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EXPERIENCE

2004 - Present Palo Alto Research Center, Inc. Palo Alto, California

Member of Research Staff

Research in Human-Computer Interaction relating to the adaptation and adoption of social technologies to improve collaboration and sensemaking. Responsibilities include leading a quantitative evaluation of performance factors when using a social annotation (tagging) system, developing new technologies for collaboration (email-based social tagging, selective sharing of content using active keyword tags), conducting fieldwork, intellectual property development and exploratory prototyping for informal information sharing in organizations. Research also focused on end-user innovations and platform/system integration requirements (Web mashups, adaptable application/service design), usable access control. Other research involved management consulting to a multi-national client on tools for system engineering. Skills employed include project management, ethnographic fieldwork, application design, programming, system evaluation, and presentation and publication of research findings. Research products include prototypes, intellectual property, presentations, and publications.

1995 - 2004 FX Palo Alto Laboratory Palo Alto, California

Senior Research Scientist

Research in Human-Computer Interaction relating to ubiquitous computing, mobile computing, and social technologies. Responsibilities included leadership and participation in all phases of research. Resulting commercial products included interactive public displays for information sharing both online and in physical places (cafés and offices), and physically embodied interfaces for manipulating digital media presentations. Research products include two products, 20 U.S. patents granted, other intellectual property, prototypes, presentations, and publications. Prototypes and patents included improvements for public cell phone use and desktop support of conversations over digital content.

1988 - 1995 Lockheed Missiles & Space Company Palo Alto, California

Data Systems Engineer, Software Systems Consultant, Reengineering Project Manager

Research in Software Engineering relating to the tools and practices for development of large-scale, real-time, mission critical systems. Domains of application included computer aided software engineering, software reuse and software reengineering. Responsibilities included leadership and participation in all phases of research, technology transfer to product organizations, and management consulting on software engineering delivered in the multi-year formation of a joint-venture software company (Telstar Systems of Australia).

1983 - 1987 IBM/Federal Systems Division Palo Alto, California

Senior Associate Programmer

Programming of large-scale, real-time, mission critical systems. Responsibilities included the detailed design, code, and test of software components, and the development of tools for programming teams a standard text editor.

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EDUCATION

1985 - 1987 State University of New York Binghamton, New York
38 Graduate Credits, Systems Sciences, Course work funded by IBM in Modeling and Simulation and other areas of Systems Science, GPA 4.0

1979 - 1982 Univeristy of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin
MSCS, Major: Mathematical Programming

1975 - 1979 State University of New York Binghamton, New York
BS, Major: Mathematics and Computing Engineering

INVENTIONS

2001 - Present 21 US Patents Granted
7610563, 7577916, 7546143,7519573, 7286649, 7272563, 7251316, 7249327, 7106852,
7089278, 7013279, 6941342, 6823184, 6773177, 6732915, 6580438, 6509909, 6320496,
6195093, 6175954; 13 others pending

SYSTEMS SKILLS

Professional programming in Ada, Applescript, Basic, C, C++, C#, Focal, Fortran, HTML/CGI, Java, Javascript, JSP, Jovial, Lisp, Modula, Pascal, Perl, PHP, Proto+, Python, Refine, SQL(MySQL), TCL/Tk, Visual Basic, XML/XQUERY/XSLT/XPATH, and low level languages (DEC PDP11 Assembler, Advance Radar Processor microcode, 1750A Assembler). Application programming in DEC VMS, RSX11, IBM VM/CMS, Palm OS, Windows 95/98/NT/XP, UNIX, Mac OSX 10.4, 10.5, 10.6. Systems programming and administration experience in DEC-RT11, RSTS, Windows Server 2003, Mac Snow Leopard Server.

ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS

1999 - Present Member of Association of Computing Machinery
2010 Awarded Senior Membership in the Association of Computing Machinery
2008 PARC Appreciation Award Going Above & Beyond
2006 PARC Outstanding Performance Delivering Results
1996 – 2004 FXPAL Significant Achievement Award ('96,'99, '01, '04)
1994 Lockheed Corporation Pursuit of Excellence Award
1979 President's Fellow, Trinity College
1975 Bausch & Lomb Science Award

