

## HCI AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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The HCI program and faculty at IUPUI have been instrumental in driving my career forward. Without it I would not be where I am today, i.e., at my current role as a User Interface Designer for Thomson Electronics, an international electronics communications corporation. The impact of the HCI program was felt long before this new opportunity.

Since beginning my studies with the inaugural group in the fall of 2003, I have been able to apply newly learned evaluation methodologies, design strategies, and technologies to my understanding as a professional designer of interactive systems. The program has led to improved work, increased recognition and career advancement. Dr. Faiola has done an excellent job, not only developing and leading classes, but structuring the program's curriculum overall, so that it offers both academic rigor and practical application. I now have a greater understanding of what I like to call the "science behind the art" of interface design.

Even after entering the program with years of commercial design and Internet consulting experience, I am certain I will graduate from the program a more analytical and critical thinker. Perhaps even more importantly, I firmly believe that I am leaving IUPUI as a more desired and viable candidate for the job market, especially with my research experience to complete my thesis (See below.)

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#### **Thesis Title**

Affect index: Comparing the validity of acoustical similarity and affective state in music