

HCI AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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Dear Dean Bailey & Tenure Committee:

I am currently a User Experience Designer at RSA Security in Bedford, MA and a graduate from the Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) program at IUPUI, where I studied under Dr. Anthony Faiola.

I chose the HCI program at IUPUI, because I wanted to learn about designing interfaces, but was not exactly sure what to expect. At the end of my two years in this program I feel I have truly understood the meaning of "User Interaction Design". The curriculum and faculty have prepared me with the abilities required of usability professionals in industry. Although I had extensive experience in computer science, the HCI program helped me see the users' perspective.

A lot of credit to my academic and current professional success at RSA, goes to Dr. Faiola. In my graduate courses, he held discussions on topics which helped me learn and appreciate the concepts of user-centered design and the social science aspects of HCI. The courses he taught, like Prototyping Interactive Systems and Web Usability, provided the theoretical and practical knowledge that I have personally used in usability testing at work at RSA. The prototyping tools and techniques I learned in the course, Prototyping Interactive Systems, were especially important for industry.

Being an international student I had problems initially in getting accustomed to living in the U.S., but Dr. Faiola ensured that I got a campus job and that I did not have any problems external to studies during my first year. In my second year, I was offered a Graduate Teaching Assistantship, working closely with Dr. Faiola in his N450 Web Usability class. While being his assistant, I learned of him as an impartial and resourceful teacher.

My job at RSA is a dream position that I could not have achieved without my HCI degree from IUPUI. I strongly recommend Dr. Faiola to the tenure committee that he could continue to be a strong support to future students in the HCI program.

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