Farhana Shahid

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Research Interests

My research involves critical examination of the design, use, and impact of sociotechnical systems to enable equitable outcomes for the users and online communities in the Majority World (i.e., the Global South).

Education

Ph.D. in Information Science   *2021 – Present*
CORNELL UNIVERSITY   *GPA: 4.00 out of 4.00*
Advisor: Aditya Vashistha

M.Sc. in Computer Science and Engineering   *2017 – 2019*
BANGLADESH UNIVERSITY OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY   *GPA: 4.00 out of 4.00*
Advisor: A. B. M. Alim Al Islam

B.Sc. in Computer Science and Engineering   *2013 – 2017*
BANGLADESH UNIVERSITY OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY   *GPA: 3.74 out of 4.00*
Advisor: A. B. M. Alim Al Islam

Appointments

Cornell University   *Ithaca, New York*
GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT   *2021 – Present*
GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT   *2021 – Present*

Brac University   *Dhaka, Bangladesh*
LECTURER   *May 2018 – May 2021*

Eastern University   *Dhaka, Bangladesh*
LECTURER   *Sep 2017 – Apr 2018*

Academic Awards and Honors

2024   **Best Student Paper**, Social Media and Society in India

2024   **Outstanding PhD Service Award**, Cornell Information Science

2024   **Outstanding Teaching Award**, Cornell Information Science

2022   **Finalist: HCI - Social Media, People, and Society**, Meta PhD Research Fellowship

2020   **Distinguished Paper Award (Top 3%)**, IMWUT Volume 3

2020   **Honorable Mention Award (Top 5%)**, CSCW2020

2016   **University Merit Scholarship**, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology

2015   **Dean's List Award**, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology

2015   **First runner up: Poster Presentation Session**, Esonance, Islamic University of Technology

2012   **Champion: Science Olympiad**, Inter College Science Festival, Holy Cross College

2011   **First runner up**, 4th Bangladesh Chemistry Olympiad

2011   **Secondary School Merit Scholarship**, Education Board of Dhaka

Publications

CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS

1. **Farhana Shahid** and Aditya Vashistha. 2023. Decolonizing Content Moderation: Does Uniform Global Community Standard Resemble Utopian Equality or Western Power Hegemony? In *CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI 2023)*.

2. **Farhana Shahid**, Srujana Kamath, Annie Sidotam, Vivian Jiang, Alexa Batino, and Aditya Vashistha. 2022. "It Matches My Worldview": Examining Perceptions and Attitudes Around Fake Videos. In *CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI 2022)*.

Journal Publications

1. Dhruv Agarwal, **Farhana Shahid**, and Aditya Vashistha. 2024. Conversational Agents to Facilitate Deliberation on Harmful Content in WhatsApp Groups. To appear in *CSCW 2024*.

2. **Farhana Shahid**, Shrirang Mare, and Aditya Vashistha. 2022. Examining Source Effects on Perceptions of Fake News in Rural India. 2022. In *Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction*. Vol. 6, No. CSCW1, Article 89 (April 2022).

3. **Farhana Shahid**, Wasifur Rahman, Mohammad Saifur Rahman, Sharmin Akther Purabi, Ayesha Seddiqa, Moin Mostakim, Farhan Feroz, Tanjir Rashid Soron, Fahmida Hossain, Nabila Khan, Anika Binte Islam, Nipi Paul, Ehsan Hoque, and A. B. M. Alim Al Islam. 2020. Leveraging Free-Hand Sketches for Potential Screening of PTSD. In *Proceedings of the ACM on Interactive Mobile, Wearable and Ubiquitous Technologies*. Vol. 4, No. 3, Article 94 (September 2020).

