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## EMPLOYMENTS

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<b>Northeastern University</b> , Boston, U.S. <i>Bowé College of Health Sciences and Khoury College of Computer Sciences</i> Assistant Professor	Sept 2022 - Present
<b>Harvard University</b> , Cambridge, U.S. <i>Center for Research on Computation and Society</i> Postdoctoral Research Fellow	2020 - 2022
<b>Universitas Gadjah Mada</b> , Indonesia E-Learning Coordinator	2008 - 2012

## EDUCATION

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<b>Northeastern University</b> , Boston, U.S. Ph.D. in Computer Science (Khoury College of Computer Sciences) Thesis: <i>A Social Cognition Framework for Interpersonal Informatics in Families</i> Committee: Andrea G. Parker, Stephen Intille, Magy Seif El-Nasr, and Sean Munson (UW).	2020
M.S. in Computer Science (Khoury College of Computer Sciences) with Fulbright scholarship	2014
<b>Universitas Gadjah Mada</b> , Indonesia B.Eng. in Electrical Engineering (College of Engineering)	2007

## RESEARCH INTEREST

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My research is in the fields of **Human-Computer Interaction (HCI)**, **Digital Health Equity**, and **Health Informatics**. I investigate how to design technologies that help address health disparities. I examine how health technologies can catalyze social interactions that help people to manage their health and wellbeing as collective efforts. I have been conducting the entire user-centered design process by designing, building, and evaluating innovative health technologies in collaboration with local community partners.

## PEER-REVIEWED, ARCHIVAL CONFERENCE ARTICLES

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Note: In computer and information sciences, conferences are top-tier publishing venues, with selectivity and impact often exceeding that of journals. See: <http://portal.acm.org/citation.cfm?id=1743546.1743569>.

- [1] **Herman Saksono**, Carmen Castaneda-Sceppa, Jessica A. Hoffman, Magy Seif El-Nasr, Andrea G. Parker. 2021. StoryMap: Using Social Modeling and Self-Modeling to Support Physical Activity Among Families of Low-SES Backgrounds. In *CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems Proceedings (CHI 2021)*. ACM, New York, NY, USA, 19 pages. [26% acceptance rate]. **Honorable Mention, Best Paper Award (top 5% of submissions)**

- [2] **Herman Saksono**, Carmen Castaneda-Sceppa, Jessica Hoffman, Vivien Morris, Magy Seif El-Nasr, Andrea G. Parker. 2020. Storywell: Designing for Family Fitness App Motivation by Using Social Rewards and Reflection. In *CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems Proceedings (CHI 2020)*, April 25-30, 2020, Honolulu, Hawaii, US. ACM, New York, NY, USA, 13 pages. [24.3% acceptance rate]
- [3] **Herman Saksono**, Carmen Castaneda-Sceppa, Jessica Hoffman, Magy Seif El-Nasr, Vivien Morris, Andrea G. Parker. 2019. Social Reflections on Fitness Tracking Data: A Study with Families in Low-SES Neighborhoods. In *CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems Proceedings (CHI 2019)*, May 4-9, 2019, Glasgow, Scotland UK. ACM, New York, NY, USA, 14 pages. [23.8% acceptance rate]
- [4] **Herman Saksono**, Carmen Castaneda-Sceppa, Jessica Hoffman, Magy Seif El-Nasr, Vivien Morris, Andrea G. Parker. 2018. Family Health Promotion in Low-SES Neighborhoods: A Two-Month Study of Wearable Activity Tracking. In *Proceedings of the 2018 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '18)*. ACM, New York, NY, USA, Paper 309, 13 pages. [26% acceptance rate]
- [5] Elizabeth Stowell, Mercedes C. Lyson, **Herman Saksono**, René C. Wurth, Holly Jimison, Misha Pavel, Andrea G. Parker. 2018. Designing and Evaluating mHealth Interventions for Vulnerable Populations: A Systematic Review. In *Proceedings of the 2018 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '18)*. ACM, New York, NY, USA, Paper 15, 17 pages. [26% acceptance rate]. **Honorable Mention, Best Paper Award (top 5% of submissions)**
- [6] **Herman Saksono**, Andrea G. Parker. 2017. Reflective Informatics Through Family Storytelling: Self-Discovering Physical Activity Predictors. In *Proceedings of the 2017 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '17)*. ACM, New York, NY, USA, 5232-5244. [25% acceptance rate]
- [7] Farnaz Irannejad Bisafar, **Herman Saksono**, and Andrea G. Parker. 2016. Youth Advocacy in SNAs: Challenges for Addressing Health Disparities. In *Proceedings of the SIGCHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '16)*. ACM, New York, NY, USA, 3620-3624. [23% acceptance rate]
- [8] **Herman Saksono**, Ashwini Ranade, Geeta Kamarthi, Carmen Castaneda-Sceppa, Jessica Hoffman, Andrea G. Parker. 2015. Spaceship Launch: Designing a Collaborative Exergame for Families. In *Proceedings of the 18th ACM Conference of Computer-Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing (CSCW '15)*. ACM, New York, NY, USA, 1776-1787. [28% acceptance rate]

