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EDUCATION

University of California San Diego (UCSD) Ph.D. in Data Science Advisor: Prof. Alex Warstadt	2025 –
International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad (IIIT-H) M.S (by Research) in Computational Linguistics B.Tech. (Hons.) in Computer Science Committee: Prof. Anil Kumar Vuppala (advisor), Dr. Kishore Prahallad , Prof. Chiranjeevi Yarra Thesis: Leveraging Language Relatedness to Improve Language Models in Speech Recognition Systems	2017 – 2022

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

LeMN Lab, UCSD <i>Research Assistant, Advisor: Prof. Alex Warstadt</i>	Sept 2025 – <i>San Diego, USA</i>
Karya <i>Speech/NLP Engineer, Mentor: Dr. Vivek Seshadri</i>	Jun 2022 – Jul 2025 <i>Remote / Bangalore, India</i>
Dept. of Cognitive Science, Case Western Reserve University <i>Visiting Researcher, Advisor: Prof. Vera Tobin</i>	Oct 2021 – Jul 2023 <i>Remote / Cleveland, USA</i>
Speech Processing Lab, IIIT-H <i>Researcher Assistant, Advisor: Prof. Anil Kumar Vuppala</i>	May 2019 – May 2022 <i>Hyderabad, India</i>

PUBLICATIONS

(J=JOURNAL, C=CONFERENCE, W=WORKSHOP, S=IN SUBMISSION)

- [C.1] **Aditya Yadavalli***, Alekhya Yadavalli*, Vera Tobin, “SLBERT Talk Pretty One Day: Modeling Second Language Acquisition with BERT”, In Proceedings of the 61th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics 2023.
- [C.2] Abraham Owodunni*, **Aditya Yadavalli***, Chris Emezue*, Tobi Olatunji*, Clinton Mbataku, “AccentFold: A Journey through African Accents for Zero-Shot ASR Adaptation to Target Accents”, In Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics: EACL 2024.
- [J.1] Tobi Olatunji, Tejumade Afonja, **Aditya Yadavalli**, ..., “AfriSpeech-200: Pan-African Accented Speech Dataset for Clinical and General Domain ASR”, In Transactions of Association for Computational Linguistics 2023.
- [C.3] Rishav Hada, Safiya Husain, Varun Gumma, Harshita Diddee, **Aditya Yadavalli**, ..., Aditya Vashistha, Vivek Seshadri, Kalika Bali, ““Akal Badi ya Bias”: An Exploration Study of Gender Bias in Hindi”, Proceedings of the 2024 ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency (FAccT ’24) [Best Paper Award].
- [C.4] Ishaan Watts, Varun Gumma, **Aditya Yadavalli**, Vivek Seshadri, Manohar Swaminathan, Sunayana Sitaram “PARIKSHA : A Large-Scale Investigation of Human-LLM Evaluator Agreement on Multilingual and Multi-Cultural Data”, 2024 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing.
- [C.5] Neha Joshi, Pamir Gogoi, AasimBaig Mirza, Aayush Jansari, **Aditya Yadavalli**, Ayushi Pandey, Arunima Shukla, Deepthi Sudharsan, Kalika Bali, Vivek Seshadri, “ELR-1000: A Community-Generated Dataset for Endangered Indic Indigenous Languages”, *To Appear In Proceedings of the*

4th Conference of the Asia-Pacific Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics and the 14th International Joint Conference on Natural Language Processing.

