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EDUCATION	<b>Dartmouth College</b> Ph.D., Computer Science Area: Cybersecurity & AI/ML	Hanover, NH June 2025
	<b>University of California, Riverside</b> M.S., Computer Science Area: Data Science and ML	Riverside, CA Spring 2019
	<b>University of Dhaka</b> B.Sc., Computer Science & Engineering Area: Computer Architecture	Dhaka, Bangladesh August 2016
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Trustworthy AI, Security/Privacy, AI/ML (Transparency, Fairness and Robustness), Biometric Authentication, IoT Security, Human-centered Computing, Health Informatics, Cyber-physical Systems, and Explainable Artificial Intelligence (XAI).	
APPOINTMENTS AND POSITIONS	<i>Assistant Professor, Computer Science, The University of Alabama</i> <i>Hewson Faculty Fellow, Styslinger College of Engineering, UA</i> <i>AI Assurance Intern, Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL)</i> <i>Cybersecurity Intern, Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL)</i> <i>Graduate Research Intern, Financial Industry Regulatory Authority</i> <i>Graduate Assistant, Computer Science, Dartmouth College</i> <i>Research Intern, Computer Science, Dartmouth College</i> <i>Graduate Assistant, Computer Science &amp; Eng, UC Riverside</i> <i>Dean's Distinguished Fellow, UC Riverside</i>	2025-present 2025-2027 2024-2024 2023-2023 2022-2022 2020-2025 2019-2020 2018-2019 2017-2018
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	<b>The University of Alabama</b> <i>Assistant Professor, Computer Science</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Research and mentoring UG &amp; Grad student research in AI/ML &amp; Security/Privacy.</li><li>• Impactful teaching and learning in UG &amp; Grad curriculum.</li><li>• Extramural research proposal development and collaboration.</li></ul>	Tuscaloosa, AL August 2025-present

**Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL)** Los Alamos, NM  
*Graduate Research Intern, LLM & Multimodal Model Security/Privacy* Summer 2024

- Investigate and compare LLMs (e.g., Bert, GPT) and multi-modal (e.g., CLIP) models' vulnerabilities.
- An empirical evaluation of the *robustness* of different convolutional and transformer-based networks in unimodal and multi-modal setups.
- Analyzing adversarial attack transferability in cross-modal setups, i.e., unimodal model to multimodal models.

**Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL)** Los Alamos, NM  
*Graduate Research Intern, AI Assurance & Cybersecurity* Summer 2023

- Design Robust Deep Learning Audio classification models to mitigate audio adversarial attacks.
- Generate audio features from continuous audio data and implement/design robust deep neural network models to prevent adversarial attacks against privacy-preserving audio models.
- Implement novel techniques to prevent privacy attacks against Computer Vision models by analyzing in-depth privacy attacks against the neural networks.

**The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA)** Boston, MA  
*Graduate Research Intern, AI/ML & Cybersecurity* Summer 2022

- Leverage Pre-trained models (NLP) and design fine-tuned Deep Learning models on financial market data (text) to analyze security threats (e.g., backdoor, evasion, inference) that might leak sensitive data and disrupt market integrity.
- Implement a framework to identify possible data privacy threats to the Deep Learning model and develop robust and effective defenses to safeguard and protect market data (financial institutions) and maintain financial market integrity.

**Dartmouth College** Hanover, NH  
*Research Assistant & Cybersecurity Fellow, CS Department* Fall 2020 - Spring 2025

- Investigating how the *generalizability*, *memorization*, and *robustness* of Large Language Models (LLMs) can aid in the development of effective defenses against adversarial attacks.
- Exploring the concept of *disparate vulnerability* in the context of *Fairness* in Model Inversion Attribute Inference privacy attack and designing an ML model to predict disparate vulnerability based on features computed only from training data instances.
- Designing Model Inversion Attribute Inference Attacks to ML model handling tabular data,
- Developing phone-based implicit user authentication model. The goal is to design a framework based on implicit continuous biometrics to run the ML model on phones to authenticate IoT wearable users.
- Analyzing and visualizing college students' phone call data to identify potential contexts and geo-temporal patterns of student phone call behavior.
- Analyzing cough data and designing cough models to identify cough vs. other sounds, also investigating the impact of noise on generalized cough models.

**Dartmouth College**  
*Research Intern, CS Department*

Hanover, NH  
Fall 2019 - Summer 2020

- Developed smartphone application (Android) to collect diabetic patients' sensor data, including accelerometer, GPS, microphone, etc., data. This app also incorporates diabetic users' continuous glucose monitor (CGM) time-series data records from users' CGM portal with their permission. Finally, ML models and statistical methods will be applied to analyze factors affecting diabetes.
- Worked to (*develop digital tools for improved self-management of Diabetes*) to leverage smartphones and wearable technologies for identifying trends or behavioral patterns associated with diabetes, as well as develop data-driven ML models to ensure better self-management.

**Instituto Superior Técnico**  
*Participant, Lisbon ML School (LxMLS)*

Lisbon, Portugal  
July 21-29, 2020

- Learning and implementing different aspects of ML: classifiers, tools, optimization techniques, gradient descent, L-BFGS algorithm, loss function, batch normalization, regularization, etc on real-life datasets.

**Cornell, Maryland, Max Planck**  
*Student Participant, Pre-Doctoral Research School, MPI-SWS*

Saarbrücken, Germany  
August 6-11, 2019

- Learning emerging research topics in Computer Science and experiencing cutting-edge research in computer science, including computer systems/architecture, optimization, machine learning, deep learning model decision property, formal methods, AI, and data visualization.

**University of California, Riverside**  
*Graduate Research & Teaching Assistant, CSE Department*

Riverside, CA  
Spring 2018 - Spring 2019

- Design and Implement the K-Nearest Neighbor-based predictive model to predict six major Human Activities - three static (sitting, lying, and standing) and three dynamics (walking, walking down, and walking upstairs) as well as postural transitions (e.g., stand-to-sit, sit-to-lie, lie-to-sit, stand-to-lie) from the accelerometer and gyroscope data of Human Activity Recognition (HAR) public data set of the UCI Machine Learning Repository, collected by the smartphone sensors of the users.
- Analyzed different feature selection techniques and incorporated the Genetic and Simulated Annealing algorithms to select the most important features in an efficient way to improve the overall prediction accuracy of human activities compared to the existing techniques used so far.

**University of Dhaka**  
*Undergraduate Researcher, CSE Department*

Dhaka, Bangladesh  
Fall 2014 - Summer 2017

- Designed an improved and efficient division technique with reduced time complexity and introduced a new, compact tree-based quantum divider design algorithm to reduce the circuit depth and achieve better performance compared to the existing divider design techniques in area, power, depth, delay, and # of input lines.
- Developed an app for diabetic patients to facilitate their daily living by providing instructions (e.g., diet, exercise, and notification during emergency cases) according to their sugar level.

RELEVANT PROJECTS	Vulnerability of LLM & Multimodal Models <i>Research Project (Individual Project)</i>	Los Alamos, NM Summer 2024
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compare adversarial vulnerabilities of unimodal (LLMs) and multimodal models</li> <li>• Assess transferability of attacks in cross-modal setups</li> </ul>	
	Sparse-Guard: Sparse Coding based defense against privacy attacks <i>Research Project (Individual Project)</i>	Los Alamos, NM Summer 2023
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incorporate Sparse Coding layer on neural network architecture</li> <li>• Analyze the effectiveness of sparse coding layers against privacy attacks</li> </ul>	
	Robust Audio Classification Modeling <i>Research Project (Individual Project)</i>	Los Alamos, NM Summer 2023
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design ML models preventing adversarial attacks</li> <li>• Introduce neuroscience-based techniques to design robust audio classifiers</li> </ul>	
	Large Language Model (LLM) Generalizability <i>Research Project (Individual Project)</i>	Hanover, NH Winter-Spring 2023
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leverage pre-trained large language models to analyze their robustness and generalizability</li> <li>• Fine-tune language models for specific tasks to test their generalizability and memorization properties</li> </ul>	
	Security for AI <i>Research and Development Project (Team Project)</i>	Boston, MA Summer 2022
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design efficient data privacy and security threats (NLP) to Deep Learning Models</li> <li>• Detect and mitigate Deep Learning Model security threats</li> </ul>	
	Disparate Vulnerability in ML Model Inversion Attack <i>Research Project (Individual)</i>	Hanover, NH Winter 2022, Spring 2022
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design model inversion attack against ML Models with the least adversarial capabilities</li> <li>• Introduce disparity prediction model to analyze the <i>fairness</i> of ML models under adversarial and privacy attacks</li> </ul>	
	Model Inversion Attribute Inference Attack (MIAI) on Tabular Data <i>Research Project (Individual)</i>	Hanover, NH Fall 2021
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduce novel black-box MIAI attack against ML Models</li> <li>• Analyze efficacy of proposed attack and distributional privacy leakage</li> </ul>	
	Biometric Authentication <i>Development Project (Team Project)</i>	Hanover, NH Winter 2021
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design ML and DL models for user authentication</li> <li>• Developing authentication models based on heart rate, breathing, and gait features</li> </ul>	
	Phone Call Trend <i>Data Analytics Project (Team Project)</i>	Hanover, NH Winter 2021

- Predicting Geo-Temporal pattern of students' phone call behavior.
- Analyzing social and contextual impacts on communication pattern

HealthMine Hanover, NH  
*Development Project (Team Project)* Spring 2020

- Design an Android app for collecting user sensor data.
- Develop a way to redirect to the 'Dexcom' CGM app from our own app to collect user blood glucose data from the CGM device after user authorization.
- Conducting user study to get feedback

Digital SMD Hanover, NH  
*Research Intern Project (Individual)* Fall 2019

- Collecting and Analyzing Insulin Pump, Glucose Monitor Data.
- Applying ML models to detect elements affecting Diabetes self-management.
- Recommending diabetic patients based on the identified patterns.

