025, Pittsburgh, PA, USA: Association for Computing Machinery, 2025, pp. 687–693, ISBN: 9798400705311. ODDI: 10.1145/3641554.3701888.
- J. Liu, E. Goodwin, D. Saito-Stehberger, S. Jacob, M. Warschauer, and D. Franklin, "Teacher decisions and perspectives in scratch tipp&see implementation," in *Proceedings of the 56th ACM Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education V. 1*, ser. SIGCSETS 2025, Pittsburgh, PA, USA: Association for Computing Machinery, 2025, pp. 694–700, ISBN: 9798400705311. ODI: 10.1145/3641554.3701885.
- R. E. Dougherty, T. Randolph, T.-Y. Chen, et al., "A survey of undergraduate theory of computing curricula," in *Proceedings of the 2024 on ACM Virtual Global Computing Education Conference V. 2*, ser. SIGCSE Virtual 2024, Virtual Event, NC, USA: Association for Computing Machinery, 2024, pp. 281–282, ISBN: 9798400706042. DOI: 10.1145/3649409.3691070.
- J. Liu and D. Franklin, "Introduction to quantum computing for everyone: Experience report," in Proceedings of the 54th ACM Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education V. 1, ser. SIGCSE 2023, Toronto ON, Canada: Association for Computing Machinery, Mar. 2023. ODOI: 10.1145/3545945.3569836.
- J. Tsan, C. Butler, D. Gonzalez-Maldonado, **J. Liu**, C. Thomas, and D. Franklin, "An analysis of gallery walk peer feedback on scratch projects from bilingual/non-bilingual fourth grade students," in *Proceedings of the 2023 ACM Conference on International Computing Education Research Volume 1*, ser. ICER '23, Chicago, IL, USA: Association for Computing Machinery, Aug. 2023. ODOI: 10.1145/3568813.3600137.
- A. Shah, **J. Liu**, K. Stephens-Martinez, and S. H. Rodger, "The cs1 reviewer app: Choose your own adventure or choose for me!" In *Proceedings of the 26th ACM Conference on Innovation and Technology in Computer Science Education V. 1*, ser. ITiCSE '21, Virtual Event, Germany: Association for Computing Machinery, Jun. 2021. ODI: 10.1145/3430665.3456333.

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C. H. Séquin, W. Brandon, and **J. Liu**, "Modular construction of symmetrical knots," in *Hyperseeing: Proceedings of SMI'2021 Fabrication and Sculpting Event*, ser. SMI'FASE 2019, Vancouver, Canada, Mar. 2019. URL: https://naka242.github.io/SMIFASE2019/index.html.

Teaching Experience

College Courses

Fall 2023

• Games for Learning, University of Chicago (TA)

Spring 2023

• Theory of Algorithms, University of Chicago (Head TA)

Spring 2022

• Theory of Algorithms, University of Chicago (Head TA)

Summer 2019

• Multivariable Calculus, UC Berkeley (Undergraduate Student Instructor)

Fall 2018

• Calculus 2, UC Berkeley (Undergraduate Student Instructor)

Other

2018 - present

• **Instructor and Moderator,** Art of Problem Solving, Inc.

2022 - 2023

• Math Tutor, Wendell Phillips High School

Awards

2021-present

• Liew Family Graduate Fellowship, University of Chicago

2025

• Outstanding Reviewer Award, SIGCSE TS 2025

2023

• Physical Sciences Teaching Prize, University of Chicago

Service

2025

• Hybrid Experience Co-chair, International Computing Education Research (ICER) 2025

• **Reviewer**, SIGCSE TS 2025 [Outstanding Reviewer Award]

• **Panel Moderator**, "Making the Most of your PhD Visit Day," Code to PhD.

2024-2025

• **CCTL Graduate Fellow** Learning with AI in the Liberal Arts (LAILA) Graduate Fellow, Chicago Center for Teaching and Learning (CCTL)

• Graduate Assistant Teaching in the Generative AI Landscape, CCTL

2024

• Hybrid Experience Co-chair, ICER 2024

• Reviewer, ITiCSE 2024

2023

• Hybrid Experience Co-chair, ICER 2023

• Panelist, "ChatGPT: Friend or Foe? A Discussion for Students," University of Chicago

2022

• Co-Organizer, People and Tech Seminar, University of Chicago

2018-2020

• **President**, Undergraduate Group for Theoretical Computer Science (UGTCS), UC Berkeley