

Shaoze Zhou

Ph.D. Student in Computer Science
School of Computing and Information Sciences
Florida International University, Miami, FL, United States

EDUCATION

Florida International University, School of Computing and Information Sciences, Miami, FL, USA Jan. 2026 - Present

Ph.D., Computer Science

Research Advisor: Chen Chen

Research Area: Human-Computer Interaction, Human-AI Interaction, eXtended Reality, and AI-Mediated Communication

University of Southern California, School of Engineering, Los Angeles, CA, USA Aug. 2022 - May 2024

M.S., Computer Science (Game Development) | GPA: 3.85

University of Michigan, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, Ann Arbor, MI, USA Sep. 2019 - Dec. 2021

B.S., Computer Science | GPA: 3.78

Honors: University Honors, 2019 - 2021

St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN, USA Sep. 2017 - May 2019

Major in Mathematics and Studio Art | GPA: 3.62

Awards: Dr. Lyle Gangsei Memorial Scholarship, International Student Scholarship

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PAPERS [C#]

[C1] **Shaoze Zhou**, Joaquin Frangi, Diana Nelly Rivera Rodriguez, Rawan Alghofaili, Janet G. Johnson, Lingyao Li, Renkai Ma, Christine Lisetti, and Chen Chen. “*ChatMuse: Supporting In-Person Small-Group Conversation Experience with a Proactive Assistive AI Agent in Mixed Reality*.” In Proceedings of the 39th Annual ACM Symposium on User Interface Software and Technology (UIST '26). Detroit, MI, USA.

SHORT PAPERS, POSTERS AND DEMOS [S#]

[S1] **Shaoze Zhou**, Diana Nelly Rivera Rodriguez, Pedro Remior, Joaquin Frangi, Lingyao Li, Renkai Ma, Janet G. Johnson, Christine Lisetti, and Chen Chen. “*Exploring Needs and Design Opportunities for Proactive Information Support in In-Person Small-Group Conversations*.” In Proceedings of the Extended Abstracts of the 2026 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '26 EA). Barcelona, Spain. DOI: [10.1145/3772363.3799279](https://doi.org/10.1145/3772363.3799279).

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Florida International University, Miami, FL, USA Jan. 2026 - Present

Ph.D. Graduate Student Researcher

School of Computing and Information Sciences

Mentors/Collaborators: Chen Chen, Christine Lisetti

External Collaborators: Rawan Alghofaili (UT Dallas), Janet G. Johnson (UMich), Renkai Ma (University of Cincinnati), Lingyao Li (USF)

Easley-Dunn Productions, Los Angeles, CA, USA Sep. 2024 - Jul. 2025

Lead Software Engineer and Researcher

Mentors/Collaborators: Scott Easley (USC), Powen Yao (USC)

TEACHING

University of Southern California, Iovine and Young Academy, Los Angeles, CA, USA Feb. 2023 - May 2024

Teaching Assistant, ACAD 217 Designing Immersive Media

Instructor: Carsten Becker

SERVICE

Student Volunteer, ACM CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems, CHI '26

External Reviewer, ACM CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems, CHI '26

STUDENTS MENTORED

Diana Nelly Rivera Rodriguez, “*ChatMuse: Supporting In-Person Small-Group Conversation Experience with a Proactive Assistive AI Agent in Mixed Reality.*”

Graduate Student, School of Computing and Information Sciences, Florida International University

Joaquin Frangi, “*ChatMuse: Supporting In-Person Small-Group Conversation Experience with a Proactive Assistive AI Agent in Mixed Reality.*”

Undergraduate Student, School of Computing and Information Sciences, Florida International University

Pedro Remior, “*Exploring Needs and Design Opportunities for Proactive Information Support in In-Person Small-Group Conversations.*”

Undergraduate Student, Honors College, Florida International University

AWARDS AND HONORS

SIGCHI Gary Marsden Travel Awards, 2026

University Honors, University of Michigan, 2019 - 2021

Dr. Lyle Gangsei Memorial Scholarship, St. Olaf College, 2018 - 2019

International Student Scholarship, St. Olaf College, 2017 - 2019