Human Activity Recognition Riverside, CA  
*Research Project (Team Project of two)* Spring 2018

- Predicting human activities based on smartphone sensor data set.
- Constructing data mining models to classify human activities.
- Demonstrating different feature selection techniques to test prediction accuracy.

Efficient Path Profiling in LLVM Riverside, CA  
*Software Project (Team Project of two)* Spring 2018

- Implemented the Edge Profiling of any arbitrary code and constructed the Ball-Larus Path Profiling algorithm.
- Instrumenting the execution frequencies of different paths in any arbitrary code using the LLVM compiler infrastructure.

Mining Interesting Patterns from TSDB using Resampling Riverside, CA  
*Research Project (Individual)* Fall 2017

- Proposed a new and effective approach to mine all types of interesting periodic patterns without having any predefined period value or type from the *Time Series Database* (TSDB).
- Detecting all types of periodic patterns, particularly by skipping intermediate events using the proposed algorithm.

Place Identification Using Augmented Reality Dhaka, Bangladesh  
*Software Project (Team Project of ten)* Fall 2015

- Developed a system or application that facilitates users to find information about an unknown place.
- Identifying places by capturing the image of the place while directing the phone to that place.

Diabetic Monitor App Dhaka, Bangladesh  
*Software Project (Team Project of ten)* Fall 2015

- Performed survey to collect data regarding diabetic patients.
- Developed an app to assist diabetic patients in getting information about foods, exercise, and other tips based on their sugar level.

Bank Management System Dhaka, Bangladesh  
*Software Project (Individual)* Fall 2014

- Implemented customer accounts, deposits, and payment modules to ensure a secure and reliable banking system using JAVA.
- Ensured better management of data regarding customers bank account, transactions and history.

Cell-Phone Operated Land Rover Dhaka, Bangladesh  
*Hardware Project (Team Project of three)* Spring 2014

- Applied phone calls to control a remote robot based on button press.
- Implemented using dual tone multiple frequency (DTMF) technique.

Result Processing System Dhaka, Bangladesh  
*Software Project (Team Project of three)* Fall 2013

- Designed a secured and reliable result processing system for the university.
- Demonstrated the most efficient and reliable software design technique to implement the software.

Automatic Traffic Light Control Dhaka, Bangladesh  
*Hardware Project (Team Project of three)* Spring 2013

- Implement a traffic light control system to control traffic lights consistently and accurately to maintain the proper flow of traffic.
- Used microcontroller and circuit chips to design the system with a timer IC to ensure the accuracy of traffic control.

#### PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- C*<sub>1</sub> Vhaduri, S., **Dibbo, S. V.**, Gomez, S., and Gajic, A. “Understanding Stability of Choices: Toward a Choice-Based Authentication in Cybersecurity.” *IEEE SouthEastCon’26*, Huntsville, AL, March 2026. (\* [under review](#))
- C*<sub>2</sub> Jaiyeoba, O., **Dibbo, S. V.**, Vhaduri, S., and Springer, J., “RL-AC-WaveGAN: A Novel Reinforcement Learning-based Auxiliary Classifier WaveGAN for Fine-Grained Multi-Class Audio Synthesis.” *INTERSPEECH Conference*, July 2025. (\* [under review](#))
- C*<sub>3</sub> Amebley, D.<sup>††</sup>, and **Dibbo, S. V.** “Are Neuro-Inspired Multi-Modal Vision-Language Models Resilient to Membership Inference Privacy Leakage?” *USENIX WOOT Conference on Offensive Technologies*, Bultimore, MD, August 2026 (\* [Top Security Conference, under review](#)), [Pre-print](#).
- C*<sub>4</sub> Gammon, R.<sup>††</sup>, **Dibbo, S. V.**, Vhaduri, S., Teti, M. “Many Metrics, One Truth? Combining Heuristics to Detect Hallucinations in LLMs.” *SPIE Defnse+Security Conference on Assurance and Security for AI-enabled Systems*, Washington D.C., April 2026. (\* [Just Accepted](#))
- C*<sub>5</sub> **Dibbo, S. V.**, Breuer, A., Moore, J. S., and Teti, M. A., “Improving Robustness to Model Inversion Attacks via Sparse Coding Architectures,” *The 18th European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV 2024)*, Milan, Italy, October 2024, pp. 117-136 [(**Acceptance rate 2395/8585 = 27.9%**)]

- (ranked **3<sup>rd</sup>** journal/conference, with h5-index = 262, in Computer Vision & Pattern Recognition by Google Scholar).
- C*<sub>6</sub> **Dibbo, S. V.**, Moore, J. S., Kenyon, G. T., and Teti, M. A., “LCANets++: Robust Audio Classification using Multi-layer Neural Networks with Lateral Competitions,” *IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing Workshops (ICASSPW)*, Seoul, Korea, April 2024, pp. 129-133 (ranked **1<sup>st</sup>** journal/conference, with h5-index = 137, in Acoustics & Sound by Google Scholar).
  - C*<sub>7</sub> **Dibbo, S. V.**, Mansingh S., Rego J., Kenyon G., Moore J., and Teti M., “How Can Neuroscience Help Us Build More Robust Deep Neural Networks?”, *2nd AdvML Frontiers workshop at 40th International Conference On Machine Learning (ICML 2023)*, Honolulu, Hawaii, July 2023, [Available](#).
  - C*<sub>8</sub> **Dibbo, S. V.**, “SoK: Model Inversion Attack Landscape: Taxonomy, Threat Models, and Defenses,” *36th IEEE Computer Security Foundations Symposium (IEEE CSF)*, Dubrovnik, Croatia, July 2023, pp. 408-425 (**Acceptance rate 38/187 = 20.3%**).
  - C*<sub>9</sub> **Dibbo, S. V.**, Chung D. L., and Mehnaz S., “Model Inversion Attack with Least Information and an In-depth Analysis of its Disparate Vulnerability,” *First IEEE Conference on Secure and Trustworthy Machine Learning (IEEE SaTML)*, Raleigh, USA (**Acceptance rate 40/152 = 26.3%**, [\\*Similar to NeurIPS, ICML acceptance rate](#)).
  - C*<sub>10</sub> Mehnaz S., **Dibbo, S. V.**, Kabir E., Li N., and Bertino E., “Are Your Sensitive Attributes Private? Novel Model Inversion Attribute Inference Attacks on Classification Models,” *31st USENIX Security Symposium (USENIX Security’22)*, Boston, USA. (**Acceptance rate 256/1492=17.2%**, [\\*Highly Contributed as a Leading Student Author](#)). (ranked **2<sup>nd</sup>** journal, with h5-index = 106, in Computer Security & Cryptography by Google Scholar).
  - C*<sub>11</sub> Vhaduri, S., **Dibbo, S. V.**, and Chen C., “Predicting a user’s demographic identity from leaked samples of health-tracking wearables and understanding associated risks.” *2022 IEEE 10th International Conference on Healthcare Informatics (ICHI)*, Rochester, MN, USA, June 2022, pp. 309-318.
  - C*<sub>12</sub> **Dibbo, S. V.**, Kim, Y., Vhaduri, S. “Effect of Noise on Generic Cough Models.” *2021 IEEE 17th International Conference on Wearable and Implantable Body Sensor Networks (BSN)*, Virtual, July 2021, pp. 1-4.
  - C*<sub>13</sub> **\*\*Dibbo, S. V.**, **\*\*** Vhaduri, S., Kim, Y., and C., and Pollabauer. “Visualizing college students’ geo-temporal context-varying significant phone call patterns.” *2021 IEEE 9th International Conference on Healthcare Informatics (ICHI)*, Victoria, Canada, August 2021, pp. 381-385.
  - C*<sub>14</sub> Vhaduri, S., **Dibbo, S. V.**, Chen, C., and Pollabauer, C. “Predicting Next Phone-Call Duration: A Pathway To Promote Mental Health At the Age of Stay Home and Lockdown.” *2021 IEEE 45th Annual Computers, Software, and Applications Conference (COMPSAC)* Virtual, July 2021, pp. 804-811. [**Acceptance Rate:  $\approx$  27%**]
  - C*<sub>15</sub> **Dibbo, S. V.**, Cheung, W., and Vhaduri, S. “On-Phone CNN Model-based Implicit Authentication to Secure IoT Wearables.” *EAI International Conference on Safety and Security in IoT (EAI SaSeIoT)*, Cyberspace, April 2021. ([\\* Best Community-voted Presentation](#))
  - C*<sub>16</sub> Muratyan, A., Cheung, W., **Dibbo, S. V.**, and Vhaduri, S. “Opportunistic Multi-Modal User Authentication for Health-Tracking IoT Wearables.” *EAI International Conference on Safety and Security in IoT (EAI SaSeIoT)*, Cyberspace, April 2021. ([\\* Best Community-voted Presentation](#))

- C<sub>17</sub> Morton S., Li R., **Dibbo, S. V.**, and Prioleau T., “Data-Driven Insights on Behavioral Factors that Affect Diabetes Management,” *42nd Annual International Conference of the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society* (IEEE EMBC), Montreal, QC, Canada, July 2020.
- C<sub>18</sub> Babu, H. M. H., Jamal, L., **Dibbo, S. V.**, and Biswas A. K., “Area and Delay Efficient Design of a Quantum Bit String Comparator,” *IEEE Computer Society Annual Symposium on VLSI* (IEEE ISVLSI), Bochum, Germany, July 2017.
- C<sub>19</sub> **Dibbo, S. V.**, Babu, H. M. H., and Jamal, L., “An Efficient Design Technique of a Quantum Divider Circuit,” *IEEE International Symposium on Circuits & Systems* (IEEE ISCAS), Montreal, QC, Canada, May 2016 (ranked **15<sup>th</sup>** journal, with h5-index = 39, in Computer Hardware Design by Google Scholar).

