

Kasthuri Jayarajah

CURRENT APPOINTMENT	Assistant Professor (Sep, 2023 - current). New Jersey Institute of Technology. <i>Department of Computer Science</i>
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PAST APPOINTMENTS	Research Assistant Professor (Nov, 2021 - Aug, 2023). University of Maryland, Baltimore County. <i>Center for Real-time Distributed Sensing and Autonomy</i>
	Research Fellow, Singapore Management University July 2019 - Oct 2021 <i>Advised by: Prof. Archan Misra.</i>
	Visiting Scholar May 2017 - Aug 2017 Computer Laboratory, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom. <i>Advised by: Prof. Cecilia Mascolo.</i>
	Visiting Scholar Aug 2016 - Dec 2016 Human-Computer Interaction Institute, Carnegie Mellon University, USA. <i>Advised by: Dr. Jennifer Mankoff, Dr. Anind Dey.</i>
	Research Intern May 2015 - August 2015 Situational Understanding Research Institute, US Airforce Research Laboratory, USA. <i>Advised by: Michael Kolodny (ARL), Prof. Tarek Abdelzaher (UIUC), Dr. Geeth de Mel (IBM Research), Julie Skipper and Rob Williams (AFRL Discovery Lab).</i>
	Research Engineer July 2012 - July 2014 Living Analytics Research Center, Singapore Management University, Singapore. <i>Advised by: Dr. Archan Misra.</i>
	Graduate Student Researcher Jan 2012 - March 2012 Interactive and Digital Media Institute, National University of Singapore, Singapore. <i>Advised by: Dr. Owen Noel Fernando.</i>
INTERESTS	Mobile and Ubiquitous Computing, AI for IoT, Human-Autonomy Teaming
EDUCATION	Singapore Management University , Singapore. PhD in Information Systems, 2014 - 2019. <u>Advisors:</u> Dr. Archan Misra (SMU), Dr. Shili Xiang (A*STAR). <u>Thesis Title:</u> Exploiting Mobility for Predictive Urban Systems. <u>Committee:</u> Anind Dey (Dean, iSchool, University of Washington), Ramayya Krishnan (Dean, Heinz College, Carnegie Mellon University),
	Carnegie Mellon University , Pittsburgh, USA (Fall, 2016).
	National University of Singapore , Master of Computing, 2012-2013.
	University of Moratuwa , Sri Lanka, B. Sc. Eng., Electronic and Telecommunication Eng., 2010.

GRANTS

Principal Investigator, NJIT/Institute for Future Technologies, “Towards Improving the Effectiveness of Socially Assistive Robots through Wearable Sensing” with Shelly Levy-Tzedek (BGU), 2024-2026.

Senior Personnel, U.S. Army Grant No. W911NF21-20076 under the ArtIAMAS Cooperative Agreement. \$68 Million USD (2021-2025). UMBC’s Subaward: 20.5 Million USD.

1. **Project Lead**, *Collaborative Models for Real-Time Situational Understanding*, Feb’23 - April’24, Total: 600,000 USD.
2. **Project Co-Lead**, *Resilient and Effective Communication and Sensing for Autonomous Platforms and Systems*, Nov’21 - Apr’24, Total: 1,050,000 USD.
3. **Project Co-Lead**, *Human-Machine Teaming*, Nov’21 - Apr’24, Total: 1,000,000 USD.

AWARDS AND HONORS

	2020	Named a Rising Star in EECS 2020 by UC Berkeley (the only awardee from Singapore).
	2019	Finalist, Gaetano Borriello Outstanding Student Award (one of only 5 worldwide) , Presented at UbiComp 2019.
	2018	SMU Multidisciplinary Doctoral Fellowship (top 5% of the PhD cohort)
	2018	Best Paper Award (PURBA 2018, co-located with UbiComp 2018)
	2017	Google Women Techmakers Scholar (APAC) (one of 5 awardees from Singapore)
	2017	Honorable Mention, Open Mobility Task Challenge, ACM CIKM 2017
	2014 – 2018	A*STAR Graduate Scholarship (AGS)
	2012 – 2013	O. N. M. Kulashesthra Award for academic excellence , University of Moratuwa

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL, CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PUBLICATIONS

[C21] D. Wanniarachchige, **K. Jayarajah**, D. Weerakoon, T. Abdelzaher, and N. Roy (2025). Steer-Cam: Multi-Camera Edge Perception via Dynamic Joint Steering & Collaboration, In Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Computer Communications, 2026. (**INFOCOM 2026 (Upcoming)**). **Core Ranking A*, Acceptance Rate 19.2%**.

