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RESEARCH FOCUS

My research is at the intersection of educational technology, cognitive science and machine learning. I develop learning platforms in several STEM domains and analyze student models from fine-grained log data to drive effective and inclusive interventions.

HUY ANH NGUYEN

WORK EXPERIENCE

Applied Scientist Intern Amazon - Alexa Smart Vehicles 05/2022 - 08/2022 Developed BERT-based classification and named entity recognition models to improve Alexa's natural language understanding capabilities when used in vehicles.

Microsoft Research - Computational Social Science 05/2021 - 08/2021

- Identified the cognitive benefits of lowering numerical precision to improve recall and estimation accuracy in scientific and media communications.
- Developed a browser plug-in that adaptively suggests rounding strategies to enhance number comprehension.

Course Manager

Research Intern

- Led the development and management of a graduate-level data science course at CMU from the ground up.
- Led research on promoting data science learning at scale. Topics include: student behavior analysis from log data, automated question generation from learning materials, and automated data science code evaluation.

Graduate Researcher • Led the research and development of *Decimal Point*, a game that teaches decimal numbers to more than 1,700

 Conducted statistical testings and built predictive models to identify demographic factors and game play behaviors that impact players' learning and enjoyment.

EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon University

middle schoolers.

- PhD in Human-Computer Interaction, Human-Computer Interaction Institute, School of Computer Science.
- M.S. in Human-Computer Interaction, Human-Computer Interaction Institute (2018-2022).
- Thesis: Addressing the Gender Gap in Middle School Math Education through Digital Learning Games.
- Research Areas: learning analytics, data science education, computational social science.
- Advisors: Dr. Bruce M. McLaren, Dr. John Stamper.

Lafayette College

- Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Minor in Mathematics. Major GPA: 3.93.
- Honors Thesis: Building Student Models in a Non-scaffolded Testing Environment.
- Advisor: Dr. Chun Wai Liew.

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03/2020 - 08/2022

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Easton. PA

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PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Journal Papers

- J3 Huy A. Nguyen, Xinying Hou, J. Elizabeth Richey, Bruce M. McLaren (2022). The Impact of Gender in Learning with Games: A Consistent Effect in a Math Learning Game. *International Journal of Game-Based Learning (IJGBL)*, 12(1), 1-29.
- J2 Bruce M. McLaren, J. Elizabeth Richey, Huy A. Nguyen, Xinying Hou (2022). How instructional context can impact learning with educational technology: Lessons from a study with a digital learning game. Computers & Education, 178, 104366.
- J1 Xinying Hou, Huy A. Nguyen, J. Elizabeth Richey, Erik Harpstead, Jessica Hammer, Bruce M. McLaren (2022). Assessing the Effects of Open Models of Learning and Enjoyment in a Digital Learning Game. International Journal of Artificial Intelligence in Education, pp. 120–150.

Conference Papers

- **C28 Huy A. Nguyen,** Hayden Stec, Xinying Hou, Sarah Di, Bruce M. McLaren. Evaluating ChatGPT's Decimal Skills and Feedback Generation in a Digital Learning Game. In *Proceedings of the European Conference on Technology Enhanced Learning*, pp. 278–293. **[Best Paper Award]**
- **C27 Huy A. Nguyen**, Nicole Else-Quest, J. Elizabeth Richey, Jessica Hammer, Sarah Di, Bruce M. McLaren. Gender Differences in Learning Game Preferences: Results Using a Multi-dimensional Gender Framework (2023). To appear in *Proceedings of the Intertional Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Education*, pp. 553–564
- **C26 Huy A. Nguyen**, Xinying Hou, Hayden Stec, Sarah Di, John Stamper, Bruce M. McLaren. Examining the Learning Benefits of Different Types of Prompted Self-explanation in a Decimal Learning Game (2023). In *Proceedings of the International Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Education*, pp. 681–687.
- **C25** Steven Moore, **Huy A. Nguyen**, Tianying Chen, John Stamper (2023). Assessing the Quality of Multiple-Choice Questions Using GPT-4 and Rule-Based Methods. In *Proceedings of the European Conference on Technology Enhanced Learning*, pp. 229–245.
- **C24** Steven Moore, Ellen Fang, **Huy A. Nguyen**, John Stamper. Crowdsourcing the Evaluation of Multiple-Choice Questions Using Item-Writing Flaws and Bloom's Taxonomy (2023). In *Proceedings of the ACM Conference on Learning@ Scale*, pp. 25–34.
- **C23** Steven Moore, **Huy A. Nguyen**, Norman Bier, Tanvi Domadia, John Stamper (2023). Who Writes Tomorrow's Learning Activities? Exploring Community College Student Participation in Learnersourcing. In *Proceedings* of the International Conference of the Learning Sciences.
- **C22** Bruce M. McLaren, J. Elizabeth Richey, **Huy A. Nguyen**, Michael Mogessie. A Digital Learning Game for Mathematics that Leads to Better Learning Outcomes for Female Students: Further Evidence (2022). In *Proceedings of the European Conference on Game-based Learning*, pp. 339–384.
- **C21 Huy A. Nguyen**, Shravya Bhat, Steven Moore, John Stamper. Towards Generalized Methods for Automatic Question Generation in Educational Domains (2022). In *Proceedings of the European Conference on Technology Enhanced Learning*, pp. 272–284.