===== Journals =====

- J<sub>1</sub> **Dibbo, S. V.**, Lin, C-H., and Vhaduri, S., “Challenges and Opportunities of Generative AI Models in Audio/Acoustic.” *Engineering Applications of Artificial Intelligence* Elsevier, August 2025. (\* **Impact Factor 8, Journal #16** in AI according to Google Scholar, Major Revision Submitted)
- J<sub>2</sub> **Dibbo, S. V.**, Yoshimura, H., and Vhaduri, S. “Challenges and Opportunities of Federated Learning In the Age of IoT: A Multi-Domain Comprehensive Survey.” *IEEE Access*, September 2025. (\* **under review**)
- J<sub>3</sub> Vhaduri, S., **Dibbo, S. V.**, Muratyan, A., and Cheung, W. “mWIoTAuth: Multi-wearable data-driven implicit IoT authentication.” *Future Generation Computer Systems, Elsevier* (FGCS), May 2024. [**Impact Factor: 6.2, CiteScore: 21.1**] (ranked **2<sup>nd</sup>** journal/conference, with h5-index = 146, in Computing Systems in Engineering & Computer Science by Google Scholar).
- J<sub>4</sub> Lien, CW., Vhaduri, S., **Dibbo, S. V.**, and Shaheed, M. “Explaining vulnerabilities of heart rate biometric models securing IoT wearables.” *Machine Learning with Applications, Elsevier* (MLA), May 2024.
- J<sub>5</sub> Vhaduri, S., **Dibbo, S. V.**, and Cheung, W. “Implicit IoT Authentication Using On-Phone ANN Models and Breathing Data.” *Elsevier Internet of Things* (IoT), Nov 2023. [**Impact Factor: 6, CiteScore: 12.1**] (ranked **6<sup>th</sup>** journal/conference, with h5-index = 72, in Computing Systems in Engineering & Computer Science by Google Scholar).
- J<sub>6</sub> Vhaduri, S., **Dibbo, S. V.**, and Kim, Y., “Environment Knowledge-Driven Generic Models to Detect Coughs from Audio Recordings,” *IEEE Open Journal of Engineering in Medicine and Biology (IEEE OJEMB)*, April 2023. [**Impact Factor: 2.7, CiteScore: 9.5**]
- J<sub>7</sub> Vhaduri, S., Cheung, W., and **Dibbo, S. V.**, “Bag of On-Phone ANNs to Secure IoT Objects Using Wearable and Smartphone Biometrics,” *Transactions on Dependable and Secure Computing (IEEE TDSC)*, April 2023. [**Impact Factor: 7, CiteScore: 11.2**] (ranked **2<sup>nd</sup>** journal, with h5-index = 70, in Computer Security & Cryptography in Engineering & Computer Science by Google Scholar).
- J<sub>8</sub> Vhaduri, S., **Dibbo, S. V.**, and Cheung, W. “HIAuth: A Hierarchical Implicit Authentication System for IoT Wearables Using Multiple Biometrics.” *IEEE Access*, volume 9, pp. 116395 – 116406, August 2021. [**Impact Factor: 3.9**] (ranked **1<sup>st</sup>** journal/conference, with h5-index = 266, in Engineering & Computer Science (general) in Engineering & Computer Science by Google Scholar).



