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Computer Science Education  
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## EDUCATION

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**University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)** *September 2020 - Present*  
Ph.D. in Computer Science  
Advisor: Colleen M. Lewis

**Amherst College, Massachusetts** *September 2016 - May 2020*  
Bachelor of Arts cum Laude with Distinction  
Computer Science and Sexuality, Women's, and Gender Studies

## FELLOWSHIPS

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**UIUC**  
Broadening Participation in Computing (BPC) Fellowship *May 2021 - August 2022*  
Ray Ozzie Fellowship *August 2020 - May 2021*

## HONORS/AWARDS

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**UIUC**  
CS Dept. Outstanding Teaching Assistants *Fall 2022*

**Conference Awards**  
ICER Best Paper Honorable Mention Award *August 2024*

## PEER-REVIEWED, ARCHIVED, CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS

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**Isenegger, K.**, Fowler, M., Hammer, D., Leff, B., Gertner, Y., and Pitt, L. (*Forthcoming*). Integrating a CS+Social Science Project into STEM and Non-STEM High School Courses. *Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education (SIGCSE '25)*

**Isenegger, K.** and Lewis, C. M. (*Forthcoming*). Replicating a Goal-Congruity Intervention. *Journal of Computing Sciences in Colleges (CCSC Rocky Mountain '24)*

Ojha, V., Watkins, A., Perdriau, C., **Isenegger, K.**, and Lewis, C. M. (2024). Instructional Transparency: Just to Be Clear, It's a Good Thing. *ACM Conference on International Computing Education Research (ICER '24)*

**Isenegger, K.**, Fowler, M., Gertner, Y., Hegeman-Davis, R., and Pitt, L. (2024). Designing and Piloting a High School CS+X Topics Course. *Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education (SIGCSE '24)*

**Isenegger, K.**, George, K., Lewis, C. M., and Bruno, P. (2023). Goal-Congruity Theory Predicts Students Sense of Belonging in Computing Across Racial/Ethnic Groups. *Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education (SIGCSE '23)*

**Isenegger, K.**, Birhane, Y., Ojha, V., Coxe, C. and Lewis, C. (2021). Understanding and Expanding College Students' Perceptions of Computing's Social Impact. *6th Annual Conference on Research in Equity and Sustained Participation in Engineering, Computing, and Technology (RESPECT '21)*

**Isenegger, K.**, Dong, Y., Shang, M., Furst, J. and Stan-Raicu, D. (2019). Characterizing and Quantifying Diagnostic (Un)Certainty in Medical Reports Through Natural Language Processing. *6th Annual Conference on Computational Science and Computational Intelligence (CSCI '19)*

**Isenegger, K.**, Dong, Y., Glaser, E., Morain, A. and Gemmell, J. (2019). Comparing Automatically Extracted Topics from Online Mental Health Disorder Forums. *6th Annual Conference on Computational Science and Computational Intelligence (CSCI '19)*

## WORKSHOPS

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Lewis, C. M., Fowler, M., **Isenegger, K.**, Ojha, V., Perdriau, C., Saffar Pérez, M., (2022) Using Physical Models of Java to Make Abstract Concepts Concrete. *Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education (SIGCSE '23)*

## TEACHING

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### UIUC

Discrete Math for CS Teachers *Fall 2024*

Discrete Structures *Spring 2024*

CS0: Intro CS for Non-Majors *Spring 2021, Fall 2022*

CS Research and Service Seminar *Fall 2021, Spring 2022*

User Interface Design *Fall 2020*

### Academy High (Champaign, IL)

CS Elective: CS+X *Fall 2023*

### Digital Scholars (Chicago, IL)

Discovering Electronic and Computer Engineering *Summer 2023*

### UIUC Laboratory High School

CS Elective: CS+X *Spring 2023*

### Amherst College

CS1: Intro to CS *Spring 2018, Spring 2020*

Algorithms (Lead TA) *Fall 2019*

CS2: Intro to CS 2 *Fall 2018*

### Tutoring

Python, HTML *May 2022 - October 2024*

## SERVICE

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**Illinois High School Summer CS Research Program** *January 2023 - Present*  
Program organizer and mentor

**Chicago Pre-College Science and Engineering Program** *April 2024*  
Teacher

**Grainger Engineering Summer Camps** *July; 2022, 2024*  
Teacher

**Upward Bound Summer Internship Program** *Summer; 2022-2024*  
Mentor and teacher

**BPC K-12 Outreach and Recruiting Subcommittee** *September 2021 - May 2023*

**UIUC CS Direct Reading Program**

*December 2022 - January 2023*

**UIUC Education Justice Project**

*April 2023*

CS Workshop teacher

**Illinois CS Kickstart (College Bridge Program)**

*August 2021, 2022*

Lead organizer and teacher

**UIUC Graduate Students Union (GEO)**

CS department steward

*August 2021 - May 2023*

Officer at large

*August 2021 - May 2022*

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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**Syntax Exercise Project**

*November 2023 - Present*

Advisor: Colleen M. Lewis      Institution: UIUC

**High School Mentoring Project**

*September 2023 - Present*

Advisor: Yael Gertner      Institution: UIUC

**CS+X Curriculum Project**

*January 2022 - Present*

Advisor: Yael Gertner      Institution: UIUC

**Goal Congruity Theory Project**

*January 2021 - Present*

Advisor: Colleen M. Lewis      Institution: UIUC

**Instructional Transparency Project**

*January 2024 - August 2024*

Advisor: Colleen M. Lewis      Institution: UIUC

**BPC Enactment Strategies Project**

*October 2020 - April 2024*

Advisor: Colleen M. Lewis      Institution: UIUC

**Devaluation Theory Project**

*January 2022 - June 2023*

Advisor: Colleen M. Lewis      Institution: UIUC

**User-Interface for Unstructured Feedback Project**

*August 2020 - December 2020*

Advisor: Brian Bailey      Institution: UIUC

**Data Mining Approximation Algorithm Project**

*September 2019 - May 2020*

Advisor: Matteo Riondato      Institution: Amherst College

**Diagnostic Uncertainty Natural Language Processing Project**

*June 2019 - November 2019*

Advisor: Jacob Furst      Institution: DePaul University

**Mental Health Reddit Natural Language Processing Project**

*June 2019 - November 2019*

Advisor: Jacob Furst      Institution: DePaul University