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Transitions! The end of the academic year, the start of summer. Students graduating, newly minted Ph.D.s launching huge new efforts. And the transition of three of our founding leaders who have set the stage for new and expanded roles within the CREATE community.

CREATE NEWS



CREATE founders Jacob O. Wobbrock, Richard Ladner, Anat Caspi, and new Director for Education, Mark Harniss

With deep gratitude for three years of vision, dedication, and leadership, we applaud three of our founders: Jacob O. Wobbrock, Richard Ladner, and Anat Caspi. Wobbrock is stepping down from his co-directorship with [Jennifer Mankoff](#) to remain an associate director. Ladner will stay on as affiliate faculty, but is passing the Director for Education mantle to [Mark Harniss](#). And Director for Translation Anat Caspi leaves the title, but not the center.

- [Read more about their accomplishments and new CREATE leadership](#)

STUDENT NEWS

Congrats CREATE Ph.D. graduates!



2023 CREATE graduates: Alyssa Spomer, Elijah Kuska, Megan Ebers, Nicole Zaino, and Ricky Zhang

We're proud to see these talented, passionate students receive their

Ph.D.s and excited to see how they continue their work in accessibility! Two are continuing at the UW as postdocs, one is already leading research at a children's hospital, another will teach at the Colorado School of Mines, and one is headed to Bozeman to train in hopes to join the national paralympic nordic ski team for Milano-Cortina 2026.

- [Read more about our newest graduates](#)

Emma McDonnell receives Dennis Lang Award in Disability Studies



Congratulations to [Emma McDonnell](#) on receiving a Dennis Lang Award from the UW Disability Studies program! McDonnell, a fourth year Ph.D. candidate in Human Centered Design & Engineering, is advised by CREATE associate director [Leah Findlater](#).

McDonnell's research focuses on accessible communication technologies and explores how these tools could be designed to engage non-disabled people in making their communication approaches more accessible.

- [CREATE news post](#)
- [HCDE news post](#)
- [About the Dennis Lang award](#)

OPEN SOURCE SPOTLIGHT

Voxlens

- Authors: CREATE student [Ather Sharif](#), et al
- Advisors: CREATE faculty member [Katharina Reinecke](#), and Co-Director Emeritus and Associate Director, [Jacob O. Wobbrock](#)

VoxLens is an open-source JavaScript plug-in that-with a single line of code-improves the accessibility of online data visualizations for screen-reader users using a multi-modal approach. Specifically, VoxLens enables screen-reader users to obtain a holistic summary of presented information, play sonified versions of the data, and interact with visualizations in a "drill-down" manner using voice-activated commands.

- [Open source code on github](#)
- [CREATE news post](#)
- [Paper published in CHI 2022](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Employer Assistance & Resource Network on Disability Inclusion Grant

The U.S. Department of Labor has made available \$2 million for the first year of a cooperative agreement for an employer-focused, disability policy development and technical assistance center.

- Application deadline: June 23, 2023
- [Announcement and application](#)

Workplace Equity for Persons with Disabilities in STEM

A new 5-year solicitation supports fundamental, applied, and translational research that advances knowledge and practice about diverse, equitable, inclusive, and accessible STEM and STEM education workplaces and postsecondary training environments for persons with disabilities.

- Research and Research Synthesis proposal deadline: September 19, 2023
- [Full solicitation text](#)

EVENTS

Neurodiversity at Work: a research workshop

- June 20-21, in Seattle
- [Register now](#)

The [Neurodiversity at Work Research Workshop](#) brings together leading scholars, neurodivergent leaders, neurodiversity practitioners, and leading neurodiversity employers concerned with advancing neurodiversity employment research. CREATE faculty member Hala Annabi co-chairs the event.

Attend ASSETS 2023 as a student volunteer

Students can receive free registration for ASSETS '23 while participating in a scientific conference. Typically, each student volunteer is asked to contribute up to 20 hours in the weeks preceding the conference and during the conference itself. ASSETS '23 will be October 22 - 25, 2023 in New York City.

- [Details and application](#)

WHAT WE'RE CELEBRATING

On June 8th, the Supreme Court issued a landmark 7-2 ruling affecting millions of aging and disabled people: Providers of federally funded health services like Medicaid or Medicare, the court ruled—such as public and private nursing homes—can be sued by individuals for failures and lapses in care.

- [About the decision: Mother Jones](#)
- [What's at stake: Kaiser Foundation](#)

CREATE's mission is to make technology accessible, and to make the world accessible through technology.

Any UW student or faculty researcher working on accessibility of or through technology can join UW CREATE. We "converse" through Slack (uwcreate.slack.com, visible to UW emails), share news through email messages and the CREATE website, and are active on Twitter: [@uwcreate](https://twitter.com/uwcreate).



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