	<p><math>J_9</math> Vhaduri, S., <b>Dibbo, S. V.</b>, and Kim, Y. “Deriving College Students’ Phone Call Patterns to Improve Student Life.” <i>IEEE Access</i>, 2021. [<b>Impact Factor: 3.9</b>] (ranked <b>1<sup>st</sup></b> journal/conference, with h5-index = 266, in Engineering &amp; Computer Science (general) in Engineering &amp; Computer Science by Google Scholar).</p>
POSTER PRESENTATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Gammon, R., and <b>Dibbo, S. V.</b>, “Many Metrics, One Truth? Combining Heuristics to Detect Hallucinations in LLMs,” <i>Alabama Higher Education AI Exchange</i>, Tuscaloosa, October 2025.</li> <li>2. Amebley, D., and <b>Dibbo, S. V.</b>, “VLMLeaks: Membership Inference Attacks against VLMs,” <i>Alabama Higher Education AI Exchange</i>, Tuscaloosa, October 2025.</li> <li>3. <b>Dibbo, S. V.</b>, Breuer, A., Moore, J. S., and Teti, M. A., “Improving Robustness to Model Inversion Attacks via Sparse Coding Architectures,” <i>The 18th European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV 2024)</i>, Milan, Italy, October 2024.</li> <li>4. <b>Dibbo, S. V.</b>, Moore, J. S., Kenyon, G. T., and Teti, M. A., “LCANets++: Robust Audio Classification using Multi-layer Neural Networks with Lateral Competitions,” <i>ACM International Conference on Neuromorphic Systems (ACM ICONS)</i>, Santa Fe, August 2023.</li> </ol>
DOCTORAL CONSORTIUMS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Dibbo, S. V.</b>, “Novel Privacy Attacks and Defenses Against Neural Networks,” <i>ACM SIGSAC Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS)</i>, Salt Lake City, Utah, October 2024, pp. 5113-5115.</li> <li>2. <b>Dibbo, S. V.</b>, Breuer, A., Moore, J. S., and Teti, M. A., “Improving Robustness to Model Inversion Attacks via Sparse Coding Architectures,” <i>Doctoral Consortium, ECCV 2024</i>, Milano, Italy, October 2024.</li> </ol>
GRANTS & FUNDINGS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>PI</b> “Character Formation of STEM Students via AI-Driven Educational Frameworks: A Transferable Multi-Disciplinary Approach,” <i>Spencer Foundation Education Research Grants</i>, \$50K, Dec 2025 (*Pending).</li> <li>2. <b>PI</b> “ProvenanceShield: MIA-Resilient Tool for Disinformation Defense in VLMs,” <i>Microsoft Research Faculty Fellowship</i>, \$47K, Dec 2025 (*Pending).</li> <li>3. <b>PI</b> “Research Initiation: Fostering Trustworthy AI Competence Among Engineering Graduates through Interactive Cybersecurity-Focused Learning,” <i>National Science Foundation (NSF)</i>, \$200K, Nov 2025 (*Pending).</li> <li>4. <b>PI</b> “TFL: Generative AI Framework to Secure Training Data Leakage in Foundational Large Models,” <i>Amazon Research Award</i>, \$120K, Nov 2025 (*Pending).</li> <li>5. <b>PI</b> “A Novel Scalable Multi-Modal Fusion-based AI/ML Method for Better Prediction of Water Quality,” <i>Cooperative Institute for Research to Operations in Hydrology (CIROH)</i>, \$250K, Oct 2025 (*Pending).</li> <li>6. <b>PI</b> “Secure and Trustworthy Human-AI Teaming: Robust Privacy Defenses for Multi-Modal AI Systems,” <i>Sloan Research Fellowships</i>, \$75K, Jul 2025 [UA IPF: 25-1252] (*Pending).</li> <li>7. <b>PI</b>: “Google Cloud Research Program,” <i>Google</i>, \$5K, Dec 2025.</li> <li>8. <b>PI</b>: “Faculty Fellow, Styslinger College of Engineering,” <i>Hewson Family Foundation</i>, \$15K, Nov 2025.</li> </ol>

## INVITED TALKS

1. West Alabama **WVUA23** News Channel Interview on AI in Education      Fall 25
2. Knight Foundation School of Computing and Information Sciences, Florida International University      Spring 25
3. College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security and Cybersecurity, University at Albany, State University of New York      Fall 24
4. Computer Science Department, University of Alabama      Fall 24
5. Computer Science Department, California State University, East Bay      Fall 24
6. Computer Science Department, Texas A&M Corpus Christi University      Fall 24
7. Center for Non-Linear Studies (CNLS), Los Alamos National Lab      Fall 23

## HONORS & AWARDS

- **Hewson Faculty Fellow, Styslinger College of Engineering**, prestigious Fellowship by the University of Alabama      November 2025
- **Inaugural Dartmouth Cybersecurity Research Cluster Pre-Doctoral Research Fellow**, prestigious Cybersecurity Research Fellowship by Dartmouth College      January 2024
- **National Science Foundation (NSF) Secure and Trustworthy Cyberspace (SaTC) Aspiring PI** Award to attend the PI Workshop organized by the NSF SaTC program      May 2023
- **Best Community-voted Presentation Award**, awarded by the EAI (SaSeIoT 2021) community for the best paper presentations      April 2021
- **Dartmouth Fellow**, Guarini Graduate School, Dartmouth College      September 2020
- **Dean's Award (Gold Medal)**, Faculty of Engineering & Technology, University of Dhaka (one of the top 2 institutions in Bangladesh) for securing **Second** merit position in the B.Sc. Examination in Computer Science & Engineering, held in Dec 2015 (awarded to top 3 students)      May 2018
- **Dean's Distinguished Fellow**, Bourns College of Engineering, University of California, Riverside      September 2017
- **Perfect Attendance Award**, Notre Dame College, Dhaka (best institution in Bangladesh) for maintaining 100% attendance during the two consecutive academic years of College (awarded to only 100% attendance holders)      August 2011
- **First Place Winner**, Notre Dame College, Dhaka, for securing the **First** merit position among the **1.7 million** secondary school certificate holders, participated in the competitive admission test across a country with **163 million** population (awarded to the top-most student)      July 2009

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

**University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa**  
*Course Instructor*  
*Department of Computer Science*

Tuscaloosa, AL  
Fall 2025-present

- CS 690: Security and Privacy of Machine Learning  
(*class size: 20*)  
*Tools: Blackboard* Spring 26
- CS 692: Mentored Research Experience  
(*class size: 5*)  
*Tools: Blackboard* Fall 25, Spring 26
- CS 691: Independent Study  
(*class size: 5*)  
*Tools: Slack, Blackboard* Spring 26
- CS 428: Computer Security  
(*class size: 50*)  
*Tools: Ed Discussion, Canvas* Fall 26

