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EDUCATION

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EXPERIENCE

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE Learning Research and Development Center, University of Pittsburgh.	2010-Present
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RESEARCH ASSISTANT Intelligent Systems Program, University of Pittsburgh	1990-1998
TEACHING ASSISTANT Intelligent Systems Program, University of Pittsburgh	1992-1995

FUNDING

co-PI on NSF Cyberlearning 2016018 “Automated Debriefing in Simulation-based Training of Paramedics: Comparing Self-guided to Agent Facilitated Debriefing”	2020-Present
co-PI on IES R305A150155 “Linking Dialogue and Student Modeling to Create an Enhanced Micro-Adaptive Tutoring System”	2015-2019
co-PI on IES R305A130441 “Exploratory Studies to Derive Policies for Adaptive Natural-language Tutoring in Physics”	2013-2016
Team member on IES R305A100163 “Improving a Natural-language Tutoring System that Engages Students in Deep Reasoning Dialogues about Physics”	2010-2013
Consultant on NSF 0325054 “Tutoring Scientific Explanations via Natural Language Dialogue”	2004-2008
Consultant on ONR N00014-00-1-0600 “Why2000: An Intelligent Tutoring System with Natural Language Understanding”	2000-2005

RESEACH PAPERS

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- Jordan, P., Albacete, P., & Katz, S. (2018). A Comparison of Tutoring Strategies for Recovering from a Failed Attempt during Faded Support. In: *Penstein Rosé C. et al. (eds) Proceedings of the 19th International Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Education (AIED 2018)* pp. 212-224. *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, vol 10948. Springer, Cham.
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BOOK CHAPTERS

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SYNERGISTIC ACTIVITIES

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Program committee member for the International Conference in Artificial Intelligence in Education, the European Conference on Technology Enhanced Learning, the Association for the Advancement in Artificial Intelligence conference, and the International Society of the Learning Sciences conference.

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