- C20 Steven Moore, Huy A. Nguyen, John Stamper. Assessing the Quality of Student-Generated Short Answer Questions (2022). In *Proceedings of the European Conference on Technology Enhanced Learning*, pp. 243–257.
- **C19** Steven Moore, **Huy A. Nguyen**, John Stamper. Participation and Success with Optional Self-Explanation for Students in Online Undergraduate Chemistry Courses (2022). In *Proceedings of the International Conference of the Learning Sciences*, pp. 1381–1384.
- **C18** Steven Moore, **Huy A. Nguyen**, John Stamper. Leveraging Students to Generate Skill Tags that Inform Learning Analytics (2022). In *Proceedings of the International Conference of the Learning Sciences*, pp. 791–798.
- C17 Sreecharan Sankaranarayanan, Lanmingqi Ma, Siddharth Reddy Kandimalla, Ihor Markevych, Huy A. Nguyen, R. Charles Murray, Christopher Bogart, Michael Hilton, Majd Sakr, Carolyn Rose (2022). Reflection "in the flow" of Collaborative Programming: Designing Efficient and Effective Collaborative Learning Activities in Advanced Computer Science Contexts. In *Proceedings of the International Conference on Computer-supported Collaborative Learning*, pp. 67–74.
- **C16 Huy A. Nguyen,** Zsofia K. Takacs, Enikő Bereczki, J. Elizabeth Richey, Michael Mogessie and Bruce McLaren. Investigating the Effects of Mindfulness Meditation on a Digital Learning Game for Mathematics (2022). In *Proceedings of the International Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Education*, pp. 762–767.
- **C15** Bruce M. McLaren, J. Elizabeth Richey, **Huy A. Nguyen**, Michael Mogessie. Focused Self-Explanations Lead to the Best Learning Outcomes in a Digital Learning Game (2022). In *Proceedings of the International Conference of the Learning Sciences*, pp. 1229–1232.
- C14 Na Li, Guillermo Rodriguez, Yuqiao Xu, Parth Bhatt, Huy A. Nguyen, Alex Serpi, Chunhua Tsai, John Carroll.
 Picturing One's Self: Camera Use in Zoom Classes during the COVID-19 Pandemic (2022). In *Proceedings of the Ninth ACM Conference on Learning@ Scale,* pp. 151–162. [Best Paper Award]
- **C13 Huy A. Nguyen**, Yuqing Guo, Vy Nguyen, J. Elizabeth Richey, Bruce M McLaren. Evaluating a Framework for Learning Problem-Solving Flexibility in Non-routine Mathematics (2022). In *Proceedings of the International Conference of the Learning Sciences*, pp. 1249–1252.
- **C12** Huy A. Nguyen, Jake M Hofman, Daniel G Goldstein (2022). Round Numbers Can Sharpen Cognition. In *Proceedings of the 2022 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems*, pp. 1–15.
- **C11** Steven Moore, **Huy A. Nguyen**, John Stamper. Examining the Effects of Student Participation and Performance on the Quality of Learnersourcing Multiple-Choice Questions (2021). In *Proceedings of the Eighth Annual ACM Conference on Learning at Scale*, pp. 209-220.
- **C10 Huy A. Nguyen**, Michelle Lim, Steven Moore, Majd Sakr, Eric Nyberg, John Stamper (2021). Exploring Metrics for the Analysis of Code Submissions in an Introductory Data Science Course). In *Proceedings of the 11th International Conference on Learning Analytics & Knowledge*, pp. 632–638.
- Steven Moore, Huy A. Nguyen, John Stamper (2020). Utilizing Crowdsourcing and Topic Modeling to
 Generate Knowledge Components for Math and Writing Problems. In *Proceedings of the International Conference on Computers in Education*, pp. 31–40. [Best Technical Design Paper Nomination]

