

# Austin Z. Henley

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## Education

- 2013–2018 **Ph.D. in Computer Science**, University of Memphis  
Department of Computer Science Memphis, TN  
Dissertation: *Human-Centric Tools for Navigating Code*  
Advisor: Dr. Scott D. Fleming
- 2014–2016 **Graduate Cert. in Cognitive Science**, University of Memphis  
Institute for Intelligent Systems Memphis, TN
- 2012–2013 **M.S. in Computer Science**, University of Memphis  
Department of Computer Science Memphis, TN
- 2008–2011 **B.S. in Computer Science**, Austin Peay State University  
Department of Computer Science & Information Technology Clarksville, TN

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## Academic Work Experience

- 08/2018–*Present* **Assistant Professor**, University of Tennessee  
Department of Electrical Engineering & Computer Science Knoxville, TN
- 01/2013–07/2018 **Research Assistant**, University of Memphis  
Department of Computer Science Memphis, TN
- 09/2016–12/2016 **Instructor**, University of Memphis  
Department of Computer Science Memphis, TN
- 08/2012–12/2012 **Teaching Assistant**, University of Memphis  
Department of Computer Science Memphis, TN

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## Industry Experience

- 06/2019–08/2019 **Visiting Researcher**, Microsoft  
AI Platform Bellevue, WA  
Hosted by Dr. Titus Barik
- 06/2017–08/2017 **Research Intern**, IBM Research  
Cognitive Computing Yorktown Heights, NY  
Mentored by Dr. David Piorkowski
- 05/2016–08/2016 **Research Intern**, Microsoft Research  
Tools for Software Engineers (TSE) Redmond, WA  
Mentored by Dr. Maria Christakis & Dr. Kivanc Muslu

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| 06/2015–10/2015 | <b>Research Intern</b> , National Instruments<br>Platform Framework               | Austin, TX  |
| 06/2014–08/2014 | <b>Research Intern</b> , National Instruments<br>Platform Framework               | Austin, TX  |
| 05/2012–01/2013 | <b>Software Engineer Intern</b> , First Tennessee Bank<br>Enterprise Productivity | Memphis, TN |

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## Awards

- 2020 ★ **Honorable Mention Award, ACM CHI** ★
- 2018 Finalist, Morton Dissertation Award
- 2017 ★ **Honorable Mention Award, IEEE VL/HCC** ★
- 2017 Best Presentation, University of Memphis CS Research Day
- 2016 ★ **Distinguished Paper Award, ACM SIGSOFT FSE** ★
- 2016 NSF Travel Award for ACM FSE
- 2016 NSF Travel Award for IEEE ICSME
- 2016 ★ **Best Paper Award, IEEE VL/HCC** ★
- 2016 VL/HCC Graduate Consortium Travel Grant
- 2016 Best Presentation, University of Memphis CS Research Day
- 2015–2016 Associate Investigator, National Instruments Research Grant
- 2015 Runner-up, Best Presentation, University of Memphis CS Research Day
- 2014 VL/HCC Graduate Consortium Travel Grant
- 2014 Runner-up, Best Presentation, University of Memphis CS Research Day
- 2008–2011 TN Hope Scholarship

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## Funding

- 2020–2023 **National Science Foundation**, CHS: SMALL: Collaborative Research: Adaptive Development Environments: Modeling and Supporting Cognitive Styles of Software Developers. Austin Henley (Lead PI) and Anita Sarma. Award: **\$499,928**.
- 2019–2021 **National Science Foundation**, CRII: CHS: Overcoming Novice Programmers' Misconceptions of Program Behavior. Austin Henley (Lead PI). Award: **\$174,956**.

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## Full Refereed Publications

