

Member Profile: Janine Liu



Janine has lived her entire life in the intersection of computer science and art, learning how to code and digitally draw from a young age. The projects she has completed throughout her time at the University of Pennsylvania reflect her endeavors in computer graphics, procedural generation, and games. Janine is a Digital Media Design major and first became involved with SIGGRAPH her sophomore year by attending events hosted by the SIGGRAPH chapter at Penn, such as workshops and alumni talks which allowed her to connect with others in the SIGGRAPH community and bond over mutual interests.

To learn more about Janine's education, role models, and projects she would love to share with ACM SIGGRAPH, read more below!

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Member Profile: Alain Chesnais

Meet Alain Chesnais, leader of the development of the SIGGRAPH Asia Conference and a long-time volunteer of ACM SIGGRAPH. Alain first got involved with the organization by offering to stuff envelopes for the Paris SIGGRAPH Chapter in the mid-'80s, and the rest is history!

Alain's favorite SIGGRAPH conference memory comes from SIGGRAPH 1998 when, after two and a half years of development effort, he released Maya 1.0, then released Maya 1.5 in July of 1998 with a Windows version that no one expected. According to Alain, "It was probably the most exciting period I have ever lived through. We knew we had developed something really special, but really couldn't judge its true impact until the SIGGRAPH conference that year. The enthusiasm around our product was so phenomenal. It was amazing!".

To learn more about Alain's proudest moment, secret side gig, and dream dinner guest, read more below!

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Get Ready For Asia's Largest CG Event



South Korea has opened its borders and welcomes all international visitors regardless of their vaccination status. SIGGRAPH Asia 2022's organizing team is confident and working hard to put together a strong program and a larger-scale in-person event in Daegu this 6 to 9 December. Registration will open soon! In the meantime, do explore the registration options available.



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A Sustainable Future for the Film Industry

Imagine this: Stunning visual effects, a fantastic cinematic world — a film that is not only thrilling but also sustainably produced. As ironic as it may sound, this idea of a low-emission VFX film is currently only fiction. Travels for crew members, technical set up of a studio production, and, most importantly, offline rendering for post-production all contribute to the carbon emission of film projects.

The research and development department at the Filmakademie Baden-Wuerttemberg (Germany), led by Prof. Volker Helzle, is currently exploring how virtual production compares to traditional offline VFX and in what way it can contribute to increasing the sustainability of VFX production. For this purpose, the team compared the student projects "Sprout" (Set Extension Workshop 19/20) and "Awakening" (Set Extension Workshop 20/21). While "Sprout" was produced with green screen and using offline rendering and post-production, "Awakening" namely used virtual production and shot with an LED wall for in-camera effects (ICVFX). Read more below to find out which production is more climate friendly!

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Let's Give a 'Hand' to This Graduate Research

Most hand-tracking methods rely on a learned, data-driven model called MANO. One problem with MANO is it doesn't account for unseen hand shapes that deviate from the training set, which affects hand-tracking accuracy. That's why graduate student Pratik Kalshetti and Prof. Parag Chaudhuri of the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT Bombay) worked hard to introduce a new hand-shape model called aMANO ("adaptive MANO"). Their research took second place in the Graduate Division of the ACM Student Research Competition and was featured in the SIGGRAPH Posters interactive forum at SIGGRAPH 2022 in Vancouver.

To tackle this problem, the pair introduced a new shape model that augments MANO's shape space with local scale adaptation. To learn more about how aMANO works and get a perspective from the authors, read more below!



Announcements

ACM SIGGRAPH 2022 Election Results



A big congratulations to the three new Directors elected in the ACM SIGGRAPH 2022 election:

Mona Kasra, University of Virginia Shi-Min Hu, Tsinghua University Eakta Jain, University of Florida

And a special thank you to our departing directors:

Adam Bargteil, University of Maryland Adam Finkelstein. Princeton University

Both of your efforts as directors of the ACM SIGGRAPH Executive Committee are what keep the community thriving and you will both be dearly missed. Thank you for your service!



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The most amazing person you met at SIGGRAPH The most inspiring keynote you heard What you learned that changed your life Your all-time favorite animation from the ET An on-site catastrophe Your all-time favorite art piece The best party? The best reception and reception food? Best ribbon? Best swag? Longest line? What SIGGRAPH clothing do you still wear?

If you have problems or questions, please contact Dave Kasik (Dave.kasik@gmail.com) or Mary Whitton (mcwhitton@gmail.com).

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1974 Conference Abstracts - distributed to attendees

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Computers & Graphics, Vol. 1, No. 1 and Vol. 1, Nos.2-3.

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