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EDUCATION	**University of North Carolina at Charlotte**	Aug 2018 - May 2023
	PhD student in Computer Science under Prof Samira Shaikh	*GPA: 3.90 / 4*
	Computational Sociolinguistics and AI	

University of North Carolina at Charlotte   Aug 2018 - Dec 2020
MS student in Computer Science under Prof Samira Shaikh   *GPA: 3.90 / 4*
AI, Robotics and Gaming Concentration

Dhirubhai Ambani Institute of ICT   Jul 2013 - May 2017
Bachelor of Technology in Information and Communication Technology   *GPA: 3.13 / 4*
with Honors and Minor in Computational Science

WORK EXPERIENCE

Machine Learning Engineer Intern, ServiceNow Inc.   May 2021 - Ongoing
Built model for question generation and answering using state-of-the-art methods

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Hope Speech Detection for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion at EACL 2021   Jan 2021 - May 2021
Research Assistant - *Ribarsky Visualization Center, Dept of Computer Science*   UNC Charlotte

· Analyzed social media data for the presence of hope speech in multi-class classification task for identifying uplifting, positive speech online using RoBERTa and XLM-RoBERTa for multilingual data
· Ranked 1st in English and Tamil among 31 teams, and ranked 3rd in Malayalam among 30 teams at the Hope Speech Detection task for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion at EACL 2021

Emotional Contagion and Firestorms   Aug 2018 - May 2021
Research Assistant - *Multi-phase interdisciplinary project, Depts of Public Policy, Psychology, Communication Studies and Computer Science*   UNC Charlotte

· Collected relevant Twitter data for studying political expression on social media and its effect on offline movements
· Performed statistical analysis using hierarchical regression analysis to study interactions when different linguistic features are used together using R
· Led the ideation and building of a mock social media platform modeled behind Twitter to perform controlled user studies
· Conducted pilot study and performed exploratory analysis to quantify and measure the properties of the mock platform pertaining to emotional contagion and regulation for computational social science research

Hate Speech, Emotional and Moral Expression Online   Aug 2019 - Dec 2020
Research Assistant - *Ribarsky Visualization Center, Dept of Computer Science*   UNC Charlotte

· Analyzed largely unmoderated alternative social media networks for hate speech and misinformation online using data analytics based on Offenseval data and contextual word embeddings such as ELMo and BERT
· Extracted opinions expressed online on public policy and analyzed perception patterns over time using LDA topic modeling
· Studied emotional and moral expression surrounding online social and political movements and their impact on information contagion
· Utilized stance identification for argument mining and summarization by hashtag use to study political and ideological polarization as reflected in online conversations and debates

Emoji Usage on Social Media
Aug 2018 - May 2020
Research Assistant - *Ribarsky Visualization Center, Dept of Computer Science*
UNC Charlotte
- Collected emoji usage data associated with the Charlottesville event on Twitter and Gab, a fringe (largely alt-right) community
- Studied differences in symbolism expressed in emoji usage that showcases ideological differences in the political expression on the two platforms
- Studied language use expressing solidarity during the crises events of the Paris attacks, Hurricane Irma, and Charlottesville

Embedded Hunters
May 2016 - Jul 2016
Summer Research Intern - *Computational Intelligence lab, Prof Suresh Sundaram*
NTU, Singapore
- Worked on optimization techniques for ML, studying gradient and coordinate descent
- Worked on the Embedded Hunters algorithm to improve black box optimization techniques
- Contributed to the Black-Box Multi-Objective Optimization Benchmarking Platform on Github

PUBLICATION HISTORY

On the Need for Thoughtful Data Collection for Multi-Party Dialogue: A Survey of Available Corpora and Collection Methods
August 2021
SIGDIAL 2021
Paper

A Case Study of Analysis of Construals in Language on Social Media
August 2021
ACL 2021 Student Research Workshop
Paper

Towards Understanding How Emojis Express Solidarity in Crisis Events
July 2021
International Conference on Applied Human Factors and Ergonomics (AHFE 2021)
Paper

TeamUNCC: Hope Speech Detection using Transfer Learning with Transformers
April 2021
Workshop on Language Technology for Equality, Diversity, Inclusion at EACL 2021
Paper

Community Connect: A Mock Social Media Platform to Study Online Behavior
March 2021
International Conference on Web Search and Data Mining (WSDM) 2021
Demo Paper

Studying The Effect of Emotional and Moral Language on Information Contagion during the Charlottesville Event
July 2020
Widening NLP Workshop at virtual ACL 2020
Poster

Analyzing Event-Specific Language Use on Gab: A Charlottesville case study
August 2020
Southern Data Science Conference 2020, Atlanta, GA, USA
Poster

Emoji Usage Across Platforms: A Case Study for the Charlottesville Even
Jul 2019
Widening NLP Workshop at ACL 2019, Florence, Italy
Poster
Internal Conference on Computational Social Science 2019, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

CONFERENCES ATTENDED

Computing Conferences
- Virtual SIGDIAL 2021
- Virtual Association of Computational Linguistics Conference, ACL 2020
- Virtual Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics, NAACL 2021 (D&I Student Chair)
- Virtual International Conference on Computational Linguistics, COLING 2020
- Virtual Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing, EMNLP 2020 (Volunteer)
- Virtual SIGDIAL 2020
- Virtual Association of Computational Linguistics Conference, ACL 2020 (Volunteer)
- Southern Data Science Conference, SDSC 2020, Atlanta, GA, USA
- Association of Computational Linguistics Conference, ACL 2019, Florence, Italy
- International Conference on Computational Social Science, IC2S2 2019, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Supporting Widening Participation in Tech
- Mini Fleurix Conference 2021, Charlotte, NC, USA

- Carolinas Women in Computing 2020, Charlotte, NC, USA
- Tapia Celebration for Diversity in Computing 2019, San Diego, California, USA

HONORS AND AWARDS

· *CRA-WP Grad Cohort for Widening Participation 2021 scholar* at New Orleans, LA

· *Graduate Assistant Support Plan (GASP)* since Fall 2018 from *UNC Charlotte* for tuition support

· *Tapia Celebration for Diversity in Computing scholar* at College of Computing and Informatics (CCI), UNC Charlotte

· *Certificate of Recognition* for outstanding academic achievement by *Duke University, North Carolina, US*. Also nominated for the Duke Talent Identification Program, India 2009 at IIM-Ahmedabad from 500 students all over India

LANGUAGES & SKILLS

Languages English, Hindi, Marathi, Gujarati, French

Skills Python, R, Data Science, Data Analysis, Data Visualization, Natural Language Processing, Natural Language Understanding, Natural Language Generation

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT & VOLUNTEERING

· *Graduate Life Fellow* at UNC Charlotte	2021-2022
· *Graduate Life Ambassador* at UNC Charlotte	2020-2021
· *Student Panelist* for International Cultural Panel at UNC Charlotte	2020-2021
· *Founding Secretary*, the Club for AI Research, UNC Charlotte	2019-2020
· *Founding Member*, Girls Who Code, UNC Charlotte	2019-2020
· *Member*, ACM-W, UNC Charlotte	2018-2020
· *Vice Chairperson*, IEEE Student Body (SB), DAIICT	2016-2017
· *Chairperson*, IEEE SB Women In Engineering Affinity Group, DAIICT	2016-2017