- **C8 Huy A. Nguyen**, Xinying Hou, John Stamper, Bruce M. McLaren (2020). Moving beyond Test Scores: Analyzing the Effectiveness of a Digital Learning Game through Learning Analytics. In *Proceedings of the International Conference on Educational Data Mining*, pp. 487–495.
- **C7** Steven Moore, **Huy A. Nguyen**, John Stamper (2020). Evaluating Crowdsourcing and Topic Modeling in Generating Knowledge Components from Explanations. In *Proceedings of the International Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Education*, pp. 398–410.
- **C6** Xinying Hou, **Huy A. Nguyen**, J. Elizabeth Richey, Bruce M. McLaren (2020). Exploring How Gender and Enjoyment Impact Learning in a Digital Learning Game. In *Proceedings of the International Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Education*, pp. 255–268.
- **C5 Huy A. Nguyen**, Yeyu Wang, John Stamper, Bruce M McLaren (2019). Using Knowledge Component Modeling to Increase Domain Understanding in a Digital Learning Game. In *Proceedings of the International Conference on Educational Data Mining*, pp. 139–148.
- **C4** Yeyu Wang, **Huy A. Nguyen**, Erik Harpstead, John Stamper, Bruce M McLaren (2019). Learning and Enjoyment in an Educational Game: Does Order of Play Matter? In *Proceedings of the International Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Education*, pp. 518–531.
- C3 Erik Harpstead, J Elizabeth Richey, Huy A. Nguyen, Bruce M McLaren (2019). Exploring the Subtleties of
 Agency and Indirect Control in Digital Learning Games. In *Proceedings of the International Conference on Learning Analytics & Knowledge*, pp. 121–129. [Best Paper Award Nomination]
- **C2 Huy A. Nguyen**, Erik Harpstead, Yeyu Wang, Bruce M McLaren (2018). Student Agency and Game-Based Learning: A Study Comparing Low and High Agency. In *Proceedings of the International Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Education*, pp. 338-351.
- **C1 Huy A. Nguyen**, Chun W Liew (2018). Using Student Logs to Build Bayesian Models of Student Knowledge and Skills. *In Proceedings of the International Conference on Educational Data Mining*, pp. 397-403.

Posters

- P7 Shravya Bhat, Huy A. Nguyen, Steven Moore, John Stamper. Towards Automated Generation and Evaluation of Questions in Educational Domains (2022). In *Proceedings of the 15th International Conference on Educational Data Mining*, pp. 701–704.
- **P6** Steven Moore, **Huy A. Nguyen**, John Stamper (2020). Crowdsourcing the Identification of Knowledge Components. In *Proceedings of the Seventh (2020) ACM Conference on Learning@ Scale*, pp. 245-248.
- **P5** Steven Moore, **Huy A. Nguyen**, John Stamper (2020). Crowdsourcing Explanations for Improving Assessment Content and Identifying Knowledge Components. In *Proceedings of the 15th International Conference of the Learning Sciences*, pp. 2627–2628.
- P4 Cheyeon Ha, Xinying Hou, Huy A. Nguyen, Judith Odili Uchidiuno (2020). Increasing Children's Knowledge of Pattern Detection and Skip Counting Using a Tablet-based Math Activity. In *Proceedings of the 15th International Conference of the Learning Sciences*, pp. 1725–1726.

- **P3** Chun W Liew, **Huy A. Nguyen** (2019). Using an Intelligent Tutoring System to Teach Red Black Trees. In *Proceedings of the 50th ACM Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education*. New York, NY, USA.
- **P2** Huy A. Nguyen, Chun W Liew (2018). Building Student Models in a Non-scaffolded Testing Environment. *In Proceedings of the International Conference on Intelligent Tutoring Systems,* pp. 454–456.
- **P1** Chun W Liew, **Huy A. Nguyen**, Darren J Norton (2017). Assessing Student Answers to Balanced Tree Problems. *In Proceedings of the International Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Education*, pp. 532–535.

Doctoral Consortium / Workshop Papers

- **W3** Huy A. Nguyen, Shravya Bhat, Steven Moore, John Stamper (2022). Towards Automated Generation and Evaluation of Questions in Educational Domains. In the *Second Workshop on Bridging Human-Computer Interaction and Natural Language Processing (NAACL 2022)*.
- W2 Huy A. Nguyen, Yuqing Guo, John Stamper, Bruce M McLaren (2020). Improving Students' Problem-solving Flexibility in Non-routine Mathematics. In *Proceedings of the International Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Education*, pp. 409–413.
- **W1** Huy A. Nguyen, John Stamper, Bruce M McLaren (2019). Towards Modeling Students' Problem-solving Skills in Non-routine Mathematics Problems. In the International *Conference on Educational Data Mining*.