- [C11] **IEEE VL/HCC'20:** Marjan Adeli, Nicholas Nelson, Souti Chattopadhyay, Hayden Coffey, **Austin Z. Henley**, and Anita Sarma. “Supporting Code Comprehension via Annotations: Right Information at the Right Time and Place.” In *Proc. IEEE Symp. Visual Languages and Human-Centric Computing*, Dunedin, New Zealand, August 2020, 1–10. [30% acceptance rate]
- [C10] **ACM CHI'20:** Souti Chattopadhyay, **Austin Z. Henley**, Ishita Prasad, Anita Sarma, and Titus Barik. “What’s Wrong with Computational Notebooks? Pain Points, Needs, and Design Opportunities.” In *Proc. 2020 ACM Conf. on Human Factors in Computing Systems*, Honolulu, Hawaii, April 2020. **Honorable Mention Award**. [24% acceptance rate]
- [C9] **IEEE VL/HCC'18:** **Austin Z. Henley** and Scott D. Fleming. “CodeDeviant: Helping Programmers Detect Edits That Accidentally Alter Program Behavior.” In *Proc. IEEE Symp. Visual Languages and Human-Centric Computing*, Lisbon, Portugal, October 2018, 65–73. [29% acceptance rate]
- [C8] **ACM CHI'18:** **Austin Z. Henley**, Kivanc Muslu, Maria Christakis, Scott D. Fleming, and Christian Bird. “CFar: A Tool to Increase Communication, Productivity, and Review Quality in Modern Code Review.” In *Proc. 2018 ACM Conf. on Human Factors in Computing Systems*, Montreal, Canada, April 2018, 157:1–157:13. [25% acceptance rate]
- [C7] **IEEE VL/HCC'17:** David Piorkowski, Sean Penney, **Austin Z. Henley**, Marco Pistoia, Margaret Burnett, Omer Tripp, and Pietro Ferrara. “Foraging Goes Mobile: Foraging While Debugging on Mobile Devices.” In *Proc. IEEE Symp. Visual Languages and Human-Centric Computing*, Raleigh, North Carolina, October 2017, 9–17. **Honorable Mention Award**. [29% acceptance rate]
- [C6] **ACM CHI'17:** **Austin Z. Henley**, Scott D. Fleming, and Maria V. Luong. “Toward Principles for the Design of Navigation Affordances in Code Editors: An Empirical Investigation.” In *Proc. 2017 ACM Conf. on Human Factors in Computing Systems*, Denver, Colorado, May 2017, 5690–5702. [25% acceptance rate]
- [C5] **ACM FSE'16:** David Piorkowski, **Austin Z. Henley**, Tahmid Nabi, Scott D. Fleming, Christopher Scaffidi, and Margaret Burnett. “Foraging and Navigations, Fundamentally: A Developer Problem of Predicting Value/Cost.” In *Proc. ACM SIGSOFT Int’l Symp. on the Foundations of Software Engineering*, Seattle, Washington, November 2016, 97–108. **Distinguished Paper Award**. [27% acceptance rate]
- [C4] **IEEE ICSME'16:** Alka Singh, **Austin Z. Henley**, Scott D. Fleming, and Maria V. Luong. “An Empirical Evaluation of Models of Programmer Navigation.” In *Proc. IEEE Int’l Conf. on Software Maintenance and Evolution*, Raleigh, North Carolina, October 2016, 9–19. [29% acceptance rate]

- [C3] **IEEE VL/HCC'16: Austin Z. Henley** and Scott D. Fleming. “Yestercode: Improving Code-Change Support in Visual Dataflow Programming Environments.” In *Proc. IEEE Symp. Visual Languages and Human-Centric Computing*, Cambridge, United Kingdom, September 2016, 106–114. **Best Paper Award.** [33% acceptance rate]
- [C2] **IEEE ICSME'15:** David Piorkowski, Scott D. Fleming, Christopher Scaffidi, Margaret Burnett, Irwin Kwan, **Austin Z. Henley**, Jamie Macbeth, Charles Hill, and Amber Horvath. “To Fix or to Learn? How Production Bias Affects Developers Information Foraging during Debugging.” In *Proc. IEEE Int'l Conf. on Software Maintenance and Evolution*, Bremen, Germany, September/October 2015, 11–20. [22% acceptance rate]
- [C1] **ACM CHI'14: Austin Z. Henley** and Scott D. Fleming. “The Patchworks Code Editor: Toward Faster Navigation with Less Code Arranging and Fewer Navigation Mistakes.” In *Proc. 2014 ACM Conf. Human Factors in Computing Systems*, Toronto, Canada, April/May 2014, 2511–2520. [23% acceptance rate]

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## Short Refereed Publications

- [S4] **IEEE VL/HCC'19:** Adam C. Short and **Austin Z. Henley**. “Towards an Empirically-Based IDE: An Analysis of Code Size and Screen Space.” In *Proc. IEEE Symp. Visual Languages and Human-Centric Computing*, Memphis, Tennessee, October 2019. [Short paper]
- [S3] **IEEE VL/HCC'16: Austin Z. Henley**. “Designing Affordances for Navigating Information Spaces in Code Editors.” In *Proc. IEEE Symp. Visual Languages and Human-Centric Computing*, Cambridge, United Kingdom, September 2016, 254–255. [Graduate Consortium]
- [S2] **IEEE VL/HCC'14: Austin Z. Henley**, Alka Singh, Scott D. Fleming, and Maria V. Luong. “Helping Programmers Navigate Code Faster with Patchworks: A Simulation Study.” In *Proc. IEEE Symp. Visual Languages and Human-Centric Computing*, Melbourne, Australia, July/August 2014, 77–80. [Short paper]
- [S1] **IEEE VL/HCC'14: Austin Z. Henley**. “Improving Source Code Navigation with Patchworks” In *Proc. IEEE Symp. Visual Languages and Human-Centric Computing*, Melbourne, Australia, July/August 2014, 187–188. [Graduate Consortium]

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## Invited Talks

“Human-Centric Tools for Software Maintenance”