## JOURNAL ARTICLE

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- [1] Xin Yao Lin, **Herman Saksono**, Elizabeth Stowell, Margie Lachman, Carmen Castaneda-Sceppa, Andrea G. Parker. 2020. Go&Grow: An Evaluation of a Pervasive Social Exergame for Caregivers of Loved Ones with Dementia. In *Proc. ACM Hum.-Comput. Interact.* 4, CSCW2, Article 151 (October 2020), 28 pages.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

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- [1] **Herman Saksono**. 2022. User-Centered Design in AI for Social Impact. In *AI for Social Impact*. Milind Tambe, Fei Fang, and Bryan Wilder (eds.). <https://ai4sibook.org/>
- [2] Andrea G. Parker, **Herman Saksono**, Jessica A. Hoffman, and Carmen Castaneda-Sceppa. 2017. A Community Health Orientation for Wellness Technology Design & Delivery. In *Designing Healthcare That Works: A Sociotechnical Approach*. Mark Ackerman, Sean Goggins, Thomas Herrmann, Michael Prilla and Christian Stary (eds.). Academic Press, Elsevier Inc. 59-76. ISBN 9780128125830

## POSITION PAPERS

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- [1] **Herman Saksono**. 2022. Just-in-Time Adaptive Reflections for Supporting Physical Activity. In *Grand Challenges for Personal Informatics and AI at CHI 2022*.
- [2] Renee Wurth and **Herman Saksono**. 2021. Community power could boost confidence in vaccination programmes. *Nature*. 2021 Jan; 589(7841):198. doi: 10.1038/d41586-021-00049-4.
- [3] **Herman Saksono**. 2021. An Online Health Community for Preventive Health Behavior. In *The Future of Research on Online Health Communities: Discussing Membership, Structure, and Support at CSCW 2021*.
- [4] **Herman Saksono**. 2021. Algorithmic Patient Matching in Peer Support Systems for Hospital Inpatients. In *Realizing AI in Healthcare: Challenges Appearing in the Wild at CHI 2021*.
- [5] **Herman Saksono**. 2021. TRANSFORMATIVE-FAIR AI for Addressing the Societal Origins of Marginalization. In *Artificially Intelligent Technology for the Margins: A Multidisciplinary Design Agenda at CHI 2021*.
- [6] **Herman Saksono**. 2020. Asset-Based Insights on Designing Fitness Promotion Techs in Boston's Low-SES Neighborhoods. In *From Needs to Strengths: Operationalizing an Assets-Based Design of Technology at CSCW 2020*.
- [7] **Herman Saksono**, Teresa O'Leary, Andrea G. Parker. 2020. Physical Activity Technology for Supporting Mental Health in Families. In *Technology Ecosystems: Rethinking Resources for Mental Health at CHI 2020*.
- [8] Farnaz Irannejad Bisafar and **Herman Saksono**. 2019. Health Advocacy on Social Networking Applications: Co-Designing With Youth of Ethnic and Racial Minority. 2019. *Social Technologies for Digital Wellbeing Among Marginalized Communities at CSCW 2019*.
- [9] **Herman Saksono** and Andrea G. Parker. 2019. Designing for Psychological Needs in Fitness Tracking: Supporting Engagement and Adherence. *WISH'19 Original Research Paper, Workgroup on Interactive System in Health at CHI 2019*.
- [10] **Herman Saksono** and Andrea G. Parker. Ecological Factors of Long-Term Family Physical Activity Tracking. 2018. *Workshop on Next Steps Towards Long-Term Self Tracking at CHI 2018*.
- [11] **Herman Saksono** and Andrea G. Parker. 2017. Storytelling as Space for Reflection on Parent and Child's Physical Activity Data. *Quantified Data and Social Relationships Workshop at CHI 2017*.
- [12] Elizabeth Stowell, Mercedes C. Lyson, René C. Wurth, **Herman Saksono**, Holly Jimison, Misha Pavel, Andrea G. Parker. 2016. mHealth Research in Vulnerable Populations: A Systematic Review. *WISH'16 Poster, Workgroup on Interactive System in Health at CHI 2016*.
- [13] **Herman Saksono** and Andrea G. Parker. 2015. Health data-driven storytelling for physical activity promotion in families. *Moving Beyond e-Health and the Quantified Self at CSCW 2015*.