Tutorial and Workshop Organization

O1 Adele Smolansky, **Huy A. Nguyen**, Rene F. Kizilcec, Bruce M. McLaren (2023). Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Educational Technology Research and Development. In *Proceedings of the International Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Education*, pp. 57–62.

Book Chapters

- **B2** Vincent Aleven, Manolis Mavrikis, Bruce M. Mclaren, **Huy A. Nguyen**, Jennifer Olsen, Nikol Rummel. Six instructional approaches supported in AIED systems: What does AIED bring to the table? In the *Handbook of Artificial Intelligence in Education*, pp 184–228.
- **B1** Bruce M. McLaren, **Huy A. Nguyen**. AIED Digital Learning Games: Where We Are and How We Might Make a Bigger Impact. In the *Handbook of Artificial Intelligence in Education*, pp. 440–484.

GRANTS AND **F**ELLOWSHIPS

G1	Examining the Effect of Gender and Game Narrative on Learning and Enjoyment from Digital Learning Games PI, with Bruce M. McLaren	Simon Initiative Seed Grant \$15,000
G2	Initial Steps Toward Developing a Digital Learning Game to Help	Simon Initiative Seed Grant
	Students Become Flexible Problem Solvers	\$15,000
	PI, with J. Elizabeth Richey and Bruce M. McLaren	

TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Research Mentoring

Mentee	Program	Co-authored Publications		
Shravya Bhat	Master of Computational Data Science $ ightarrow$ AI Software Engineer at Boston Consulting Group Gamma	P7, W3, C22		
Vy Nguyen	Bachelor of Computer Science (Williams College) → Master of Computer Science at Carnegie Mellon University	C14		
Xinying Hou	Master of Educational Technology and Applied Learning Science \rightarrow PhD student at University of Michigan	J1, J2, J3, C7, C9, C26, C28, P4		
Yuqing Guo	Master of Educational Technology and Applied Learning Science \rightarrow User Experience Designer at Deloitte	W2, C14		
Michelle Lim	Bachelor in Information Systems & Statistics'20 → Software Engineer at Appian	C11		
Yeyu Wang	Master of Educational Technology and Applied Learning Science \rightarrow PhD student at University of Wisconsin-Madison	C3, C5, C6		
Teaching Assistant				
Foundations of Computational Data Science (Summer 2020 - Summer 2022)				
→ PhD student at University of Wisconsin-Madison Teaching Assistant				

Programming Usable Interfaces (Fall 2022)

Guest Lecturer

Interactive Data Science (Fall 2021, Fall 2022)

ACADEMIC SERVICES

Program Committee:

International Conference on Learning Analytics & Knowledge (LAK'23) International Conference of the Learning Sciences (ICLS'22) International Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Education (AIED'23, AIED'24)

Reviewer:

International Conference on Educational Data Mining (EDM'19, EDM'20, EDM'22) International Conference on Computers in Education (ICCE'20) International Conference on Learning Analytics & Knowledge (LAK'23) ACM CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing (CHI'23) Journal of Research and Practice in Technology Enhanced Learning Journal of Learning Analytics British Journal of Educational Technology Computers & Education IEEE Transactions on Learning Technologies

Conference Volunteer:

International Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Education (AIED'18, AIED'19)

International Conference of the Learning Sciences (ICLS'18) Annual ACM Conference on Learning at Scale (L@S'18).

Awards and Honors

- Best Paper Award: International Conference on Learning at Scale (2022), European Conference on Technology Enhanced Learning (2023).
- MCDS Student Teaching Award (2022): Awarded to the most outstanding student instructor for courses taught in the Masters of Computational Data Science program at Carnegie Mellon University.
- Best Paper Award Nominations: International Conference on Learning Analytics & Knowledge (2020).
- Doctoral Consortium Fellowship (2019): International Conference on Educational Data Mining
- Honor Societies (2017): Upsilon Pi Epsilon (Computer Science), Pi Mu Epsilon (Mathematics).
- ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest (2016): Ranked second among teams in the Mid-Atlantic region at Wilkes University.
- Putnam Competition (2014): Ranked 716/4320 in the nationwide undergraduate math competition.

SKILLS

- Languages: Python, Bash, HTML + CSS + JavaScript ES6, Java, SQL, Scala, R, LaTeX.
- Frameworks & Tools: NumPy, Pandas, PyTorch, Spark, Scikit-learn, Docker, Azure, Jupyter.
- Research Methods: Statistics, Experimental Studies, A/B Testing, Data Mining.