Jini Kim

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RESEARCH INTEREST

Human-AI Interaction, Human-Centered AI, Research through Design, Participatory AI Design, Responsible AI, Human-AI-Human, Agentic AI

EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon University — Fall 2023 -Present
Ph.D. in Human-Computer Interaction — Expected Grad.: May 2028
Kenneth C. Griffin School of Computer Science — Pittsburgh, USA
Advisors: Jodi Forlizzi and Hong Shen

Korea Advanced Institute of Science & Technology (KAIST) — 2022
M.S. in Industrial Design — Daejeon, Korea
Committee: Ki-Young Nam, Sangsu Lee, Changhee Lee
GPA: 4.08/4.3

Handong Global University (HGU) — 2020
B.S. in Information and Communication Technology Convergence (ICT) — Pohang, Korea
B.S. in Product Design (Specialization: UX Design)
GPA: 4.21/4.5 overall; 4.39/4.5 major
Academic Excellence Scholarship for 5 semesters (Top 1%)

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE & JOURNAL PAPER

* co-first author † co-senior author

[P12] **The Labor of Alignment: How Peer Specialists Make AI Fit Peer-Support Practice**
Jini Kim*, Cindy Peng*, Qian Xiao, Naveen Raman, Fei Fang, Jodi Forlizzi, Hong Shen
Under review

[P11] **AI Safety in Relational Practice: Scaffolding Practical Judgment in Peer Support**
Jini Kim*, Cindy Peng*, Qian Xiao, Naveen Raman, Hyunjin Lee, Nev Jones, Fei Fang, Jodi Forlizzi, Hong Shen
Under review

[P10] **Understanding How Industry Practitioners Navigate Model Adoption for Responsible Generative AI Development**
Jini Kim, Qiaosi Wang, Shivani Kapania, Manqing Yu, Hong Shen†, Jodi Forlizzi†
Under review

[P9] **Content Creation with Generative AI: How Do Content Creators Responsibly Use Generative AI Tools?**
Jini Kim, Manqing Yu, Jiayin Zhi, Stephanie Milani, Jingwen Cheng, Xianzhe Fan, Hong Shen†, Jodi Forlizzi†.
CSCW '26

[P8] **Generative AI as a Mediator in Creator Collaboration: Challenges, Design Opportunities, and Concerns**
Hajun Kim*, **Jini Kim***, Yunjae Josephine Choi.
CSCW '26

[P7] **Situated, Dynamic, and Subjective: Envisioning the Design of Theory-of-Mind-Enabled Everyday AI with Industry Practitioners**
Qiaosi Wang, **Jini Kim**, Avanita Sharma, Alicia Lee, Jodi Forlizzi, Hong Shen.
CHI '26

[P6] **"GenAI Defaults to Bias!" Gamify AI literacy through Reflections on Prompts**
Qianou Ma, Megan Chai, Yike Tan, Jihun Choi, **Jini Kim**, Erik Harpstead, Geoff Kaufman, Tongshuang Wu.
AIED '26

[P5] **Making the Right Thing: Bridging HCI and RAI in Early-Stage AI Concept Selection.**
Ji-Youn Jung, Devansh Saxena, Minjung Park, **Jini Kim**, Jodi Forlizzi, Kenneth Holstein and John Zimmerman.
DIS '25 · 🏅 **Best Paper Honorable Mention Award**

[P4] **Unlocking Creator-AI Synergy: Challenges, Requirements, and Design Opportunities in AI-Powered Short-Form Video Production**
Jini Kim*, Hajun Kim*.
CHI '24

[P3] **Probe Study of Resource Exchange Service in Local Community: with focus on User Needs in Resource Definition, Exploration, and Negotiation Stages**
Chorong Kim, **Jini Kim**, Eunji Woo.
Archives of Design Research 2024 · 🏅 **Best Paper Honorable Mention Award**

[P2] **Service Design Strategies for Seamless EV Charging Experience**
Jini Kim, Jinhyun Kim, Jihyun Jang, Ji-Yeon Choi, Ki-Young Nam.
KSDS 20

[P1] **Study of Voice-Based Crowdsourcing Platform for the Enhancement of Self-support for the Visually Impaired**
Jini Kim, Garam Song, Ha-Young Kim, Eun-Seo Kim, Won-sup Lee.
AHFE 19

PEER-REVIEWED POSTER & WORKSHOP PAPER

[W3] **From Human-AI to Human-AI-Human: Designing Generative AI for Users and the People Affected by Their Use**
Jini Kim, Anja Thieme, Laura Vardoulakis, Hari Subramonyam, Hwajung Hong, Dasom Choi, Hong Shen, and Jodi Forlizzi
Under review.