**Dartmouth College, Hanover**  
*Graduate Teaching Assistant*  
*Department of Computer Science*

Hanover, NH  
Fall 2020-Winter 2025

- COSC 61: Database Systems  
(*class size: 60; Undergraduate Class*)  
*Tools: Ed Discussion, Canvas* Winter 25
- COSC 51: Computer Architecture  
(*class size: 50/60; Undergraduate Class*)  
*Tools: Ed Discussion, Canvas* Fall 23, Fall 24
- COSC 89/189: Deep learning generalization and robustness  
(*class size: 20; Graduate/Undergraduate Class*)  
*Tools: Piazza, Canvas* Spring 23
- COSC 78/278: Deep Learning  
(*class size: 60; Graduate Breadth Requirement*)  
*Tools: Piazza, Canvas* Winter 23
- COSC 58/258: Operating Systems  
(*class size: 60, 58; Graduate Breadth Requirement*)  
*Tools: Gitlab, Slack, Canvas* Winter 22, Fall 22
- COSC 59: Principles of Programming Languages  
(*class size: 40; Undergraduate class fulfills MSCS Requirement*)  
*Tools: Slack, Codechef competition* Summer 21
- COSC 55: Security and Privacy  
(*class size: 35, 10; Undergraduate + MSCS Requirement*)  
*Tools: Slack, Canvas* Winter 21, Fall 21
- COSC 10: Problem Solving using Object Oriented Programming  
(*class size: 110-120; Undergraduate Class*)  
*Tools: Canvas, Slack* Fall 20, Spring 21, Spring 22

**University of California, Riverside**  
*Graduate Teaching Assistant*  
*Department of Computer Science & Engineering*

Riverside, CA  
Fall 2018-Winter 2019

- CS 61: Machine Organization and Assembly Language Programming  
(*class size: 110*) Winter 19  
*Tools: Github, Piazza, Gradescope*
- CS 152: Compiler Design  
(*class size: 30*) Fall 18  
*Tools: Piazza, Blackboard*

MENTORING  
EXPERIENCE

**University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa**  
*Undergraduate & Graduate Faculty Mentor*  
*Department of Computer Science*

Tuscaloosa, AL  
Fall 2025-present

- Adebayo Keji, PhD Student, Computer Science, University of Alabama
- David Amebley, PhD Student, Computer Science, University of Alabama
- Collin Francel, Accelerated MS, Data Science Major, Randall Research Scholar, University of Alabama  
**Mentored and supported/nominated for “The Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation Scholarship”**
- Arsh Somani, Junior, Mechanical Engineering Major, University of Alabama
- Ryan Gammon, Sophomore, Data Science Major, University of Alabama
- Kevin Aharrah, Junior, Computer Science Major, Emerging Scholar, University of Alabama
- Foster Smith, Junior, Computer Science Major, University of Alabama
- Parker Patton, Freshman, Computer Science Major, University of Alabama
- Candace Barley, Sophomore, Computer Science Major, University of Alabama

**Dartmouth College, Hanover**  
*Graduate Teaching Assistant*  
*Department of Computer Science*

Hanover, NH  
Fall 2020-Winter 2025

- Undergraduate Student Mentoring Experience:
  - Dae Lim Chung (currently an MS student in CS at Columbia University)
  - Darley Sackitey (currently a PhD student in CS at Georgia Institute of Technology)

- Arihant Chadda (senior UG)
- Sylvester E. Coch (senior UG)

**University of Dhaka**  
*Undergraduate Mentor*  
*Department of Computer Science & Engineering*

Dhaka, Bangladesh  
 Fall 2015

- Mentor and Section Leader:
  - Riaz Uddin (currently Maintenance Engineer, Ministry of Bangladesh)
- Research Collaborator & Coordinator:
  - Mubin Ul Haque (currently PhD Student in CS at the University of Adelaide)
  - Md. Solaiman Mia (currently Lecturer in CS at Green University of Bangladesh)

