



CHI 2010 Conference & Technical Program Chairs' Welcome

Welcome to CHI 2010!

CHI is where the latest advances in human-computer interaction can be found. CHI is a shared experience where people learn, discuss, share and interact with each other. CHI is an inclusive community, welcoming many different disciplines and a wide range of interests from research to performance to practice. CHI provides a full program of many different venues and activities rich with opportunities to discover, learn, and interact.

CHI 2010 continues its four-day format and once again we have record numbers of submissions in all categories. Hundreds of people have devoted thousands of hours in reviewing and selecting those pieces of work that will be presented here. We have assembled a jam-packed program including refereed research publications, compelling new media performances, stimulating panel discussions, edgy explorations of the boundaries of HCI, design and research competitions for our students, invited speakers to inspire and inform our future activities, and many forums that enable our community to connect, discover, and learn from each other.

CHI 2010 looks outward to the human experience of computing in the world. This year's theme "We are HCI" challenges our community to embrace the diversity of human-computer interaction across the world and to exclaim our commitment as a profession to empower people from all walks of life. The contributions of our community are evident in the diversity of human experience. While we can rejoice in the growing relevance that human-computer interaction is experiencing in this millennium, we must also accept growing responsibility for our creations. The CHI 2010 Technical Program—starting with our invited plenary speakers and ending with interactive art exhibitions—extols us to

understand our work in the context of the lived experience of human life and endeavor.

This year we've combined many of the experiential aspects of the CHI conference (such as interactive demos, videos, and design vignettes) into a cohesive Media Showcase. CHI 2010 attendees will have the opportunity to see, touch, squeeze, hear and even smell contrasting forms of HCI. The Media Showcase opens with our conference reception Monday evening and the Exhibition Hall will be alive with performances, interactive demonstrations and exhibits. Additionally, the video screening on Tuesday evening provides an opportunity for many different kinds of design, innovation, opinion and futurism to be presented to the community. We encourage you to come to our theater, grab some popcorn and enjoy the show.

Atlanta is a great site for CHI 2010. "The capital of the New South" has a vibrant and proud heritage in the civil rights movement as "the city too busy to hate." It is the home to many influential institutions such as The Carter Center, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), CARE, and a wide range of business giants including Coca-Cola and Turner Broadcasting. Atlanta is the home to many researchers, designers, teachers, artists and practitioners who share a commitment to the human experience of computing: Georgia Tech and its GVU Center, SCAD Atlanta, Emory, Spelman College, Turner Broadcasting and CNN, The Carter Center, CARE, CDC, IBM, Philips, Moxie Interactive, Roundarch, Matter, Big Bang to name a few. We hope you are able to also explore this great city during your time with us, and hope you enjoy CHI 2010!

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