[W2] **ImaginAItion: Promoting Generative AI Literacy Through Game-Based Learning**
Qianou Ma, Anika Jain*, **Jini Kim***, Megan Chai*, Geoff Kaufman. CHI EA '25

[W1] ThinkWrite: Design Interventions for Empowering User Deliberation in Online Petition
Jini Kim, Chorong Kim, Ki-Young Nam. CHI EA '22

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Carnegie Mellon University · Human-Computer Interaction Institute — Pittsburgh, PA
Ph.D. Researcher · Advisors: Hong Shen and Jodi Forlizzi — 2023 – Present
Research on human-AI interaction, participatory AI design, and responsible AI in social and relational settings

Korea Advanced Institute of Science & Technology (KAIST) · Designize Lab — Daejeon, Korea
Graduate Researcher · Research on online deliberation with AI — 2020 – 2022

Industry-Academic Research Project with LG Electronics R&D — 2019
Undergraduate Researcher · UX Design Project

Handong Global University · Human-Computer Interaction Lab — 2018 – 2019
Undergraduate Researcher

POSTECH · Ergonomic Design & Technology Lab — 2019
Visiting Researcher

Seoul National University · User Experience Lab — 2018
Visiting Researcher

ACADEMIC SERVICE

REVIEWER

ACM CHI (2022, 2024-2026), ACM CSCW (2026), ACM DIS (2025-2026)

🏅 **Special Recognitions for Outstanding Reviews**
CHI ’24 LBW, CHI ’25, CHI ’26

MENTOR

- CMU Undergraduate AI Mentoring Program (PAIR)
- SCS HCII Independent Studies

HONOR & AWARDS

Special Recognition for Outstanding Reviews, ACM CHI — 2024, 2025, 2026

Best Paper Honorable Mention Award, ACM DIS — 2025

Best Paper Honorable Mention Award, Archives of Design Research (AoDR) — 2024

Service Designer Expert, Korean Government — 2020–2021

James Dyson Award, National Runner-up — 2020

Magna Cum Laude, Handong Global University — 2020

Academic Excellence Scholarship (Top 1%), — 2015–2019
Handong Global University · 5 consecutive semesters

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant, Carnegie Mellon University — Fall 2026
Persuasive Design

Teaching Assistant, Carnegie Mellon University — Spring 2026
User-Centered Research and Evaluation

Teaching Mentor, KAIST — 2020–2021
Customer Experience & Design Thinking for Start-ups

Teaching Assistant, KAIST — Spring 2021
Introduction to Basic Design and Practical Skills

Teaching Assistant, Handong Global University — 2018–2019
Human-Computer Interaction

Teaching Assistant, Handong Global University — Spring 2017
Programming I (Python)

MEDIA COVERAGE

PeerCoPilot: AI for Community Mental Health Care
CMU School of Computer Science, 2026

James Dyson Award 2020 — National Runner-up
IT Chosun, 2020

Wheeliric: Improving Wheelchair Accessibility Through Community Mapping
Seoul Shinmun (News), 2019

VR-Based Barista Training for People with Disabilities
Korea Financial Newspaper, 2019

Skills

Research Methods
Human-Centered Design • Research through Design • Participatory Design • Qualitative Interviews • Thematic Analysis • Ethnographic Methods • Survey Design • Quantitative Experimental Design • Usability Studies • Statistical Analysis • A/B Testing

Interaction Design & Prototyping
Wireframing • Scenario-Based Design • User Flows • Interactive Prototyping • Figma • ProtoPie

Programming & Tools
Python • JavaScript • HTML/CSS • Node.js • Django

Design Tools
Adobe Illustrator • Photoshop • After Effects • Sketch • Rhino