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My research focuses on designing **social technologies to support youth flourishing**. I take a mixed-methods approach, using a broad methods toolkit (e.g., design workshops, system deployments, community-based participatory research). To interpret results, I combine qualitative (e.g., thematic analysis) and quantitative analyses (e.g., inferential statistics).

Keywords: Human-Computer Interaction, Social Computing, Human-Centered Design, Social Media, Online Communities, Usable Privacy, Digital Youth

EDUCATION

- 2026
(Expected) **University of Washington**, Seattle, WA.
Ph.D. Information Science (Advisor: [Alexis Hiniker](#))
Thesis Committee: [Alexis Hiniker](#), [Katie Davis](#), [Amy X. Zhang](#), [Casey Fiesler](#), [Sean Munson](#)
- 2024 **University of Washington**, Seattle, WA.
M.Sc. Information Science
- 2022 **Seoul National University**. Seoul, South Korea.
College of Liberal Studies, *Magna Cum Laude*.
B.Eng., Computer Science and Engineering
B.A., Psychology
B.A., The Study of Happiness (*student-designed major across Education, Ethics, Religious Studies*)

PUBLICATIONS

* indicates equal contribution.

REFEREED CONFERENCE AND JOURNAL PAPERS (ACCEPTANCE RATE <30%)

- [C.9]
AIES '25 Robert Wolfe, Aayushi Dangol, **JaeWon Kim**, Alexis Hiniker. Toward Nonviolent Design: Co-Designing a Human-Centered Framework for AI-Mediated Communication. *AAAI/ACM Conference on AI, Ethics, and Society* (AIES '25).
- [C.8]
SOUPS '25 **JaeWon Kim**, Robert Wolfe, Ramya Bhagirathi Subramanian, Mei-Hsuan Lee, Jessica Colnago, Alexis Hiniker. [Trust-Enabled Privacy: Social Media Designs to Support Adolescent User Boundary Regulation](#). *USENIX Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security* (SOUPS '25).
- [C.7]
IDC '25 Aayushi Dangol, Robert Wolfe, Runhua Zhao, **JaeWon Kim**, Trushaa Ramanan, Katie Davis, Julie A. Kientz. Children's Mental Models of AI Reasoning: Implications for AI Literacy Education. *In Proceedings of the 24th Annual ACM Interaction Design and Children Conference*. (IDC '25).
- [C.6]
CSCW '25 Hyeyoung Ryu, **JaeWon Kim**, Sungha Kang, Wanda Pratt. Improving Online Communities for Stigmatized Healthcare: Countering In-Group Microaggressions and Fostering Supportive Connections. *In Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction*. (CSCW '25).

- [C.5]
CSCW '25 **JaeWon Kim**, Soobin Cho*, Robert Wolfe*, Jishnu Hari Nair, Alexis Hiniker. [Privacy as Social Norm: Systematically Reducing Dysfunctional Privacy Concerns on Social Media](#). *In Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction*. (CSCW '25).
- [C.4]
CHI '25 Katie Davis, Rotem Landesman, Jina Yoon, **JaeWon Kim**, Danny Muñoz Lopez, Lucía Magis-Weinberg, Alexis Hiniker. [“You Go Through So Many Emotions Scrolling Through Instagram”](#): How Teens Use Instagram To Regulate Their Emotions. *ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems*. (CHI '25).
- [C.3]
CSCW '24 **JaeWon Kim**, Robert Wolfe, Ishita Chordia, Katie Davis, Alexis Hiniker. [“Sharing, Not Showing Off”](#): How BeReal Approaches Authentic Self-Presentation on Social Media Through Its Design. *In Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction*. (CSCW '24).
- [C.2]
DIS '24 Ishita Chordia, **JaeWon Kim**, Zhuoyan Liu, Hayley Park, Lesley Garrett, Sheena Erete, Christopher A Le Dantec, Jason Yip, Alexis Hiniker. [Tuning into the World: Designing Community Safety Technologies to Reduce Dysfunctional Fear of Crime](#). *In Proceedings of the 2024 ACM Conference on Designing Interactive Systems* (DIS '24).
- [C.1]
IDC '24 Rotem Landesman, Jina Yoon, **JaeWon Kim**, Danny Muñoz Lopez, Lucía Magis-Weinberg, Alexis Hiniker, Katie Davis. [“I Just Don’t Care Enough To Be Interested”](#): Teens’ Moment-By-Moment Experiences on Instagram. *In Proceedings of the 23rd Annual ACM Interaction Design and Children Conference* (IDC '24).

