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RESEARCH SUMMARY

My goal is to support people as they make meaning and memories while collaborating across distance, time, and devices. Space, and spatial interaction, is a crucial aspect of how meaning and memories are made in everyday life. Through my research, I explore how we can maximize the potential of everyday devices like mobile phones and tablets for spatial computing, and study how this changes the way people work together in hybrid environments.

EDUCATION

- 2022– **University of Colorado Boulder**
Ph.D. in Creative Technology & Design
- 2018–20 **Indian Institute of Technology Bombay**
M.Des. in Interaction Design
- 2014–18 **Indian Institute of Technology Bombay**
B.Tech. in Civil Engineering
Minor in Design

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- ATLAS Institute, University of Colorado Boulder** Spring 2022 – Present
Graduate Research Assistant
Advisor: Dr. Ellen Yi-Luen Do
Supporting Creativity and Collaboration with Mobile Spatial Computing
- Microsoft Research, Cambridge, UK** Summer 2024
Research Intern
Advisor: Dr. Sean Rintel
Intentionality Across Meetings: Generative AI tools for Temporal Work
- Ericsson Research, USA** Summer 2023
Research Intern
Advisor: Dr. Greg Phillips
Systems for Network-adaptive Augmented Reality Remote Communication
- IDC School of Design, IIT Bombay** Fall 2020 – Spring 2021
Research Associate
Advisor: Dr. Jayesh Pillai
Supporting Remote Learning with Mobile Augmented Reality
- Laval Virtual Institute, Arts et Métiers, France** Summer 2019
Research Intern
Advisor: Dr. Simon Richir
Studying Creativity and Design in Virtual Reality

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Journal & Conference Articles

- 2025 **Rishi Vanukuru**, Payod Panda, Xinyue Chen, Ava Elizabeth Scott, Lev Tankelevitch, and Sean Rintel. “Designing Interfaces that Support Temporal Work Across Meetings with Generative AI.” To appear in: *Proceedings of Designing Interactive Systems Conference (DIS ’25)*.
- 2025 Xinyue Chen, Lev Tankelevitch, **Rishi Vanukuru**, Ava Elizabeth Scott, Payod Panda, and Sean Rintel. “Are We On Track? AI-Assisted Active and Passive Goal Reflection During Meetings.” In: *Proceedings of the 2025 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI ’25)*. doi:10.1145/3706598.3714052
- 2025 Ava Elizabeth Scott, Lev Tankelevitch, Payod Panda, **Rishi Vanukuru**, Xinyue Chen, and Sean Rintel. “What Does Success Look Like? Catalyzing Meeting Intentionality with AI-Assisted Prospective Reflection.” To appear in: *Proceedings of the 4th Annual Meeting of the Symposium on Human-Computer Interaction for Work (CHIWORK ’25)*.
- 2023 **Rishi Vanukuru**, Suibi Che-Chuan Weng, Krithik Ranjan, Torin Hopkins, Amy Banic, Mark D. Gross, and Ellen Yi-Luen Do. “DualStream: Spatially Sharing Selves and Surroundings using Mobile Devices and Augmented Reality.” In: *IEEE International Symposium on Mixed and Augmented Reality, ISMAR 2023*. doi:10.1109/ISMAR59233.2023.00028
- 2022 S. Sandra Bae, **Rishi Vanukuru**, Ruhan Yang, Peter Gyory, Ran Zhou, Ellen Yi-Luen Do, and Danielle Albers Szafr. “Cultivating Visualization Literacy for Children Through Curiosity and Play.” In: *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics*, 2022. doi:10.1109/TVCG.2022.3209442
- 2022 Torin Hopkins, Suibi Che-Chuan Weng, **Rishi Vanukuru**, Emma Wenzel, Amy Banic, Mark D. Gross, and Ellen Yi-Luen Do. “AR Drum Circle: Real-Time Collaborative Drumming in AR.” In: *Frontiers in Virtual Reality*, 91. doi:10.3389/frvir.2022.847284
- 2022 Torin Hopkins, Suibi Che-Chuan Weng, **Rishi Vanukuru**, Emma Wenzel, Amy Banic, and Ellen Yi-Luen Do. “Studying the Effects of Network Latency on Audio-Visual Perception During an AR Musical Task.” In: *IEEE International Symposium on Mixed and Augmented Reality, ISMAR 2022*. doi:10.1109/ISMAR55827.2022.00016
- 2021 Sylvain Fleury, **Rishi Vanukuru**, Charles Mille, Killian Poinot, Aurélien Agnès, and Simon Richir. “CRUX: A Creativity and User Experience model.” In: *Digital Creativity*, 32:2 (pp. 116-123). doi:10.1080/14626268.2021.1915339
- 2020 Sylvain Fleury, Aurélien Agnès, **Rishi Vanukuru**, Emma Goumillout, Nicolas Delcombel, and Simon Richir. “Studying the Effects of Visual Movement on Creativity.” In: *Thinking Skills and Creativity*, 36, 100661. doi:10.1016/j.tsc.2020.100661

