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EDUCATION

Department of Computer Science, School of Natural Sciences, University of Zambia Lusaka, Zambia

MSc. in Computer Science

2019

• Advisor: Dr. Jackson Phiri

• Research area: ICT4D and Remote Sensing

Department of Computer Science, School of Natural Sciences, University of Zambia Lusaka, Zambia

BSc. in Computer Science (Software Engineering)

2015

• Classification: Merit

PUBLICATIONS

- 1. Qin Wenda, Etter Lauren, Simukanga Alinani, Gill Christopher, & Betke Margrit. Age-constrained Ear Recognition: The EICZA Dataset and SASE Baseline Model. 2023 IEEE International Joint Conference on Biometrics (IJCB), 2023.
- Kawesha Francis, Phiri Jackson, & Simukanga Alinani. A Predictive Model to Support Decision Making for the Accreditation of Learning Programmes using Data Mining and Machine Learning. Pan African Conference on Science, Computing and Telecommunications (PACT) 2023, 2023.
- 3. Simukanga Alinani, Etter Lauren, Qin Wenda, Pieciak Rachel, Betke Margit, Macleod William, Phiri Jackson & Gill Christopher. Ethical issues associated with the development of an ear biometric tool for patient identification in Zambia. Global Forum for Bioethics in Research (GFBR), 2022.
- 4. Simukanga Alinani, Kobayashi Misaki, Etter Lauren, Qin Wenda, Pieciak Rachel, Albuquerque Duarte, Chen Yu-Jen, Betke Margrit, Macleod William, Phiri Jackson, Mwananyanda Lawrence & Gill Christopher. The impact of ear growth on identification rates using an ear biometric system in young infants. *Gates Open Research*, 2021.
- 5. Etter Lauren, Simukanga Alinani, Qin Wenda, Pieciak Rachel, Mwananyanda Lawrence, Betke Margrit, Phiri Jackson, Carbo Caroline, Hamapa Arnold & Gill Christopher. Project SEARCH (Scanning EARs for Child Health): validating an ear biometric tool for patient identification in Zambia. *Gates Open Research*, 2020.
- Simukanga Alinani, Phiri Jackson, Nyirenda Mayumbo, & Kalumbilo-Kabemba Monica. ICT in Governance Systems: A Case Study of the FISP Farmer Registration System. ZAPUC, 2018.
- 7. Chihana Sipiwe, Phiri Jackson, Kunda Douglas, & Simukanga Alinani. Securing Grain in Transit for the Food Reserve Agency Based on the Cloud Model. *ZAPUC*, 2018.
- 8. Simukanga Alinani, Phiri Jackson, Nyirenda Mayumbo, & Kalumbilo-Kabemba Monica: E-Governance Systems: A Case Study of the Development of a Small-Scale Farmer Database. Zambia Information Communication Technology (ICT) Journal, 2018.
- 9. Simukanga Alinani, Muhone Madaliso, Mulenga Joseph, Phiri Jackson, & Nyirenda Mayumbo: Creation of an Agricultural Geographical Information System. Zambia Information Communication Technology (ICT) Journal, 2018.

EMPLOYMENT

University of Edenberg, Lusaka, Zambia | Lecturer

08/07/2024 - Present

- Lecturer of Computer Architecture and Organization and Programming with Python.
- Coordinator of Undergraduate and Postgraduate classes under the School of Computer Science.

ZCAS University, Lusaka, Zambia | Part-time Lecturer

28/02/2024 - Present

- Taught *Cyber Security Operations (CIT4351)* to full-time, part-time, and distance students (21). Organised and conducted laboratory sessions to familiarise students with commonly used tools in cybersecurity.
- Taught Component and Connection Security (CIT3362) and IoT Fundamentals: IoT Security (CIT3352) to full-time, part-time, and distance students (18).

Project SEARCH (Boston University & University of Zambia)

2018 - 2023

- Continued work on the SEARCH application.
- Conducted tests on the longitudinal ear dataset to demonstrate application performance with growth as a factor.
- Authored a paper on the growth study results.

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EQUIP Lusaka, Zambia) | Application Developer

2020

- Assisted in developing the Project SEARCH application on the Android platform.
- Worked closely with personnel in Boston to analyse data, interpret analysis, and incorporate changes into the app.
- Worked with Dimagi to ensure smooth integration between the CommCare and SEARCH applications.

University of Zambia) | Part-time Tutor

2017

- Provided support during the laboratory sessions of the Electronics course.
- Assisted in the supervision of a few undergraduate capstone projects.

Awards and Honors

- Best Poster Award, IEEE International Joint Conference of Biometrics (IJCB) 2023
- Best Graduating Male Student in the School of Natural Sciences, University of Zambia 2015
- Dean's Prize Best Overall Third-Year Student, University of Zambia 2014

SKILLS

Programming: Python, C++, Java, Embedded System Development.

REFERENCES Dr. Jackson Phiri | Associate Professor

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Dr. Christopher J. Gill | Senior Program Officer

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Global Health Integrated Clinical Vaccine Development christopher.gill@gatesfoundation.org

Dr. Mayumbo Nyirenda | Senior Lecturer

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