

Chris Hill

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Hello

Chris Hill is a creative technologist, human augmentation researcher, and interaction designer. He uses wearables, human augmentation, and multimodal interfaces to design technologies that enable novel and immersive sensory experiences.

Education

08/2020 – 12/2022 Boulder, CO	University of Colorado, Boulder M.S. in Creative Technology & Design, ATLAS Institute
08/2016 – 07/2020 Boulder, CO	University of Colorado, Boulder B.A. in Computer Science, Department of Computer Science

Publications

Grand Challenges in WaterHCI

Florian 'Floyd' Mueller, Maria F. Montoya, Sarah Jane Pell, Leif Oppermann Fraunhofer, Paul H Dietz, Joe Marshall, Scott Bateman, Ian Smith, Swamy Ananthanarayan, Ali Mazalek, Alexander Verni, Alexander Bakogee, Mathieu Simonnet, Kirsten Ellis, Nathan Arthur Semertzidis, Winslow Burleson, John Quarles, Steve Mann, **Chris Hill**, Christal Clashing, Don Samitha Elvitigala
In Proceedings of CHI 2024: ACM CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems. Honolulu, Hawaii. 11-16 May 2024.

Auto-Paizo Games: Towards Understanding the Design of Games that Unify a Player's Physical Body and the Digital World

Rakesh Patibanda, **Chris Hill**, Aryan Saini, Xiang Li, Yuzheng Chen, Shreyas Nisal, Jarrod Knibbe, Elise van den Hoven, Florian 'Floyd' Mueller.
In Proceedings of Computer-Human Interaction in Play (CHI PLAY). 10-13 October 2023 – Stratford, Canada.

Investigating Sensory Extensions as Input for Interactive Simulations

Chris Hill, Casey Hunt, Sammie Crowder, Brett L. Fiedler, Emily B. Moore, Ann Eisenberg.
In Proceedings of TEI '23: ACM International Conference on Tangible, Embedded and Embodied Interaction, Work in Progress. Warsaw, Poland. February 26 - March 1, 2023.

What to Design Next: Actuated Materials and Soft Robots for Children

Chris Hill, Ruoqia Sun, Ellen Yi-Luen Do.
ACM CHI 2022 Workshop 39: Actuated Materials and Soft Robotics Strategies for Human Computer Interaction Design. New Orleans, LA. May 1, 2022.

Actuating Myself: Designing Hand-Games Incorporating Electrical Muscle Stimulation

Rakesh Patibanda, Xiang Li, Yuzheng Chen, Aryan Saini, **Chris Hill**, Elise van den Hoven, Florian 'Floyd' Mueller.
In Proceedings of CHI PLAY '21: ACM Annual Symposium on Computer-Human Interaction in Play. Virtual Event. October 18-21, 2021.

The ThreadBoard: Designing an E-Textile Rapid Prototyping Board

Chris Hill, Michael Schneider, Ann Eisenberg, Mark D Gross.
In Proceedings of TEI '21: ACM International Conference on Tangible, Embedded and Embodied Interaction. New York, NY. February 14-17, 2021.

A Wearable Meter That Actively Monitors the Continuity of E-Textile Circuits as They Are Sewn

Chris Hill, Michael Schneider, Mark D Gross, Ann Eisenberg, Arielle Blum.
In Proceedings of FabLearn 2020. New York, NY. October 10-11, 2020.

A Software Debugger for E-textiles and Arduino Microcontrollers

Michael Schneider, **Chris Hill**, Mark D Gross, Ann Eisenberg, Arielle Blum.

In Proceedings of FabLearn 2020. New York, NY. October 10-11, 2020.

“Our Dog Probably Thinks Christmas Is Really Boring”: Re-mediating Science Education for Feminist-inspired Inquiry

Annie Kelly, Christine Chang, **Chris Hill**, Mary West, Mary Yoder, Joe Polman, Shaun Kane, Michael Eisenberg, R. Ben Shapiro.

In Proceedings of the International Conference of the Learning Sciences. Nashville, TN. June 19-23, 2020.

Development and Preliminary Testing of an Augmented Reality System For Extravehicular Activity Operation.

Carlos Pinedo, Jordan Dixon, Christine Chang, Donna Auguste, Mckenna Brewer, Cassidy Jensen, **Chris Hill**, Devin Desilva, Amanda Jones, Jim Voss, Allison Anderson.

In Proceedings of International Conference on Environmental Systems (ICES 2019). Boston, MA. June 15-18, 2019.

Honors and Awards

2021 - IEEE World Haptics Conference Student Innovation Contest Honorable Mention

2020 - Graduate School Diversity Recruitment Fellowship

2019 - NASA SUITS Challenge (proposal accepted by NASA)

2019 - Google CS Research Mentorship Program Recipient

2019 - Computing Research Association: Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher Honorable Mention

2019 - Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) Grant

2018 - NASA SUITS Challenge (proposal accepted by NASA)

2018 - 2020 - McNair Research Grants

2018 - McNair Scholar

Experience

05/2023 – present

Disney Imagineering

Associate R&D Imagineer

Manager: Jonathan Becker

01/2023 – 04/2023

Meow Wolf - Denver

Exhibition Technology, working on current and future exhibition anchors

Manager: Eric Davis

12/2020 – 05/2023

Exertion Games Lab

Collaborator on Rakesh Patibanda's "EMS Games" project

Advisor: Dr. Florian "Floyd" Mueller (Monash U) & Dr. Elise Van Den Hoven (UoT Sydney)

01/2021 – 03/2022

THING Lab

Graduate researcher in Transformative Human Interfaces for the Next Generation (THING) Lab

Advisors: Dr. Daniel Leithinger (CU)

01/2022 – 08/2022

PhET Interactive Simulations

Research Assistant on NSF grant "Inclusively-Designed Sensory Extensions for STEM Inquiry Learning" (Award #2119303)

Advisors: Dr. Emily B. Moore (PhET) & Dr. Ann Eisenberg (CU)

05/2021 – 08/2021

Cyborg Crafts

Human augmentation / HCI student research group

07/2019 – 07/2022

Debugging by Design

Research Assistant on NSF Grant "Debugging by Design" (award #1742081)

Advisors: Dr. Ann Eisenberg (CU) & Dr. Mark D Gross (CU).