[C20] I. Ghosh, M. Anwar, **K. Jayarajah**, and N. Roy (2025). Imitation-Inspired Semantic-Guided Distillation for User-Conditioned Memorability Prediction, In Proceedings of the 25th IEEE International Conference on Data Mining. (**ICDM 2025**). **Core Ranking A*, Acceptance Rate 13.5%**.

[C19] I. Ghosh, **K. Jayarajah**, N. Waytowich, N. Roy (2025). Augmenting Personalized Memory via Practical Multimodal Wearable Sensing in Visual Search and Wayfinding Navigation, In Proceedings of the 33rd ACM Conference on User Modeling, Adaptation and Personalization. **ACM UMAP 2025**.

[W12] C. Myrick, I. Ghosh, **K. Jayarajah**, N. Roy (2025), CALM: Multimodal Cognitive Load Assessment Framework via Engineered and Explainable Features. PerCom Workshops 2025.

[W11] M. Thavendra and **K. Jayarajah** (2025). GazeLight: Understanding the Feasibility of Gaze-based Adaptive Streaming for AR-Mediated Human-Robot Systems. PerCom Workshops 2025.

[C18] I. Ghosh, **K. Jayarajah**, N. Waytowich, N. Roy (2024). EEGAmp+: Investigating the Efficacy of Functional Connectivity for Detecting Events in Low-Resolution EEG, In Proceedings of the 21st EAI International Conference on Mobile and Ubiquitous Systems: Computing, Networking

and Services. **EAI MobiQuitous 2024**.

[C17] I. Ghosh, G. Chugh, **K. Jayarajah**, N. Roy (2024). β -Decode: Attention-based Decoding Temporal Artifacts via Unsupervised -Variational Autoencoder, In Proceedings of the ACM 8th Joint International Conference on Data Science & Management of Data (12th ACM IKDD CODS and 30th COMAD, 2024).

[C16] Rippy, K., Gangopadhyay, A., **Jayarajah, K.** (2024). GestRight: Understanding the Feasibility of Gesture-driven Tele-Operation in Human-Robot Teams. 2024 IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems. **IROS'24, Core Ranking A***

[C15] Ahmed, M., Hasan, Z., Faridee, A. Z. M., Anwar, M. S., **Jayarajah, K.**, Purushotham, S., & Roy, N. (2024, April). ARSFineTune: On-the-Fly Tuning of Vision Models for Unmanned Ground Vehicles. In Proc. of Conference on Distributed Computing in Smart Systems and the Internet of Things. **IEEE DCOSS-IOT'24**.

[C14] Anwar, M. S., Dey, E., Devnath, M. K., Ghosh, ... , **Jayarajah, K.**, Ramamurthy, S., Roy, N. (2023, September). Heteroedge: Addressing asymmetry in heterogeneous collaborative autonomous systems. In 2023 IEEE 20th International Conference on Mobile Ad Hoc and Smart Systems (MASS) (pp. 575-583). IEEE.

[W10] **K. Jayarajah.**, S. Gart and A. Gangopadhyay. AirDrop: Towards Collaborative, Multi-Resolution Air-Ground Teaming for Terrain-Aware Navigation, To Appear in the Proceedings of the 24th International Workshop on Mobile Computing Systems and Applications. **ACM HotMobile'23**.

[W9] **Jayarajah, K.**, A. Gangopadhyay and N. Waytowich. TagTeam: Towards Wearable-Assisted, Implicit Guidance for Human–Drone Teams, **Proceedings of SmartWear'22 co-located with ACM MobiCom'22**.

[C13] **K. Jayarajah**, D. Wanniarachchige, T. Abdelzaher and A. Misra, ComAI: Enabling Lightweight, Collaborative Intelligence by Retrofitting Vision DNNs. Proceedings of the IEEE Conference on Computer Communications, 2022. **IEEE INFOCOM'22**.

Acceptance Rate = 19.9%

[J4] R. Gupta, S. Mukherjee and **K. Jayarajah**, The Role of Group Cohesiveness in Targeted Mobile Promotions, **Journal of Business Research** (Special Issue on Mobile Applications), 2021. **Impact Factor 4.874**.

[J3] T. Abdelzaher, Y. Hao, **K. Jayarajah**, A. Misra, P. Skarin, S. Yao, D. Weerakoon and K. Arzen, Five Challenges in Cloud-Enabled Intelligence and Control, ACM Transactions on Internet Technologies (**ACM ToIT**), Vol. 3, Issue 1, February 2020.

