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So, you're interested in a PhD?

3 Papers I Wish I'd Written

In 2015, when I was a Masters student considering a PhD, my informal advisor Professor Paul Resnick suggested that I identify 3 research papers that I wish I had written. These should be **actual papers** that have been written by someone else and published. For students interested in working with me, please identify research papers in the field of human-computer interaction. A few places to look:

1. Search the ACM Digital Library (available for free via the SCU Library): https://sculib.scu.edu/record=e1000003
2. Search on Google Scholar
3. Use Elicit AI to identify papers in response to research questions you're interested in
4. The work I've published: https://kailukoff.com/publications (if you're interested in working with me)
5. If you find one paper you like, look at the other papers that it references -- some of those should also be of interest to you.

For those three papers, read the full paper and then analyze what kinds of questions they ask and which methods you would need to learn. I recommend this exercise to all students who are interested in a PhD as a way to clarify both the topics/questions and methods you are interested in. Here's the version that I created myself many years ago.

Paper title	Key research question(s)	Methods

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Key Learnings: