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EDUCATION

- Stanford University** 2017–2018 **M.A. in Public Policy (Legal & Regulatory Intervention)**
Thesis: Bittersweet Fruits of Incumbency – Evidence from India
Thesis Advisor: Prof. Saumitra Jha
Relevant Courses: Political Development Economics, Applied Econometrics
Economic Policy Analysis, Economics of Law
- 2013–2017 **B.S. in Computer Science (Systems)**
Advisor: Prof. Dan Boneh
Relevant Courses: Cryptography, Computer Security, Network Analysis, Operating Systems, Compilers, Complexity Theory, Machine Learning
Senior Project: Cryptographically Secure Multiparty Computation and Distributed Auctions using Homomorphic Encryption [Published in *Cryptography*. 2017; 1(3):25.]
Project Advisor: Prof. Tim Roughgarden
- 2013–2017 **B.S. in Mathematics**
Advisor: Prof. Kannan Soundararajan
Relevant Courses: Real Analysis, Abstract Algebra, Probability Theory, Number Theory

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Aug 2018– Research Associate, Prof. Antoinette Schoar (Golub Center for Finance & Policy, MIT Sloan)
► *Investigating manipulation in cryptocurrency markets by studying trading behavior of miners through transactions on major exchanges involving mining rewards.*
- Apr–Jun, 2018 Research Assistant, Prof. David Studdert (Center for Health Policy, Stanford)
► *Estimated the impact of political partisanship on firearm acquisition during presidential elections using novel data on firearm sale records and precinct-level voting results in California.*
- Jul–Dec, 2017 ► *Examined the effect of firearm acquisition on suicide, homicide & arrest rates in California using a longitudinal cohort by combining DROS weapon registry, voter registry, mortality data and arrest records.*
- Jul–Sep, 2015 Research Assistant, Prof. Alex Aiken (Computer Science, Stanford)
► *Studied the Legion parallel programming system and ported LULESH (Livermore Unstructured Lagrangian Explicit Shock Hydrodynamics), a mesh-based framework for simulating fluid dynamics, to Legion.*
- Jan–Apr, 2014 Research Assistant, Prof. Dan Boneh (Computer Science, Stanford)
► *Designed and developed one of the first efficient implementations of a private information retrieval protocol in an embedded system using the additively homomorphic Paillier cryptosystem.*

PUBLICATIONS

- K. Anunay**, R. Akshay, D. Matthew, S. Ashwin. Cryptographically Secure Multiparty Computation and Distributed Auctions using Homomorphic Encryption, *Cryptography*. 2017; 1(3):25. [Paper]
- K. Anunay**, S. Arpan, L. Devin. Politically Predictive Potential of Social Networks: Twitter and the Indian General Election 2014, In *Proc. of the Fourth Multidisciplinary International Social Networks Conference*. ACM, New York, NY, USA. [Paper]
► Won Best Paper Award at the conference. Featured in the *Huffington Post* & the *Hindustan Times*.
- K. Anunay**. On Hamming Distance Between Base- n Representations of Whole Numbers, *Canadian Young Scientist Journal*, 14–7, 2–2012. issn: 1913-1925. [Paper]
► Won *Best Young Scientist Paper Award* by the National Research Council (NRC) Press, Canada.

AWARDS & GRANTS

- 2017 Best Paper Award: *Fourth Multidisciplinary International Social Networks Conference, 17-19 July 2017*
- 2017 Conference Grant: *Awarded by Stanford Undergraduate Advising & Research (UAR)*
- 2016 **Jane Stanford Fellowship for Public Service**: *Awarded by the Haas Center for Public Service, Stanford*
- 2013 **Khemka Fellowship**: *College scholarship offered to six Indian students studying in the United States*
- 2013 **UC Regents' and Chancellor's Scholarship**: *Awarded by UC Berkeley to the top undergraduate applicants*
- 2012 **Best Young Scientist Paper Award**: *Awarded by the National Research Council (NRC) Press, Canada*
- 2012 Regional Mathematical Olympiad Awardee: *Amongst six high school seniors from New Delhi*
- 2012 National Earth Science Olympiad Awardee: *Amongst twenty-two high school students from India*
- 2012 National Linguistics Olympiad Awardee: *Amongst twenty high school students from India*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Spring 2017-18 Teaching Assistant, Computer and Network Security (CS 155), Prof. Dan Boneh
- Winter 2017-18 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Cryptography (CS 255), Prof. Dan Boneh
- Fall 2017-18 Teaching Assistant, Analysis of Networks (CS 224W), Prof. Jure Leskovec
 - Including advising of research projects at the intersection of computational, economic & political networks.
- Spring 2016-17 Teaching Assistant (Head), Computer and Network Security (CS 155), Prof. Dan Boneh
 - Including the management of a team of 8 TAs and the coordination of a class of over 250 students & industry professionals through the Stanford Center for Professional Development (SCPD).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Apr-Jul, 2016 Public Service Fellow, Office of **Dr. Shashi Tharoor**, Member of Parliament (Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala)
 - Developed a smartphone-based civic grievance redressal mechanism for the electorate and designed data visualization tools to facilitate evidence-based public policymaking for the MP's office.
- Sep-Dec, 2015 Engineering Intern, **Keybase Inc.** (San Francisco)
 - Designed a cryptographically secure filesystem for sharing files using public key encryption and implemented secret sharing mechanisms to generate shared key pairs.
- Jun-Sep, 2014 Research Intern, Search & Discoverability R&D, **Bloomberg LP**. (New York)
 - Examined re-ranking models for search results and extracted implicit feedback from user metrics. Also built infrastructure for interleaving re-ranking models in the HL (Search) function on the Bloomberg Terminal establishing theoretical guarantees from recent work in web retrieval. The project was later **open sourced** by Bloomberg as part of the Learning-to-Rank (LTR) plug-in for Apache Solr.

SKILLS

Programming	C, C++, Java, Python, R, Go
Software	Stata, MATLAB, Mathematica
Languages	English (native), Hindi (native), French (beginner)

REFERENCES

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