- 09/2019 – 07/2020 **Google**
CS Research Mentorship Program (CSRMP)
Mentors: Dr. Huisheng Wang (Google) & Sloan Davis (Google)
- 08/2018 – 08/2020 **NASA**
Spacesuit User Interface Technologies for Students (SUITS) Challenge
Hardware lead (2018), outreach lead (2018-2019), and project manager (2019) of a student group that participated in the NASA SUITS challenge (two proposals accepted by NASA)
Advisors: Dr. Allison Anderson (CU), Col. James Voss (CU), Dr. Bradley Hayes (CU), Dr. Aaron Johnson (CU), & Angelica Garcia (NASA)
- 08/2018 – 07/2019 **Laboratory for Playful Computation**
Undergraduate research assistant on NSF grant "Catalyzing Scientific Inquiry and Engineering through Wearable Intersubjective Sensation Devices" (Award #1736051)
Advisors: Dr. Mike Eisenberg (CU), Dr. Joe Polman (CU), & Dr. Ben Shapiro (CU)
- 07/2017 – 07/2020 **Craft Tech Lab**
Undergraduate independent projects funded through TRIO, UROP, and McNair research grants
Advisors: Dr. Mike Eisenberg (CU) & Dr. Ann Eisenberg (CU)

Teaching and Workshops

- Summer 2022* Workshop facilitator, "Explore Engineering Science Discovery - Sensory Extension Co-Design Workshop" (ages 14 - 17)
- Summer 2022* Workshop facilitator, "Build a Better Book project (BBB) - Sensory Extension Co-Design Workshop" (ages 14 - 17)
- Spring 2022* Workshop facilitator, "Rapid Prototyping - T9Hacks" (Undergraduate)
- Fall 2021* Teaching assistant, ATLS 3300: Object (Undergraduate)
- Fall 2021* Workshop facilitator, "E-Textiles: Sewable Circuits" (Graduate)
- Summer 2021* Workshop facilitator, "Smart Garments: Creating e-Textiles" (ages 10 - 14)
- Summer 2021* Workshop facilitator, "E-Textiles Camp: Sewing programmable circuits into fabric!" (ages 10 - 14)
- Summer 2021* Guest lecturer, ATLS 3300: Object (Undergraduate)
- Spring 2019 - 2021* Volunteer, ATLS 5519: Wearable Technologies (Undergraduate & Graduate)

Invited Talks and Panels

- Fall 2021* - Invited panelist, "CSRMP Alumni panel", Google CSRMP
- Fall 2021* - Invited panelist, "Colorado/Wyoming/Denver Metro LSAMP Visit Day", Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP) program
- Spring 2021* - Invited talk, "Cyborg Crafts", Exertion Games Lab
- Spring 2021* - Invited talk, "Introduction to Wearable Technologies", T9Hacks
- Spring 2021* - Invited panelist, "Demystifying Grad School", McNair Scholars Program (CU Boulder)

Service

Reviewer

- 2021 - Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI)
- 2021 - Interaction Design and Children (IDC)
- 2021 - CHI Interactivity
- 2020 - FabLearn ACM

Selected Press Articles

- 2022 - Adafruit "Visualize and Hear Ultrasonic Frequencies With a Third Ear #WearableWednesday" [↗](#)
- 2022 - Hackster.io "Chris Hill's 'Third Ear' Wearable Lets Your Hear — or See — in Ultrasonic Frequencies" [↗](#)
- 2022 - Hackster.io "Making Magnetic Fields Visible with Light Painting" [↗](#)
- 2022 - ARDUINO "Use light painting to visualize magnetic fields" [↗](#)

2022 - Digi-Key "A Nose for Art [Maker Update] | Maker.io" [↗](#)
2022 - Hackster.io "Visualizing Smells in a Room with an AI-Powered Nose and Light Painting" [↗](#)
2021 - Computer Research Association (CRA) "Reimagining Human Sensation" [↗](#)
2021 - HACKADAY "FLEXIBLE PROTOTYPING FOR E- TEXTILES THAT DOESN'T COST AN ARM AND A LEG [↗](#) "
2021 - ARDUINO "This sensory extension puppet lets you detect magnetic fields like a bird [↗](#) "
2020 - HACKADAY "MAGNETS MAKE PROTOTYPING E-TEXTILES A SNAP" [↗](#)
2020 - Colorado Engineer Magazine "FALL 2019: THE CHANGE ISSUE" [↗](#)
2020 - Amanda Jones "Christian Hill on Transhumanism" [↗](#)
2019 - Gizmodo “猫のきもちがわる？ コロラド大学でウェアラブル猫ヒゲが作られる。” [↗](#)
2019 - Victor Lee, R. Benjamin Shapiro “Learning in a digital world - perspectives on interactive technologies for formal and informal education.” A Broad View of Wearables as Learning Technologies: Current and Emerging Applications, pp. 15 - 17. [↗](#)
2019 - ARDUINO TEAM “Experience the world like a cat with this whisker-style sensory extension.” [↗](#)