4. **Farhana Shahid**, Shahinul Hoque Ony, Takrim Rahman Albi, Sriram Chellappan, Aditya Vashistha, and A. B. M. Alim Al Islam. 2020. Learning from Tweets: Opportunities and Challenges to Inform Policy Making During Dengue Epidemic. In *Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction*. Vol. 4, No. CSCW1, Article 65 (May 2020). 🏆 **CSCW Honorable Mention Award (Top 5%)**

5. **Farhana Shahid**, Wasifur Rahman, Anika Binte Islam, Nipi Paul, Nabila Khan, Mohammad Saifur Rahman, Md Munirul Haque, and A. B. M. Alim Al Islam. 2019. Two Tell-tale Perspectives of PTSD: Neurobiological Abnormalities and Bayesian Regulatory Network of the Underlying Disorder in a Refugee Context. In *Proceedings of the ACM on Interactive Mobile, Wearable and Ubiquitous Technologies*. Vol. 3, No. 3, Article 101 (September 2019). 🏆 **IMWUT Distinguished Paper Award (Top 3%)**

Thesis

1. Leveraging Features from EEG and Free-Hand Sketches for Effective Diagnosis of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, M.Sc. Engg. Thesis, In *Department of Computer Science and Engineering, BUET*, 2021.

2. Blending Statistical Measures with Artificial Intelligence for Predicting Inter Species Gene Expressions, B.Sc. Engg. Thesis, In *Department of Computer Science and Engineering, BUET*, 2017.

Magazine Publications

1. Rahul Majethia, Shreya Ghosh, Hannah R. Nolasco, **Farhana Shahid**, Varun Viswanath, Ibrahim Shehi Shehu, and Yiran Zhao. 2022. Stepping Into the Next Decade of Ubiquitous and Pervasive Computing: UbiComp and ISWC 2021. In *IEEE Pervasive Computing*. Vol. 21, No. 2, (June 2022).

Services

Reviewer

2023–24	**Special recognition for outstanding reviews in CSCW and CHI**
2020–23	ACM Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI)
2021–24	ACM Computer Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing (CSCW)
2022–24	ACM SIGCAS Computing and Sustainable Societies (COMPASS)
2022–23	ACM Transactions on Computer-Human Interaction (TOCHI)
2020	ACM Transactions on Computing for Healthcare

Organizing Committee

2022	SV Social Co-chair, CSCW
2022	Publicity Co-chair, ACM COMPASS
2018	5th Eastern University Math Olympiad, Eastern University

Program Committee

2024	ACM COMPASS

University Service

2022–Present	IS Seminar Coordinator, Information Science Graduate Student Association, Cornell University
2021–22	Vice President, Information Science Graduate Student Association, Cornell University
2019–20	AI, ML, and NLP undergraduate thesis panel, Brac University
2019	Course curriculum update, Brac University
2018	Semester planning, Brac University

Volunteer

2023–24	ACSU Research Night, Cornell University
2021–22	CHI, CSCW
2021	UbiComp, Asia-Ocenia Accessibility Workshop
2015	National High School Programming Contest, BUET

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant

- Technology for Underserved Communities (Spring 2023)
- Computing and Global Development (Spring 2024, Fall 2022, Fall 2021)

Course Instructor

- Computer Graphics (Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Summer 2020, Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Summer 2019, Spring 2019, Spring 2018)
- Pattern Recognition (Fall 2020, Summer 2020)
- Artificial Intelligence (Spring 2020, Fall 2019)
- Object Oriented Programming (Fall 2019, Summer 2019, Spring 2019, Fall 2018, Summer 2018)
- Digital Logic Design (Spring 2020, Summer 2018)
- Algorithms (Summer 2019, Fall 2019, Summer 2018)
- Data Structures (Summer 2019, Summer 2018)
- Operating Systems (Spring 2018, Fall 2017)
- Mathematical Analysis for Computer Science (Fall 2017)

Course Coordinator

- Computer Graphics (Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2020, Fall 2019)
- Pattern Recognition (Fall 2020, Summer 2020)
- Artificial Intelligence (Summer 2020, Spring 2020, Fall 2019)
- Object Oriented Programming (Fall 2020, Fall 2019)

Mentoring

Undergraduate Students

- Maximilian Dittgen
- Takrim Rahman Albi
- Shahinul Hoque Ony

Selected Talks

Unpacking platform-mediated and user-mediated moderation on Meta's platforms through the experiences of the Majority World users

2024	Social Computing Research Lab, University of Michigan
2024	HCI Graduate Seminar, University of California, Berkeley
2024	Antisocial Computing, University of California, San Diego