## ABSTRACTS PRESENTED AS POSTERS

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- [1] **Herman Saksono**, Andrea G. Parker. Storytelling as a Platform for Health Sensor Data Reflection and Physical Activity Promotion in a Family Setting. 2016. *Forum on Population Health Equity. Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health*.
- [2] Elizabeth Stowell, Mercedes Lyson, Rene Wurth, **Herman Saksono**, Holly Jimison, Misha Pavel, Andrea G. Parker. mHealth Research in Vulnerable Populations: A Systematic Review. 2016. *Forum on Population Health Equity. Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health*.

- [3] Ashwini Ranade, **Herman Saksono**, Andrea Grimes Parker, et al. Community-driven technology intervention promoting physical activity in a low-income neighborhood. 2014. *142nd APHA Annual Meeting*.

## INVITED TALKS AND TEACHING

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<b>Yale University, U.S.</b> User-Centered Design of Digital Health Tools (BIS/SBS 640). Guest lecture for Dr. Terika McCall Title: “ <i>User-Centered Design for Enhancing Health Equity</i> ”	March 2022
<b>Columbia University, Department of Biomedical Informatics, U.S.</b> Title: “ <i>Social Health Informatics</i> ”	March 2022
<b>University of Washington, U.S.</b> <b>Clinical Informatics &amp; Patient-Centered Technologies Keynote</b> Title: “ <i>The Sociality of Personal Health Informatics</i> ”	September 2021
<b>University of Washington, U.S.</b> <b>DUB Seminar</b> Title: “ <i>Interpersonal Health Informatics: The Characteristics of Social Personal Informatics</i> ”	February 2021
<b>Harvard University, Cambridge, U.S.</b> Design of Useful and Usable Interactive Systems (CS 179, Undergraduate). Guest lecture for Dr. Elena Glassman Title: “ <i>Designing Techs for Countering The Societal Origins of Injustices</i> ”	Spring 2021
AI for Social Impact (CS 288, Graduate) Guest lecture for Dr. Milind Tambe. Title: “ <i>Designing Techs for Countering The Societal Origins of Health Disparities</i> ”	Spring 2021
<b>Northeastern University, Boston, U.S.</b> Theory and Methods in HCI (Ph.D. CS core course, 8 students) Guest lecture for Dr. Magy Seif El-Nasr. Title: “ <i>Self-Determination Theory and Motivation</i> ”	Fall 2019
Human Computer Interaction (Undergraduate CS, 49 students) Guest lecture for Stefán Ólafsson. Title: “ <i>Envisioning and Paper Prototyping</i> ”	Fall 2019
Society, Behavior and Health (Public health graduate course, 35 students) Guest lecture for Dr. Chris Chanyasulkit. Title: “ <i>Health Technology Design</i> ”	Fall 2019
Teaching Assistant for Program Design Paradigm <i>CS 5010</i> Instructor: Dr. Mitchell Wand	Spring 2013

## VOLUNTEER WORK

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<b>Program Committee</b>	2020-2022
· ACM CHI Papers, Associate Chair (2021-2022)	
· ACM CSCW Papers (PACM HCI Journal), Associate Chair (2020-2023)	
· Frontiers In Digital Health: Human Factors and Digital Health, Guest Associate Editor (2021-2022)	

- ACM CHI Late-Breaking Work, Associate Chair (2020)
- Pervasive Health, Program Committee member (2020)

### Paper Submissions Reviewer

2016-2021

- ACM CHI Paper (2017-2021) and Late-Breaking Work (2016-2021)
- ACM CSCW Paper (2018-2022)
- IEEE Vis (2022)
- ACM UbiComp/IMWUT (2017, 2020, 2021, 2022)
- ACM Transactions on Computer-Human Interaction (TOCHI) (2019-2021)
- International Journal of Medical Informatics (2021)
- International Journal of Human - Computer Studies IJHCS (2021-2022)
- IEEE Transactions on Games (2019-2020)
- ACM CHI Play (2018, 2022)
- ACM DIS (2018)