3/5/2018 University of Delaware

2/28/2018 University of Tennessee  
2/26/2018 Colorado State University  
2/22/2018 Wayne State University  
2/15/2018 University of Memphis  
2/13/2018 New Jersey Institute of Technology  
2/6/2018 University of Nebraska-Lincoln

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## Teaching

### **Instructor**

Fall 2020 Software Engineering (COSC 340)  
Spring 2020 Web Application Development (COSC 493)  
3 undergraduates  
Spring 2020 Programming Languages (COSC 365)  
42 undergraduates, 4.7/5.0  
Fall 2019 Software Engineering (COSC 340)  
62 undergraduates, 3.9/5.0  
Spring 2019 Human-Centric Software Engineering (COSC 494/594)  
18 undergraduates, 10 graduates, 4.8/5.0  
Spring 2019 Machine Learning for Software Engineering (COSC 493)  
4 undergraduates  
Spring 2019 CPU Emulation (COSC 493)  
5 undergraduates  
Fall 2018 Software Engineering (COSC 340)  
68 undergraduates, 4.7/5.0  
Fall 2016 Operating Systems (COMP 4270)  
37 undergraduates, 4.5/5.0

### **Guest Lecturer**

Spring 2019 Junior Seminar (ECE 395)  
Fall 2018 Senior Design Practicum (ECE/COSC 402)  
Fall 2018 Senior Design Theory (ECE/COSC 401)  
Fall 2013, 2014 Information Retrieval and Web Search (COMP 7130)

### **Teaching Assistant**

Fall 2012 Discrete Structures (COMP 2700)

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## Students Supervised

### Graduate Students as Chair

- 2020–present Adam Tutko, PhD
  - Tennessee Fellowship for Graduate Excellence
- 2020–present Dylan Lee, PhD
- 2020–present Julian Ball, MS
- 2019–present Ethan Hicks, MS
  - 2019–2020 Alan Grant, MS
    - Tennessee Fellowship for Graduate Excellence

### Graduate Students as Committee Member

- 2019–2020 Andrey Karnauch, MS thesis
- 2019–2020 Dakota Sanders, MS thesis
- 2019–2020 Pengxiang Xu, MS
- 2019–2020 Tapajit Dey, PhD
- 2018–2019 Rayhan Hossain, MS

### Undergraduate Students

- 2020–present Zackary Strickland
- 2020–present Aiden Rutter
- 2020–present Jonathan Bryan
- 2019–present Ben Klein
  - 2020 Julian Ball
  - 2019 Jacob Rutherford
    - Tickle Graduate Fellowship (offered)
  - 2019 Thomas Keyes
- 2018–2019 Hayden Coffey
- 2018–2019 Adam Short
  - 2018 Joshua Dunkley
  - 2018 Kristina Bridgwater
- 2016–2017 Kathryn Bridson
- 2013–2015 Maria Luong

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## Service

- 2020 Panelist, Graduate Consortium, IEEE VL/HCC
- 2020 Posters Co-Chair, IEEE VL/HCC
- 2020 Judge, Student Research Competition, ACM/IEEE ICSE

- 2020 Program Committee, SEIS Track, ACM/IEEE ICSE
- 2019–2020 Faculty Advisor, Local ACM Chapter
- 2019–2020 CS101 Committee
  - 2019 Panelist, Grant Proposal Review Panel, NSF
  - 2019 Program Committee, Industry Track, IEEE ICSME
  - 2019 Program Committee, Artifacts, IEEE ICSME
  - 2019 Program Committee, Late Breaking Ideas, IEEE ICSME
  - 2019 Program Committee, IEEE VL/HCC
  - 2019 Peer Teaching Evaluation Committee
  - 2019 Organizer, New Faculty Symposium, ACM ICSE
  - 2019 Publicity & Social Media Chair, IEEE VL/HCC
- 2018 Judge, Student Research Competition, ACM ESEC/FSE
- 2018 Program Committee, ACM PLATEAU
- 2018 Mentor, Undergraduate Senior Capstone
- 2017 Publications Chair, IEEE VL/HCC
- 2015–2017 President, CS Graduate Student Association
- 2015–2016 CS Faculty Search Committee
- 2014–2016 Graduate Recruitment Fair
  - 2015 Mentor, National Society of Black Engineers Regional Conference
  - 2015 Student Volunteer, VL/HCC
- 2013, 2014 CS Open House for Middle/High School Students
  - 2013 CS Graduate Program Review Committee

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### Reviewing

- 2019, 2020 ACM SIGCSE
- 2019, 2020 JSS
  - 2019 IEEE TSE
- 2019, 2020 IEEE Software
  - 2019 ACM UIST
- 2018, 2019 ACM CHI
- 2018, 2019 ACM TOCE
- 2017, 2018 IEEE VL/HCC, Showpieces

### Sub-Reviewing

- 2018 IEEE/ACM ICPC
- 2014–2018 ACM CHI
- 2014–2018 IEEE VL/HCC

