# Tiffany Knearem

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#### **EDUCATION**

Pennsylvania State PhD Candidate 2017 - 2021 (anticipated)

University Supervised by Dr. John M. Carroll

College of Information Degree: Informatics (Human-Computer Interaction) Sciences and Technology Dissertation: Creativity Support for Innovation and Novelty

University of Kansas B.A. in Psychology

College of Liberal Arts B.A. in East Asian Languages & Cultures 2008

**Obirin University** Study abroad program (Japanese language); Tokyo, Japan 2005 - 2006

# **AWARDS**

Rednor IST Scholarship (\$5.000) IST Travel Awards (\$3,000) CRA-W Grad Cohort 2018, 2020 Phi Beta Kappa University of Kansas Honor of Distinction Global Awareness Program Women's Leadership Recognition Honoree

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

# Pennsylvania State University

Collaboration and Innovation Lab Research Assistant, College of IST

2017 - PRESENT

2008

**Positive Aging -** *Health coproduction studies* [Papers 1-4; 7, 11]

- Interview & observation with older adults on their collaborative, creative practices.
- Focus groups and collaborative prototyping.

Dr. John M. Carroll Dr. Mary Beth Rosson

**Everyday Creativity -** *Novelty and innovation studies* [Papers 5, 8, 10]

User studies (interview & observation) with members of creative community on their sharing and informal learning practices.

Investigated the role of sleep on psychological well-being in human subjects study

Community Engagement - Arts Festival Stories mobile game study [Papers 6, 9]

- Deployed a mobile game to evoke engagement at a local festival
- Applied mixed methods (app data, surveys and interviews)

# **University of Kansas**

Hamilton Health Lab

**Undergraduate Research Assistant** Sleep and Well-being

2006 - 2007

Performed quantitative data analysis on results using SPSS

Dr. Nancy Hamilton

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

Facebook

# **User Experience Researcher Intern**

**INCOMING 2020** 

Menlo Park, CA

Developing line of research at Facebook Research, Summer 2020.

Google

# Developer Student Club (DSC) Lead

2018 - PRESENT

University Park, PA

- Inaugurated DSC at Penn State; assembled core leadership team
- Providing product training for 150+ students and faculty

Simple

# **Technical Account Manager**

2016 - 2017

San Francisco, CA

Supported 10+ high-revenue accounts (e.g. bug reports & training)

Vrenergy

Berkeley, CA

**Operations Project Manager** GSV Labs 2016 Accellerator Batch 2016 - 2017

Led user research in early stage start-up environment for B2C product. Methods included interview, surveys, personas, competitive analysis, and prototyping

Coursera

# **Community Operations Associate**

2015 - 2016

Mountain View, CA

Advocated for high quality user experience to product team; distilled user input into design recommendations to drive product change for 16+ million global learners

Google via Vaco

**Project Specialist** 

2014 - 2015

Mountain View, CA

• Full-cycle project management for two product launches, including requirements gathering, analyst training, process documentation; multi-stakeholder collaboration

Japan Exchange & Teaching Program Yamanashi, JP

# Instructor, English as Foreign Language

2011 - 2012

- Instructed 600+ students in English language,18 classes per week, ran student club
- · Cultural ambassador to small community in rural Japan

**SKILLS** 

Prototyping / Analysis Methods Sketch, InDesign, Figma, Atlas.TI, SPSS, JMP, Excel, qualitative thematic analysis Qualitative: Interview, observation, usability testing, diary study, focus group

Quantitative: Survey, user testing, A/B testing

UX: Heuristic evaluation, scenarios, personas, storyboarding

Project Management Programming Languages Languages Agile software development, SCRUM, JIRA, ZenDesk, Asana, Slack

HTML, CSS, novice Python

Intermediate Japanese, elementary Spanish

# **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

University Organizations Invited Seminars ACM Paper Reviewer Student Volunteering Graduate and Professional Students Association, IST Delegate (2018-2019)

Designing a Great User Experience @ HackPSU 2019

CHI; CSCW; C&C; DIS; NORDICHI

CSCW 2019, 2018; iConference 2019; C&C/DIS 2019

CSCW 2020 SV Co-Chair

**Other Service** 

Session Chair CSCW 2019; PC GROUP 2019, HackPSU Judge (2018 - present)

# **PUBLICATIONS**

- **2020** [11] **Knearem, T.**, Wang, X., Carroll, J.M. Constructing Health Together: The Factors of Health Coproduction (Manuscript under review at *ACM Transactions on Social Computing*)
  - [10] **Knearem, T.**, Tsai, CH., Carroll, J.M. Brewing Up Creativity: Informal Learning and Development in a Brewing Community (Manuscript in preparation)
  - [9] **Knearem**, **T**., Wang, X., Carroll, J.M. Enhancing Festival Engagement: An Interview Study on Evoking Engagement in Community Events (Manuscript in preparation)
- **2019** [8] Knearem, T., Wang, X., Wan, J., Carroll, J.M. Crafting in a Community of Practice: Resource Sharing as Key in Supporting Creativity. In *Proc. ACM C&C '19*.
  - [7] Wang, X., **Knearem, T.**, Carroll, J.M. Never Stop Creating: A Preliminary Inquiry into Older Adult's Everyday Innovations. In *Proc. PervasiveHealth '19*.
  - [6] Wang, X., **Knearem, T.**, Yoon, H.J., Jo, H., Lee, J., Seo, J., Carroll, J.M. Engaging the Community Through Places: A User Study of People's Festival Stories. *In Proc. iConference '19.*
  - [5] **Knearem, T.**, Wang, X., Carroll, J.M. How Professionals Support Amateurs' Creativity Within the Brewing Community. In *Proc. ACM CSCW EA'19*
- 2018 [4] Wang, X., Knearem, T., Gui, F., Gupta, S., Zhu, H., Williams, M., & Carroll, J. M. The Safety Net of Aging in Place: Understanding How Older Adults Construct, Develop, and Maintain Their Social Circles. In *Proc. PervasiveHealth '18*.
  - [3] Wang, X., **Knearem, T.**, Carroll, J.M. Ordinary Innovations of Older Adults: An Interview Study to Understand Interest Development in Aging. In *Proc. ACM CSCW EA'18*.
  - [2] Wang, X., **Knearem, T.**, Carroll, J.M. Learning Flows: Understanding How Older Adults Adopt and Use Mobile Technology. In *Proc. PervasiveHealth EA'18*.
  - [1] Wang, X., **Knearem, T.**, Gui, F., Gupta, S., Zhu, H., Williams, M., & Carroll, J. M. A Safety Net: How Older Adults Build and Maintain Interpersonal Relationships. In Proc. *ACM CHI EA'18*.