

Yash Vekaria

Research Interests

Web Privacy & Security; Online Tracking.

Employment

- Sept 2021– **University of California, Davis**, *Research Assistant*
- Present Advisor: Prof. Zubair Shafiq
- 2020–21 **Innovaccer**, *Data Analyst*
- 2019 **Innovaccer**, *Decision Science Intern*
- 2017–19 **Computer Science Department, LNMIIT University, India**, *Teaching Assistant*
- 2017 **National Ilan University, Taiwan**, *Student Exchange AI Intern*

Education

- Sept 2021– **Ph.D. in Computer Science**
- Present University of California, Davis
- 2016–20 **B.Tech. in Computer Science, 9.04/10**
- The LNM Institute of Information Technology (LNMIIT), India.

Honors & Awards

- 2016–2018 **Merit Scholarships**, *The LNM Institute of Information Technology, India*
- 2019 **Poster Acceptance**, *11th International Conference on Social Informatics*
- 2019 **Spot Award**, *Innovaccer, India*

Publications

- WebSci **Differential Tracking Across Topical Webpages of Indian News Media**
- 2021 **Yash Vekaria**, Vibhor Agarwal, Pushkal Agarwal, Sangeeta Mahapatra, Sakthi Balan Muthiah, Nishanth Sastry, Nicolas Kourtellis
- 13th ACM Web Science Conference (Virtual), 2021*
- ICWSM **Under the Spotlight: Web Tracking in Indian Partisan News Websites**
- 2021 Vibhor Agarwal, **Yash Vekaria**, Pushkal Agarwal, Sangeeta Mahapatra, Sakthi Balan Muthiah, Nishanth Sastry, Nicolas Kourtellis
- 15th International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM) (Virtual), 2021*
- RCIS **A Metadata-based Event Detection Method using Temporal Herding Factor and Social Synchrony on Twitter Data**
- 2021 Nirmal Kumar Sivaraman, Vibhor Agarwal, **Yash Vekaria**, Balan Sakthi Muthiah
- 15th International Conference on Research Challenges in Information Science (RCIS) (Virtual), 2021*

■ Travel Grants

- 2021 **42nd IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (S&P)**
- 2021 **34th IEEE Computer Security Foundations Symposium (CSF)**

■ Teaching

- 2019 **Data Structures & Algorithms (DSA)**
The LNM Institute of Information Technology, India
- 2018 **Computer Organization & Architecture (COA)**
The LNM Institute of Information Technology, India
- 2017 **Computer Programming (CP)**
The LNM Institute of Information Technology, India

■ Invited Talks

- 2021 **Differential Tracking Across Topical Webpages of Indian News Media**
The LNM Institute of Information Technology, India

■ Selected Media Coverage

- Mar 2021 **Tracking the Trackers (Open The Magazine)**, *Ulleksh NP*, [\[Link\]](#)