WORKSHOPS ORGANIZED

- [W.2]
CSCW '25
Companion **JaeWon Kim**, Jiaying “Lizzy” Liu*, Lindsay Popowski*, Cassidy Pyle*, Ahmer Arif, Gillian R. Hayes, Alexis Hiniker, Wendy Ju, Florian ‘Floyd’ Mueller, Hua Shen, Sowmya Somanath, Casey Fiesler, Yasmine Kotturi. [Design for Hope: Cultivating Deliberate Hope in the Face of Complex Societal Challenges](#). *Companion Publication of the 2025 Conference on Computer Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing* (CSCW '25 Companion).
- [W.1]
CSCW '24
Companion **JaeWon Kim***, Lindsay Popowski*, Anna Fang, Cassidy Pyle, Guo Freeman, Ryan M. Kelly, Angela Y. Lee, Fannie Liu, Angela D. R. Smith, Alexandra To, Amy X. Zhang. [Envisioning New Futures of Positive Social Technology: Beyond Paradigms of Fixing, Protecting, and Preventing](#). *Companion Publication of the 2025 Conference on Computer Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing* (CSCW '24 Companion).

FUNDING

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- 2025 **Community-Engaged Computing Initiative (\$1,500)**, University of Washington
JaeWon Kim, *Empowering Teens’ Voices: Co-creating Age-Appropriate Social Media with Youth Online Community* (Faculty sponsor: Alexis Hiniker)
- 2024 **Student Technology Fee Funding (\$45,094.81)**, University of Washington
JaeWon Kim, *UW Social Media Virtual Makerspace* (Faculty sponsor: Alexis Hiniker)
- 2023–2024 **Global Innovation Fund Research Awards (\$45,242)**, University of Washington
JaeWon Kim (*Key personnel and lead proposal writer*), Alexis Hiniker (PI)

HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2025 **SOUPS 2025 Student Grant**, USENIX Student
- 2022–2025 **CERES (Connecting the EdTech Research EcoSystem) Scholar**, Jacobs Foundation
- 2020–2022 **Korea Student Aid Foundation Scholarship**, Republic of Korea
Full coverage of tuition and stipend for 2 years
- 2016–2018 **National Scholarship for Humanities and Social Sciences**, Republic of Korea
Full coverage of tuition and stipend for 2 years, Top < 0.1% nationwide
- 2016–2017 **Scholarship of Excellence and Act of Service**, Seoul Scholarship Foundation
Full coverage of tuition and stipend for 1 year, Top < 1% nationwide
- 2016–2020 **Undergraduate Research Grant (~\$21,000)**, Seoul National University
Lead proposal writer for six undergraduate research projects selected for funding
- 2016 **Certificate of Excellence in Peer Tutoring**, Seoul National University
Top 2 tutors university-wide

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Winter 2026, 2025, 2024 Teaching Assistant, **INSC 571: Quantitative Methods in Information Science** (Prof. Jacob Wobbrock), Univ. of Washington
- Fall 2024 Teaching Assistant, **INFO 360: Design Methods** (Dr. Melroy D'Souza), Univ. of Washington
- Spring 2024 Teaching Assistant, **INFO 370: Core Methods in Data Science** (Dr. Ott Toomet), Univ. of Washington
- Spring 2018 Teaching Assistant, **Brain-Mind-Behavior (2071.301)** (Prof. Sowon Hahn), Seoul National University
- Summer 2016 Teaching Assistant, **Introduction to Psychology** (Prof. Sowon Hahn), International Summer Institute, Seoul National University

SELECTED INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Aug 2025 **Privacy You Can Feel: Youth Visions of Embodied, Playful Boundaries Online**
USENIX Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security (SOUPS), Seattle, WA, USA
- May 2025 **Rethinking Social Media for Youth: From Fear-Based Narrative to Relational Design**
Stanford University HCI Lunch, Palo Alto, CA, USA
- May 2025 **Social Media Isn't Just Instagram: Envisioning Relationship-Centered Platform for Youth**
The Ministry of Finance, Japan, and the Canon Institute for Global Studies (Host: Prof. Tatsuyoshi Saijo), Tokyo, Japan
- May 2025 **Hopeful by Design: Design Thinking in the Everyday Life of a PhD**
Univ. of Washington, INSC 573: Design Inquiry and Methods in Information Science (Prof. Nassim Parvin), Seattle, WA, USA

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

- 2024– **Reviewer**
 CHI 2026, CSCW 2026, DIS 2025, CHI 2025 LBW, CSCW 2025, CHI 2025, CSCW 2024
- 🏆 Special Recognitions for Outstanding Reviews**
 2×CHI 2025 LBW, CSCW 2025, CSCW 2024
- Department Service**
- 2025–2026,
 2024–2025 PhD Representative for UW iSchool Faculty Search Committee
- 2025, 2024 UW iSchool Pre-Application Mentorship Service
- Research Community Leadership**
- 2023– Founder and Lead, [The Positive Social Computing Research Community \(Positech\)](#)
Research collective of researchers across schools focused on social technologies for human flourishing.
- 2020– Co-Founder, K-HCI Roundtable Group
Weekly research collective of Korean HCI scholars across the U.S. and Korea, 20+ members to date.