Short Papers, Posters, & Demos

- 2024 **Rishi Vanukuru** and Ellen Yi-Luen Do. “Spatial Mobile Memories: Recording and Sharing Everyday Moments using Mobile Augmented Reality.” In: *Proceedings of the 2024 ACM International Conference on Interactive Media Experiences (IMX ’24)*. doi:10.1145/3639701.3661087
- 2023 Torin Hopkins, **Rishi Vanukuru**, Suibi Che-Chuan Weng, Chad Tobin, Amy Banic, Mark

D. Gross, Ellen Yi-Luen Do. “XR Jam: Design Considerations for Music Networking with AI in XR.” In: *2024 IEEE International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and eXtended and Virtual Reality (AIxVR)*. doi:10.1109/AIxVR59861.2024.00021

2020 **Rishi Vanukuru**, Amarnath Murugan, and Jayesh Pillai. “Dual Phone AR: Using a Second Phone as a Controller for Mobile Augmented Reality.” In: *Adjunct Publication of the 33rd Annual ACM Symposium on User Interface Software and Technology (UIST '20 Adjunct)*. doi:10.1145/3379350.3416139

2020 **Rishi Vanukuru**. “Accessible Spatial Audio Interfaces: A Pilot Study into Screen Readers with Concurrent Speech.” In: *Extended Abstracts of the 2020 CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI EA '20)*. doi:10.1145/3334480.3381440

Workshop Papers

2022 **Rishi Vanukuru**, Amarnath Murugan, Jayesh Pillai, and Ellen Yi-Luen Do. “Designing and Studying Social Interactions in Shared Virtual Spaces using Mobile Augmented Reality.” In: *ACM CHI 2022 Workshop on Social Presence in Virtual Event Spaces*. [paper]

2021 Amarnath Murugan, **Rishi Vanukuru**, and Jayesh Pillai. “Towards Avatars for Remote Communication using Mobile Augmented Reality.” In: *IEEE Conference on Virtual Reality and 3D User Interfaces Abstracts and Workshops (VRW)* (pp. 135-139). doi:10.1109/VRW52623.2021.00032

AWARDS

2022 Dr. Awtar and Teji Singh Graduate Fellowship (\$20,000)

2022 SIGCHI Gary Marsden Travel Award (\$1,200)

2020 Institute Silver Medal, IIT Bombay (*1st rank in the M.Des program*)

2020 1st Position, CHI Student Research Competition (*Graduate category*)

TEACHING & SERVICE

Co-Instructor

Introduction to Virtual Reality (2022)

Teaching Assistant

Design for Virtual Reality (2019-2021), Engineering Mechanics (2018)

Organizing Committee

Lead for Virtual Operations, IndiaHCI 2020

Reviewer

CHI 2025, EuroVIS 2025, CHI 2024, DIS 2024, CHI 2023, INTERACT 2023, CHI 2021 Student Research Competition

Student Volunteer

UIST 2020, IndiaHCI 2019, TypoDay 2019

Student Mentor

Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, 2016–2018