

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Education

- 2023 **Ph.D.**, Human-Computer Interaction  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Advisor: Dr. Louis-Philippe Morency  
**Thesis:**  
*Multimodal and Dyadic Modeling of Client-Therapist Interaction*
- 2022 **M.S.**, Human-Computer Interaction  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Advisor: Dr. Louis-Philippe Morency
- 2015 **B.S.**, Computer Science, **B.S.**, Mathematics, *magna cum laude*, 3.6/4.0  
North Carolina State University
- Minor concentrations: Cognitive Science, Physics  
Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Pi Sigma  
University Honors, Computer Science Honors, Mathematics Honors

### Research Experience

- 2016 – 2023 **Graduate Research Assistant**, Human-Computer Interaction Institute  
Carnegie Mellon University  
The MultiComp Lab (Dr. Louis-Philippe Morency)
- 2015 – 2016 **Graduate Research Assistant**, Center for Educational Informatics  
North Carolina State University  
The LearnDialogue Group (Dr. Kristy Boyer), The Intellimedia Group (Dr. James Lester)
- 2013 – 2015 **Undergraduate Researcher**, Center for Educational Informatics  
North Carolina State University  
The LearnDialogue Group (Dr. Kristy Boyer)

### Research Interests

- **AFFECTIVE COMPUTING:** affective interfaces, cognitive-affective models, emotion and affect recognition, social signal processing
- **MULTIMODAL MACHINE LEARNING:** verbal and non-verbal modalities of behavior, probabilistic and causal statistical modeling
- **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE:** user modeling, multimodal behavior analysis
- **HEALTH BEHAVIOR INFORMATICS:** AI & healthcare, diagnostic support tools, technology in psychiatry
- **LEARNING TECHNOLOGIES:** AI & education, intelligent tutoring systems, tutorial interaction

## Honors and Awards

- Outstanding Paper, Twenty-Fourth International Conference on User Modeling, Adaptation, and Personalization, 2016.
- Exemplary Paper, Ninth International Conference on Educational Data Mining, 2016.
- Best Paper Award, Twenty-Third International Conference on User Modeling, Adaptation, and Personalization, 2015.
- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, 2015.
- North Carolina State University Department of Computer Science Senior Award for Scholarly Achievement, 2015.
- Generation Google Scholarship, 2014.
- North Carolina Society of Information Management Scholarship, 2013, 2014.
- Howard A. Petrea Endowed Scholarship in Mathematics, 2013.

## Journal Publications

1. J. Girard\*, A. Vail\*, E. Liebenenthal, K. Brown, C. Kilciksiz, L. Pennant, E. Liebson, D. Öngür, L.-P. Morency, J. Baker. Computational Analysis of Spoken Language in Acute Psychosis and Mania. *Schizophrenia Research*, 2021. (\*equal contribution)  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.schres.2021.06.040>

## Conference Publications

2. A. Vail, J. Girard, L. Bylsma, J. Fournier, H. Swartz, J. Cohn, L.-P. Morency. Representation Learning for Interpersonal and Multimodal Behavior Dynamics: A Multiview Extension of Latent Change Score Models. *Proceedings of the Twenty-Fifth International Conference on Multimodal Interaction (ICMI 2023)*, Paris, France, 2023.  
<https://doi.org/10.1145/3577190.3614118>
3. A. Vail, J. Girard, L. Bylsma, J. Cohn, J. Fournier, H. Swartz, L.-P. Morency. Toward Causal Understanding of Therapist-Client Relationships: A Study of Language Modality and Social Entrainment. *Proceedings of the Twenty-Fourth International Conference on Multimodal Interaction (ICMI 2022)*, Bangalore, India, 2022.  
<https://doi.org/10.1145/3536221.3556616>
4. A. Vail, J. Girard, L. Bylsma, J. Cohn, J. Fournier, H. Swartz, L.-P. Morency. Goals, Tasks, and Bonds: Toward the Computational Assessment of Therapist Versus Client Perception of Working Alliance. *Proceedings of the Sixteenth International Conference on Automatic Face and Gesture Recognition (FG 2021)*, Jodhpur, India, 2021.  
<https://doi.org/10.1109/fg52635.2021.9667021>
5. A. Vail, E. Liebson, J. Baker, L.-P. Morency. Toward Objective, Multifaceted Characterization of Psychotic Disorders: Lexical, Structural, and Disfluency Markers of Spoken Language. *Proceedings of the Twentieth International Conference on Multimodal Interaction (ICMI 2018)*, Boulder, Colorado, 2018.  
<https://doi.org/10.1145/3242969.3243020>
6. A. Vail, T. Baltrušaitis, L. Pennant, E. Liebson, J. Baker, L.-P. Morency. Visual Attention in Schizophrenia: Eye Contact and Gaze Aversion during Clinical Interactions. *Proceedings of the Seventh International Conference on Affective Computing and Intelligent Interaction (ACII 2017)*, San Antonio, Texas, 2017.  
<https://doi.org/10.1109/ACII.2017.8273644>

