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My work as a Graduate Assistant has given me the opportunity to conduct research and teach with an incredibly supportive and experienced group of researchers in the iSchool. My work with Dr. Beth St. Jean over these last two years has been focused on conducting and analyzing qualitative research from in-depth interviews with a diverse group of participants with chronic health conditions and assessing the results of survey data from the National Cancer Institute's Health Information National Trends Survey. The research has focused on evaluating participants' experiences from an intersectional perspective of consumer health informatics and health disparities to inform the development of recommendations and guidelines around individuals' online information seeking behaviors. The outcome of this work has resulted in several papers, conference presentations, and posters. I have co-authored with several accomplished researchers in the iSchool, papers titled, "You have to know your body!": The role of the body in influencing the information behaviors of people with type 2 diabetes," in *Library Trends*, "Information access and information literacy under siege," in *First Monday*, and "the role of self-efficacy in cancer information avoidance," in *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, just this year. I have had a well-rounded experience in this program, also serving as a teaching assistant for undergraduate and graduate courses on information behavior and consumer health informatics. Working directly with other students has allowed me to place my research in context of practice and challenged me to develop and implement interactive and engaging teaching methods.