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Lynn Kirabo is a PhD candidate in the Human-Computer Interaction Institute at Carnegie Mellon University. She is part of the Transit, Bots and Disability lab where she is advised by Dr. Aaron Steinfeld (Robotics Institute). Her research investigates the future of equity in smart public transit systems in urban cities (i.e., including Kampala, Uganda; Kigali, Rwanda; and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania). In her research, she centers on the lived experiences of persons with disabilities living in these cities. Kirabo has also taught classes on creating transformation games, UX research methods, and intro to programming

She completed an MS in Human-Computer Interaction at Carnegie Mellon, an MS in Information Technology at Carnegie Mellon Africa, and a Bachelors in Information Technology at Makerere University. She has 10 years of experience working as a Front-End Developer and Software Engineer in non-profits and clean energy.

Kirabo is also part of initiatives that seek to broaden participation in STEM fields in Uganda, Rwanda, and the United States. She has done this by being part of organizations such as Women In Technology Uganda (Kampala), InnovateHer Africa (Kampala), OurCS (Pittsburgh), Women in CS (Pittsburgh); and by invitation to events like MissGeek (Kigali), STEMforHER (D.C.) and Women in Data Science (California). Kirabo has also co-created and been a part of spaces that foster belonging like AfroGSA, BIPOC in HCI, and Young Researchers in ICTD.