### Seminar, Symposium, and Workshop Organizer

2019-2021

- **AI for Social Impact Seminar Series, Harvard University** Spring 2021  
Co-chair with Arpita Biswas, Ph.D.
- **WISH 2020 - The Workgroup on Interactive Systems in Health** Nov 2020  
Technology & Logistics Co-chair
- **Social Technologies for Digital Wellbeing Among Marginalized Communities** Nov 2019  
Michael A. Devito, Ashley Marie Walker, Jeremy Birnholtz, Kathryn Ringland, Kathryn Macapagal, Ashley Kraus, Sean Munson, Calvin Liang, **Herman Saksono**. 2019. Social Technologies for Digital Wellbeing Among Marginalized Communities. *CSCW 2019*. November 10, 2019. Austin, TX. Co-organizer.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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- Honorable Mention Paper Awards, ACM CHI** 2018, 2021  
Honored to exceptional articles in CHI publications (5% of submissions).
- Dean's Fellowship, Northeastern University** 2014 - 2015  
Offered to the most outstanding Ph.D. students who demonstrate exceptional academic promise.
- Fulbright M.S. Scholarship, U.S. Department of State** 2012-2014  
International educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government.
- Google's Internet at Liberty conference fellow, Google** 2012  
Conference to bring together NGOs, academics, governments and corporations focused on the many issues of internet liberty and creative ways to address these challenges.

## STUDENTS SUPERVISED

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### Master's Students, Research Assistants

- Arushi Singh (*MFA in Information Design and Visualization, Northeastern University*)

- Renee Black (*Public Health, Northeastern University*)
- Krrish Mittal (*Computer Science, Northeastern University*)
- Amritansh Tripathi (*Computer Science, Northeastern University*)
- Syed Aman Alam (*Computer Science, Northeastern University*)
- Raj Kukadia (*Computer Science, Northeastern University*)

### Undergraduate Students, Capstones

- Amanda Carreiro (*Health Sciences, capstone, Northeastern University*)
- Johnothon Smiley (*Health Sciences, capstone, Northeastern University*)
- Chloe Eng (*Health Sciences, capstone, Northeastern University*)

### Undergraduate Students, Research Assistants

- Joyce Tian (*Applied Mathematics, Harvard University*)
- Nur Selin Akbulut (*Health Sciences, Northeastern University*)
- Sarina Dass (*Data Science, Northeastern University*)
- Shreya Singh (*Computer Science, Northeastern University*)
- Lilian Ngweta (*CRA-W DREU visiting undergrad from Arizona State University*)
- Bahar Haji-Sheikhi (*Computer Science, Northeastern University*)
- Parul Sharma (*Computer Science, Northeastern University*)

## PROJECTS

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### Unemployment Visualization among Minoritized Populations

2020-

*Project Lead, Harvard University*

*Collaborators: Shahin Jabbari (Drexel University), Hila Bernstein, Ronald Marlow (ABCD)*

- Led the the requirement gathering and inter-institution agreements.
- Led the design and development of the visualization tool.

### Experiential Learning Systems for Promoting Wellness in Low-Income Families

2016 - 2020

*Graduate Research Assistant, Northeastern University. Grant: NSF CHS #1618406*

*PI: Andrea G. Parker, Co-PIs: Jessica Hoffman, Carmen Sceppa, Magy Seif El-Nasr.*

- Led the user-centered design processes with the PIs.
- Conducted and qualitatively analyzed semi-structured interviews with adult caregivers and children.
- Led the design and the development of a mobile app prototype using Android (Java), Firebase, and Python.
- Mentored computer science and health science students.

### Digital Support for Alzheimers Disease Caregivers

2016-2019

*Graduate Research Assistant, Northeastern University*

*PI: Margie Lachman (Brandeis U.), NEU Site PI: Carmen Sceppa, Co-I: Andrea G. Parker*

- Led the development of a mobile app prototype using Android (Java).

### Systematic Review on mHealth Interventions for Vulnerable Populations

2015 - 2018

*Graduate Research Assistant, Northeastern University. Grant: AETNA Foundation.*

*PI: Andrea G. Parker, Co-PIs: Holly Jimison, Misha Pavel.*

- Co-conducted data extraction and quality assessment on a total of 83 research papers

**Community-Driven Technologies for Physical Activity Promotion in Families** 2013-2014

*Graduate Research Assistant, Northeastern University. Grant: Northeastern University Tier 1*

*Lead Co-PI: Andrea G. Parker; Co-PIs: Jessica Hoffman & Carmen Sceppa.*

- Developed a web-based collaborative exercise game using Fitbit API, PHP, and JavaScript.
- Conducted interviews, focus groups, and participatory design workshops with adult caregivers and children.
- Conducted inductive qualitative analysis on the interview data.