#### FELLOWSHIPS

- Dartmouth Guarini Graduate School Travel Grant to attend ACM CCS Doctoral Consortium Attendance (\$1000) Summer 24
- ACM CCS Doctoral Consortium Attendance Travel Grant (\$1000) Summer 24
- NSF SaTC Aspiring PI Workshop attending travel grant (\$2000) Summer 23
- Summer Research Fellowship, Center for Non-Linear Studies (CNLS), Los Alamos National Lab (\$15000) Summer 23
- Dartmouth Graduate Student Council Conference Travel Grant (\$500, \$550) Fall 22, Winter 23
- Dartmouth College Fellowship (\$30k/yr) Fall 2020-2025
- Higher Study Travel Grant, Bangladesh-Sweden Trust Fund, Ministry of Economic Relations, Bangladesh (\$800) Fall 2018
- Dean's Distinguished Fellowship, Bourns College of Engineering, University of California, Riverside (\$52,000 for 1 year) Fall 2017
- Dhaka University Alumni Association (DUAA) Scholarship, University of Dhaka (\$400) Fall 2015
- Shamshul Haque Trust Fund Fellowship, University of Dhaka (\$1200) Fall 2015
- Mitsubishi UFJ Foundation Scholarship, Mitsubishi Corporation, Tokyo, Japan (\$3000) Fall 2015
- Higher Secondary School Scholarship, Education Board Dhaka (\$500) Fall 2012
- Full-free Studentship, Notre Dame College, Dhaka (\$400) Fall 2010
- Secondary School Scholarship, Education Board Dhaka (\$300) Spring 2010
- The Scholar's Forum Scholarship, Scholars Forum, Dhaka (\$200) Fall 2008
- Full-free Studentship, St. Gregory's High School & College (\$400) Fall 2007
- Junior School Scholarship, Education Board Dhaka (\$500) Spring 2007
- Gregorian Scholarship, St. Gregory's High School & College (\$200) Fall 2007
- Primary School Scholarship, Education Board Dhaka (\$100) Fall 2004

LEADERSHIP &  
SERVICES

- Program Committee, *USENIX Security 2026* 2025-26
- Program Committee, *ACM CCS 2026* 2025-26
- Doctorial Consortium Presentation, ECCV Conference, Milano, Italy 2024
- Research Poster Presentation, *International Conference on Neuromorphic Systems (ACM ICONS)*, Santa Fe, NM 2023
- PC (Program Committee), *USENIX Security* Artifact Evaluation 2022-2023
- Represent Dartmouth College Graduate Student Council (GSC) on new student orientation/the activities fair Fall 2021
- Co-chair of *Committee for Addressing Racism and Equity (CARE)*, Dartmouth College Graduate Student Council (GSC) 2021-2022
- Participant of *Graduate Student Leadership Training*, Dartmouth College 2021
- Volunteer at *ACM Ubicomp Conference* at London, UK 2019
- Mentor at *BioHack 2019*, Hackathon of Biomedical Engineering Society Chapter, UC Riverside 2019
- Participant of '*Leadership in Action Program*' at UC Riverside 2018
- Volunteer, '*Tobacco Free Environment Campaign*' at UC Riverside 2018
- Volunteer, *Martin Luther King Day* at UC Riverside 2018
- Keynote speaker in '*Fresher's Reception Ceremony*' at Notre Dame College 2009

JOURNAL &  
CONFERENCE  
PAPER REVIEWER

1. Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) 2025
2. Journal of Systems Architecture 2025
3. Digital Signal Processing (DSP) Journal, Elsevier 2025
4. ACM Transactions on Audio, Speech and Language Processing (T-ASL) 2025
5. Journal of Neurocomputing, Elsevier 2024, 2025
6. Women in Computer Vision Conference, ECCV 2024
7. Neural Networks Journal, Elsevier 2024
8. Computers and Security Journal, Elsevier 2024
9. Internet of Things (IoT) Journal, Elsevier 2023
10. IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems 2023
11. USENIX Security Symposium 2021
12. NSysS Conference 2021
13. Annual Computer Security Applications Conference (ACSAC) 2021
14. IEEE Access 2024, 2018
15. IEEE Transactions on Nanotechnology (TNANO) 2018

16. Journal of Multiple-Valued Logic & Soft Computing *2017*
17. IEEE Computer Society Annual Symposium on VLSI (ISVLSI) *2017*
18. Springer Quantum Information Processing Journal *2016*
19. IEEE Region 10 Conference (TENCON) *2016*
20. IEEE International Symposium on Circuits & Systems (ISCAS) Conference *2016*

PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT  
AND MEMBERSHIP

- CRA Career Mentoring Workshop *2026*
- UA Grant Writing Workshop *2026*
- IEEE Member *2025*
- CRA Widening Participation Workshop *2025*
- USENIX Association Member *2025*
- ACM SIGSAC Member *2025*
- CITI Human Study Certification Program *2024*
- Asian CHI Symposium 2020, Honolulu, Hawaii *2020*
- Cornell, Maryland, Max Planck Research School, Germany *2019*
- Apprentice Teaching *Pedagogical* development program, UC Riverside *2018*
- PhD Pivot Workshop, UC Riverside *2018*
- UC Ethical Values and Conducts Training, UC Riverside *2018*
- UC Cyber Security Awareness Training, UC Riverside *2018*

SKILLS

Programming Skills

- C/C++, Python, Scikit-learn, TensorFlow, Pytorch, R, Java, SQL, Spark, Tableau, Weka
- Android Programming, Assembly Language, Shell Programming

Software Skills

- MS Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Photoshop, Graphic Design, JIRA
- Oracle, SQL Server, DB2, MongoDB, MySQL, Matlab, SWI-Prolog, Arduino, Android Studio, OpenGL, OpenCV