- [C.6] Mehrad Moradshahi*, Tianhao Shen*, Kalika Bali, Monojit Choudhury, ..., **Aditya Yadavalli**, Chaobin You, Deyi Xiong, Monica Lam, “X-RiSAWOZ: High-Quality End-to-End Multilingual Dialogue Datasets and Few-shot Agents”, In Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics: ACL 2023.
- [C.7] Shelly Jain*, **Aditya Yadavalli***, Ganesh S Mirishkar, Anil Kumar Vuppala, “How do Phonological Properties Affect Bilingual Automatic Speech Recognition?”, 2022 IEEE Spoken Language Technology Workshop (SLT).
- [C.8] **Aditya Yadavalli**, Ganesh S Mirishkar, Anil Kumar Vuppala, “Multi-Task End-to-End Model for Telugu Dialect and Speech Recognition”, In Proceedings of Interspeech 2022.
- [W.1] **Aditya Yadavalli**, Ganesh S Mirishkar, Anil Kumar Vuppala, “Exploring the Effect of Dialect Mismatched Language Models in Telugu Automatic Speech Recognition”, In Proceedings of the 2022 Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics: Student Research Workshop.
- [W.2] Varun Gumma, Rishav Hada, **Aditya Yadavalli**, Pamir Gogoi, Ishani Mondal, Vivek Seshadri, Kalika Bali, “MunTTs: A Text-to-Speech System for Mundari”, In Proceedings of the Seventh Workshop on the Use of Computational Methods in the Study of Endangered Languages.
- [C.9] Advait Bhat*, Nidhi Kulkarni*, Safiya Husain, **Aditya Yadavalli**, Jivat Neet Kaur, Anurag Shukla, Monali Shelar, Vivek Seshadri, “Speaking in Terms of Money: Financial Knowledge Acquisition through Speech Data Generation”, Proceedings of the 7th ACM SIGCAS/SIGCHI Conference on Computing and Sustainable Societies (COMPASS ’24).
- [C.10] **Aditya Yadavalli**, Shelly Jain, Ganesh S Mirishkar, Anil Kumar Vuppala, “Investigation of Subword-Based Bilingual Automatic Speech Recognition for Indian Languages”, In Proceedings of the 2022 Fourteenth International Conference on Contemporary Computing (IC3-2022).
- [C.11] Shelly Jain*, **Aditya Yadavalli***, Ganesh S Mirishkar*, Chiranjeevi Yarra, Anil Kumar Vuppala, “IE-CPS Lexicon: An Automatic Speech Recognition Oriented Indian-English Pronunciation Dictionary”, In Proceedings of the 18th International Conference on Natural Language Processing (ICON) 2021.
- [C.12] Ganesh S Mirishkar, **Aditya Yadavalli**, Anil Kumar Vuppala, “An Investigation of Hybrid architectures for Low Resource Multilingual Speech Recognition system in Indian context”, In Proceedings of the 18th International Conference on Natural Language Processing (ICON) 2021.
- [C.13] Nayan Vats, **Aditya Yadavalli**, Krishna Gurugubelli, Anil Kumar Vuppala, “Acoustic Features, BERT Model and their Complementary Nature for Alzheimer’s Dementia Detection”, In Proceedings of the 2021 Thirteenth International Conference on Contemporary Computing (IC3-2021).

SELECTED PROJECTS

Measuring Mutual Information Between the Task, Speech & Text May 2024 -

Advisors: *Dr. Tiago Pimentel, Dr. Tamar Regev, Prof. Ethan Wilcox, Prof. Alex Warstadt*

- Create a multimodal pipeline that helps us understand how information (in human communication) is conveyed through lexical and non-lexical streams.
- We evaluate this on complex cognitive tasks: sarcasm detection, emotion detection, questionhood

Sanmati

April 2023 –

Advisors: *Dr. Kalika Bali, Dr. Vivek Seshadri*

- Funded by Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)
- Evaluating for gender-bias in ASR and MT systems for low-resource Indic languages
- Designing tasks & its instructions to create the largest gender-intentional dataset to mitigate bias in Indic NLP models

Voice Chatbot for Tuberculosis Awareness

Jun 2023 – April 2025

Advisor: *Dr. Vivek Seshadri*

- Funded by Karnataka Health Promotion Trust (KHPT)
- Designed mechanisms to automatically verify crowd-sourced Kannada TB speech dataset
- Built the Kannada Tuberculosis ASR system that powers the chatbot
- Covered as part of the TIME cover story [here](#)

Second Language Acquisition Language Models

Oct 2021 – Jul 2023

Advisor: *Prof. Vera Tobin*

- Collect and curate age-ordered Child Directed Speech (CDS) for 5 different languages
- Compare Second Language Acquisition (SLA) in CDS pretrained LMs and humans
- Explore commonalities across CDS of various languages and cultures

ASR Track in AmericasNLP at NeurIPS 2022

Sep 2022 – Nov 2022

Advisors: *Dr. Kalika Bali, Dr. Sunayana Sitaram, Dr. Vivek Seshadri*

- Part of the Karya-MSRI team that participated in AmericasNLP 2022 Shared Task
- Explored feature fusion techniques and utilized language models to select the best ASR model
- 3rd best performance in ASR track 1

MULTILINGUAL and CODE-SWITCHING ASR Challenges (MUCS)

Feb 2021 – Apr 2021

Advisor: *Prof. Anil Kumar Vuppala*

- Part of the IIIT-H team that participated in the MUCS challenge
- Achieved best Telugu WER by an absolute margin of 4.88%
- 11th overall in the multilingual ASR subtask

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Alternate Religious Traditions in Indian History

Spring 2021

Teaching Assistant, Instructors: Prof. Nilam Kakati, Prof. Aniket Alam

Hyderabad, India

SERVICE

Reviewer ARR 2023 – 2025, NAACL SRW 2024, EMNLP 2023, ACL 2023, DravidianLangTech@ACL 2022

Volunteer Clinical Speech Group at Masakhane

Contributor Dialogues@Stanford-Oval

HONOURS/AWARDS

Travel Grant

NAACL SRW Travel Grant in 2022

Academic Performance

Deans List in Spring '20 & Merit List in Monsoon '20, Spring '21

MISCELLANEOUS

Computer Languages

Python, C/C++, Bash, Swift, Javascript

Frameworks

PyTorch, HuggingFace Transformers, React

Toolkits

ESPnet, Kaldi, Moses