

# DESIGNING TECHNOLOGY FOR USE IN LATER LIFE

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HCI research has increasingly recognized the need to design for a broad range of users, including older adults. Unfortunately, perceptions of older adults as technology users continue to be dominated by the stereotype of the older adult as computer novice in need of simplified interfaces with large buttons and text. While age-related changes do lead to reduced motor and visual acuity, the overall picture of computer use in later life is far more complex and varied. In this talk, I will survey my research on designing for older adults, including recent work on supporting social interaction and on facilitating phased retirement.

**Karyn Moffatt** is an assistant professor and Canada Research Chair in Inclusive Social Computing in the School of Information Studies at McGill University. She leads the ACT Lab (Accessible Computing Technologies) research group, which focuses on the development of accessible technologies that are sensitive to the social environments within which they will be used, and that seek to leverage and support those relationships. Prior to joining McGill University, Karyn was a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Toronto supported by awards from NSERC and CIHR's Health Care, Technology, and Place strategic initiative. She received her doctorate in computer science from the University of British Columbia in 2010.

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