7. **A. Vail**, J. Grafsgaard, K. Boyer, E. Wiebe, J. Lester. Gender Differences in Facial Expressions of Affect During Learning. *Proceedings of the Twenty-Fourth International Conference on User Modeling, Adaptation, and Personalization (UMAP 2016)*, Halifax, Canada, 2016.  
<https://doi.org/10.1145/2930238.2930257>  
**Outstanding Paper**
8. **A. Vail**, J. Wiggins, J. Grafsgaard, K. Boyer, E. Wiebe, J. Lester. The Affective Impact of Tutor Questions: Predicting Frustration and Engagement. *Proceedings of the Ninth International Conference on Educational Data Mining (EDM 2016)*, Raleigh, North Carolina, 2016.  
<https://eric.ed.gov/?id=ED592731>  
**Exemplary Paper**
9. W. Min, J. Wiggins, L. Pezzullo, **A. Vail**, K. Boyer, B. Mott, M. Frankosky, E. Wiebe, J. Lester. Predicting Dialogue Acts for Intelligent Virtual Agents with Multimodal Student Interaction Data. *Proceedings of the Ninth International Conference on Educational Data Mining (EDM 2016)*, Raleigh, North Carolina, 2016.  
<https://eric.ed.gov/?id=ED592692>
10. **A. Vail**, J. Grafsgaard, K. Boyer, E. Wiebe, J. Lester. Predicting Learning from Student Affective Response to Tutor Questions. *Proceedings of the Thirteenth International Conference on Intelligent Tutoring Systems (ITS 2016)*, Zagreb, Croatia, 2016.  
[https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-39583-8\\_15](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-39583-8_15)
11. **A. Vail**, K. Boyer, E. Wiebe, J. Lester. The Mars and Venus Effect: The Influence of User Gender on the Effectiveness of Adaptive Task Support. *Proceedings of the Twenty-Third International Conference on User Modeling, Adaptation, and Personalization (UMAP 2015)*, Dublin, Ireland, 2015.  
[https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-20267-9\\_22](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-20267-9_22)  
**Best Paper Award**
12. **A. Vail**, J. Grafsgaard, J. Wiggins, J. Lester, K. Boyer. Predicting Learning and Engagement in Tutorial Dialogue: A Personality-Based Model. *Proceedings of the Sixteenth ACM International Conference on Multimodal Interaction (ICMI 2014)*, Istanbul, Turkey, 2014.  
<https://doi.org/10.1145/2663204.2663276>
13. J. Grafsgaard, J. Wiggins, **A. Vail**, K. Boyer, E. Wiebe, J. Lester. The Additive Value of Multimodal Features for Predicting Engagement, Frustration, and Learning During Tutoring. *Proceedings of the Sixteenth ACM International Conference on Multimodal Interaction (ICMI 2014)*, Istanbul, Turkey, 2014.  
<https://doi.org/10.1145/2663204.2663264>  
**Nominated for Outstanding Paper Award**
14. **A. Vail**, K. Boyer. Adapting to Personality Over Time: Examining the Effectiveness of Dialogue Policy Progressions in Task-Oriented Interaction. *Proceedings of the Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Special Interest Group on Discourse and Dialogue (SIGDIAL 2014)*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 2014.  
<https://doi.org/10.3115/v1/W14-4306>
15. **A. Vail**, K. Boyer. Identifying Effective Moves in Tutoring: On the Refinement of Dialogue Act Annotation Schemes. *Proceedings of the Twelfth International Conference on Intelligent Tutoring Systems (ITS 2014)*, Honolulu, Hawaii, 2014.  
[https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-07221-0\\_24](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-07221-0_24)

## Academic Service

- ACM International Conference on Multimodal Interaction (ICMI), 2017–2023.
- International Conference on Affective Computing & Intelligent Interaction (ACII), 2021–2024.
- IEEE Transactions on Affective Computing (TAFFC), 2018–2024.
- ACM Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI) 2019–2024.
- Public Library of Science (PLOS ONE), 2019–2023
- IEEE Transactions on Learning Technologies (TLT), 2017– 2020.
- International Journal of Human–Computer Interaction (IJHCI), 2019.

## Teaching Experience

2021	<b>Graduate Teaching Assistant</b> , Carnegie Mellon University Human-Computer Interaction Institute
	Spring 2021      05-610: User-Centered Research and Evaluation Dr. Raelin Musuraca and Dr. Motahhare Eslami ~90 students
2019	<b>Graduate Teaching Assistant</b> , Carnegie Mellon University Language Technologies Institute
	Spring 2019      11-776: Multimodal Affective Computing Dr. Louis-Philippe Morency ~30 students
2013 – 2014	<b>Teaching Assistant</b> , North Carolina State University Department of Computer Science
	Fall 2013          CSC 226: Discrete Mathematics for Computer Scientists Dr. Tiffany Barnes ~250 students
	Spring 2014        CSC 230: C and Software Tools Dr. Sarah Heckman ~120 students
2012 – 2013	<b>Mathematics &amp; Physics Tutor</b> , North Carolina State University College Reading & Learning Association: Level II Advanced Tutor Certification

## Relevant Coursework

### Graduate Coursework

Spoken Dialogue Systems	Artificial Intelligence I, II
Computational Applied Logic	Combinatorics I
Software Engineering	Graph Theory
Numerical Analysis I	Automated Learning and Data Analysis
Reasoning Under Uncertainty	Human Communication and Multimodal Computation
Process and Theory in HCI	Advanced Multimodal Machine Learning
Computer Science Perspectives in HCI	Computer Vision
Social Perspectives in HCI	Data Visualization
Design Perspectives in HCI	Experimental Design for Behavioral and Social Sciences
Cognitive Science Perspectives in HCI	
Interaction Design Overview	

## Undergraduate Coursework

Computer Organization and Assembly  
Language for Computer Scientists  
C and Software Tools  
Concepts and Facilities of Operating  
Systems for Computer Scientists  
Data Structures  
Automata, Grammars, and Computability  
Ethics in Computing  
Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

Technology & American Culture  
The Creative Process in Science  
Self, Schooling, & Social Order  
Introduction to College Tutoring

Foundations of Advanced Mathematics  
Calculus I, II, III  
Applied Differential Equations I  
Introduction to Linear Algebra  
Introduction to Modern Algebra for  
Mathematicians  
Introduction to Combinatorics  
Probability and Statistics for Engineers  
Mathematical Analysis I, II  
Mathematics of Scientific Computing  
Symbolic Logic

Introduction to Language & Linguistics  
Introduction to Cognitive Science  
Introduction to Psychology  
Cognitive Processes

## Professional Membership

- Association for Computing Machinery (ACM).
- Association for the Advancement of Affective Computing (AAAC).
- International Artificial Intelligence in Education Society (IAIED).
- Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE).
- International Educational Data Mining Society (IEDMS).
- Students & Technology in Academia, Research, and Service (STARS) Student Leadership Corps.