

HRCC Faculty Feature of the Month



Position:

Rick Wash is an Associate Professor of Information Science and Cybersecurity in the Department of Media and Information. He completed his PhD at the School of Information at the University of Michigan. Prior to studying information, Rick completed his M.A. degree in Computer Science at the University of Michigan, with a bachelors degree in Computer Science from Case Western Reserve University.

About his research:

Rick is an expert on the human aspects of cybersecurity. He studies how people think about their interactions with modern technology, with an emphasis on the work people do to protect themselves from risks associated with using information technology and the internet. His research has won the impact award at SOUPS for significant long-term impact on the usable security and privacy research and practice, a Google Security and Privacy Research award, and an NSF CAREER award. His work is supported by over \$2 million from the US National Science Foundation.

His most recent published article is Rick Wash, Norbert Nthala, and Emilee Rader. "Knowledge and Capabilities that Non-Expert Users Bring to Phishing Detection" Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security (SOUPS). Virtual. July 2021.

<https://www.usenix.org/conference/soups2021/presentation/wash>



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