DARLEY SACKITEY

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EDUCATION

Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA

May 2025

Doctor of Philosophy, Major in Human Centered Computing

GPA 4.0/4.0

Relevant Coursework: Qualitative Methods, Designing Online Communities, Human-Computer Interaction

Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH

June 2021

Bachelor of Arts, Major in Quantitative Social Sciences, Cognitive Science

GPA 3.61/4.0

Relevant Coursework: Impact Design, UI/UX Design, Design Thinking, Linear Models, Data Visualisation

SKILLS

- Research & Design: User Interviewing, Research Design, Participatory Design, Diary Studies, Concept testing, Usability testing, Focus groups, Contextual Inquiry, Thematic Analysis, Survey Design, Quantitative Data Analysis (R, Python), Data Visualization, Prototyping, Wireframing, UX Design
- Technical: Microsoft Office Specialist (Excel, Word), Photoshop, Illustrator, AfterEffects, XD, R programming, Figma, Invision, HTML, CSS, Matlab, C programming, Python, Javascript, Dedoose, Atlas.ti

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- CHI 2023: Sackitey, Darley, et al. "" Everyone is Covered": Exploring the Role of Online Interactions in Facilitating Connection and Social Support in Black Churches." Proceedings of the 2023 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems. 2023.
- **ACM Interactions:** O'Leary, Teresa K., et al. "Church after sunday: Supporting everyday well-being through techno-spiritual health interventions." Interactions 29.4 (2022): 90-93.
- Georgia CTSA, APHA Annual Meeting, Invited Talk at Dartmouth College, 2023: Sackitey, D., et al. "Uncovering the Digital Superwoman: Stress Disclosure & Support-Seeking Behaviors of Black Women Online."

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA

August 2021-Present

Graduate Research Assistant

- Developed key design features to increase effectiveness of a digital health platform through conducting and analyzing user interviews, focus groups, co-design and surveys to assess the influence of culture on technology for community-building. Evaluated the effectiveness of digital health interventions for marginalized populations.
- Surfaced key insights about how cultural factors shape online behaviour through leading focus groups, and analysing facebook data using natural language processing, R, and qualitative content analysis.

Apple, Cupertino, CA

September 2022-January 2023

Human Factors Intern

• Identified critical gaps between users' expectations of features and designers' implementation of designs, through user interviews and co-design, surfacing new design guidelines that directly shaped design of Apple Health products launched in 2023, and shared insights with high-level stakeholders*

Spotify, New York, NY

June 2021-August 2021

- UX Research Intern
 - Drove team design prioritisation and planning by identifying design concepts that best furthered business goals through user interviews and concept testing to evaluate design concepts
 - Engaged key stakeholders (designers, data scientists, project managers) in group analysis and synthesis of insights from interviews and shared insights with larger business unit.

Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH

January 2018-June 2021

Research Assistant

• Led design, user research and evaluation of mental and physical health platforms, analyzed large research datasets using PCA analysis and k-means clustering in R, ran literature and meta-analysis reviews, performed qualitative data coding

ACTIVITIES

Who's Down,

September 2019-Present

Design Lead

• Improved usability and design of event management platform by leading user testing and interviews and redesign of app.

Interests

Languages: French, Italian, Japanese

Additional Interests: Rollerblading, Creative Non-fiction, Harry Potter trivia, Making playlists, Learning languages

* I am unable to specify the nature of my projects and research approach at Apple due to confidentiality clauses