PUBLICATIONS

- Nelson, L., Convertino, G., Nairn, R., Chi, E. H., Mail2Tag: information sharing through augmenting email practices with implicit tag-based categorization, to appear in Proc. of The 2011 International Conference on Collaboration Technologies and Systems (CTS 2011), 2011.
- Yee, N., Ducheneaut, N., Yao, M., Nelson, L., Do men heal more when in drag? Conflicting identity cues between user and avatar, to appear in Proc. 29th Annual CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI 2011), 2011.
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- Nelson, L., Convertino, G., Pirolli, P. L., Hong, L., Chi, E. H., Impact on process by a social annotation system: a social reading experiment. Proceedings of HCI International 2009, 2009.
- Churchill, E.F. and Nelson, L.D, Media Spaces to Placed Media: Ubiquitous Computing, Community Network and Public Space Publishing, in Media Space 20+ Years of Mediated Life, Chapter 5, Springer Series Computer Supported Cooperative Work, Harrison, Steve (Ed.), 2009.
- Nelson, L.; Held, C.; Pirolli, P. L.; Hong, L.; Schiano, D. J.; Chi, E. H. With a little help from my friends: examining the impact of social annotations in sensemaking tasks. exten
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- Nelson, L.; Smetters, D. K.; Churchill, E. F. Looking through the keyhole: snippet sharing in close collaborations. Demonstration at 2008 ACM Conference on Computer Supported Cooperative Work (CSCW 2008), 2008.
- Smetters, D. K.; Dalal, B.; Nelson, L.; Good, N.; Elliott, A. Ad-hoc guesting: when exceptions are the rule. ;login: the USENIX Magazine; 33 (4), 2008.
- Churchill, E.F., Nelson, L.D., Smetters, D.K., Useful Computer Security, IEEE Internet Computing, v. 12(3), pp. 10-12, May-June 2008.
- Nelson, L.D., Smetters, D., and Churchill, E. F. (2008): Keyholes: selective sharing in close collaboration. In: Proceedings of ACM CHI 2008, pp. 2443-2452, 2008.
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- Churchill, E. F.; Nelson, L. D., Interactive Community Bulletin Boards as Conversational Hubs and Sites for Playful Visual Repartee, Eighth Annual Workshop and Minitrack on Persistent Conversation, Hawai'i International Conference on Systems Science (HICSS), January 2007.
- Churchill, E. F.; Nelson, L. D., From Media Spaces to Emplaced Media: Digital Poster Boards and Community Connectedness, Workshop on Media Space, ACM Conference on Computer Supported Cooperative Work, 2006.
- Nelson, L. D.; Churchill, E. F. Mash Me Up, Mash Me Down: Restructuring Email for Content Sharing and Collaboration in Distributed Teams, Workshop on Mash-ups and CSCW, ACM Conference on Computer Supported Cooperative Work, 2006.
- Nelson, L. D.; Churchill, E. F., Repurposing: Techniques for reuse and integration of interactive systems, Proceedings of the 2006 IEEE International Conference on Information Reuse and Integration, pp. 490-495, 2006.
- Churchill, E. F.; Nelson, L. D.; Hsieh, G. Café life in the digital age: augmenting information flow in a café-work-entertainment space, Experience Report, CHI '06 Extended Abstracts of Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI 2006); 2006.
- Nelson, L., Churchill, E.F., User Experience of Physical-Digital Object Systems: Implications for Representation and Infrastructure, Workshop Paper, Workshop on Smart Objects, The Seventh International Conference on Ubiquitous Computing, UBIComp 2005, Tokyo, Japan, September 2005.

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- Bobrow, D., Cheslow, B., Churchill, E., Nelson, L., Whalen, J., Conversation Support in a Collaboration Space for a Distributed Workgroup, Workshop Paper, Workshop on Beyond Threaded Conversation, CHI 2005, Portland, OR, April 2, 2005.
- Churchill, E.F., Nelson, L., Denoue, L., Helfman, J., and Murphy, P., Sharing Multimedia Content with Interactive Displays: A Case Study, ACM DIS 2004, Cambridge, 2004.
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- Carter, S., Churchill, E.F., Denoue, L., Helfman, J., Murphy, P., and Nelson, L., Palimpsests on Public View: Annotating Community Content with Personal Devices, Scott Carter, Demonstration for UBICOMP 2003, Seattle, October 12-15th, 2003.
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Sherman, S., Nelson, L., Reuse Support for Ada Through Analysis of the Semantic Interface, Proceedings of First International Symposium on Environments and Tools for Ada, ACM, May 1990. r Ada, ACM, May 1990.

TEACHING

1982 University of Wisconsin. Madison, Wisconsin
Lecturer, Mathematical Programming Seminar, 1982, Developed instruction material and presented graduate seminar on Linear Programming.

1979 - 1982 University of Wisconsin. Madison, Wisconsin
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Independently designed instructional material and gave undergraduate course in Introduction to Computer Programming.

PATENTS GRANTED

Intellectual Property was developed in support of the strategic business directions of the FX Palo Alto Laboratory in terms of establishing a patent portfolio in mobile and ubiquitous computing. Further, patents on presentation support are related to the CardGear product offering from Fuji Xerox (since licensed to Toshiba Care Community, Japan).

- 7823070, Methods and systems for extending existing user interfaces
- 7610563, System and method for controlling the display of non-uniform graphical objects
- 7577916, Method and apparatus for management and representation of dynamic context
- 7546143, Multi-channel quiet calls
- 7519573, System and method for clipping repurposing and augmenting document content
- 7286649, Telecommunications infrastructure for generating conversation utterances to a remote listener in response to a quiet selection
- 7272563, Personal computer and scanner for generating conversation utterances to a remote listener in response to a quiet selection
- 7251316, Methods and systems for enabling conversations about task-centric physical objects
- 7249327, System and method for arranging manipulating and displaying objects in a graphical user interface
- 7106852, Telephone accessory for generating conversation utterances to a remote listener in response to a quiet selection
- 7089278, Anchored conversations: adhesive in-context virtual discussion forums
- 7013279, Personal computer and scanner for generating conversation utterances to a remote listener in response to a quiet selection
- 6941342, Method for generating conversation utterances to a remote listener in response to a quiet selection
- 6823184, Personal digital assistant for generating conversation utterances to a remote listener in response to a quiet selection
- 6773177, Method and system for position-aware freeform printing within a position-sensed area
- 6732915, Systems and methods for controlling a presentation using physical objects
- 6580438, Systems and methods for maintaining uniformity in a presentation environment
- 6509909, Systems and methods for controlling a presentation using physical objects
- 6320496, Systems and methods providing tactile guidance using sensory supplementation
- 6195093, Systems and method for controlling a presentation using physical objects
- 6175954, Computer programming using tangible user interface where physical icons (phicons) indicate: beginning and end of statements and program constructs; statements generated with re-programmable phicons and stored

TECHNICAL REPORTS

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Nelson, L., (co-author), Telstar Systems System Engineering Process, 1992

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