Impact Factor 3.750

[J2] **Jayarajah, K.** and A. Misra. Predicting Episodes of Non-Conformant Mobility in Indoor Environments. Proceedings of the ACM on Interactive, Mobile, Wearable and Ubiquitous Technologies (IMWUT), Volume 2, Issue 4, Article 172, December 2018. **UbiComp'19**.

One-Shot Acceptance Rate ≈ 7%

[C12] Meegahapola, L., T. Kandappu, **K. Jayarajah**, A. Misra, and L. Akoglu. BuSCOPE : Fusing Individual & Aggregated Mobility Behavior for Live Smart City Services, 2019. **MobiSys'19**.
Acceptance Rate = 23.2%

[C11] S. Yao, Y. Hao, Y. Zhao, A. Piao, H. Shao, D. Liu, S. Liu, S. Hu, D. Weerakoon, **K. Ja-**

yarajah, A. Misra and T. Abdelzaher, Eugene: Towards Deep Intelligence as a Service, 39th IEEE International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems (**ICDCS**), July 2019. (**Invited paper**)

[C10] **D. Weerakoon, K. Jayarajah**, R. Tandriansyah, A. Misra. Resilient Collaborative Intelligence for Adversarial IoT Environments, *The 22nd International Conference on Information Fusion (FUSION 2019)*.

[C9] **L. Meegahapola**, N. Athaide, **K. Jayarajah**, S. Xiang, A. Misra. Inferring Accurate Bus Trajectories from Noisy Estimated Arrival Time Records, *IEEE Intelligent Transportation Systems Conference (ITSC 2019)*.

[J1] K. D'Silva, **K. Jayarajah (*co-primary)**, A. Noulas, C. Mascolo, and A. Misra. The Role of Urban Mobility in Retail Business Survival. Proceedings of the ACM on Interactive, Mobile, Wearable and Ubiquitous Technologies (IMWUT), Volume 2, Issue 3, Article 100, September 2018. *UbiComp'18*.

Acceptance Rate $\approx 20\text{--}25\%$

[W8] **Jayarajah, K., A. Tan** and A. Misra. Exploiting the Inter-dependency of Land Use and Mobility for Applications in Urban Planning, 2018 *UbiComp/ISWC 2018 Adjunct Proceedings, Best Paper*.

[C8] Gupta, R., S. Mukherjee, **K. Jayarajah**. Role of Group Cohesiveness in Consumers' Responses to Mobile Promotions, 2017. *Association For Consumer Research Conference North America Advances (ACR)*.

[C7] **Jayarajah, K.**, R. K. Balan., M. Radhakrishnan, A. Misra and Y. Lee. LiveLabs: Enabling In-Situ Behavioural Experiments, 2016. *MobiSys'16*.

Acceptance Rate = 15.7%

[C6] **Jayarajah, K.** and A. Misra. Can Instagram Help Understand Micro-Events?. *The 19th International Conference on Information Fusion (FUSION 2016)*.

[W7] **Jayarajah, K., Z. Lantra** and A. Misra. Fusing WiFi and Video Sensing for Accurate Group Detection in Indoor Spaces. *The Third Intl' Workshop on Physical Analytics (co-located with ACM MobiSys 2016)*.

[W6] **Jayarajah, K.**, M. Radhakrishnan, C. Zakaria. Duplicate Issue Detection for the Android Open Source Project, *5th Intl' Workshop on Software Mining (co-located with IEEE/ACM Intl' Conference on Automated Software Engineering 2016)*.

[W5] Dai, B. T., **K. Jayarajah**, E. P. Lim, A. Misra, S. Nayak. A Study on Singapore Haze. 1st International Workshop on Understanding Situations Through Multimodal Sensing (co-located with ICDCN), 2016.

[C5] **Jayarajah, K.**, Y. Lee, A. Misra, R. K. Balan. Need Accurate User Behavior? Pay Attention to Groups!, 2015. *UbiComp'15*.

Acceptance Rate = 23.6%

[C4] **Jayarajah, K.**, A. Misra, X. W. Ruan, E. P. Lim. Event Detection: Exploiting Socio-Physical Interactions in Physical Spaces, 2015. *IEEE/ACM ASONAM'15*.

[W4] **Jayarajah, K.**, S. Yao, R. Mutharaju, A. Misra, G. De Mel, J. Skipper, T. Abdelzaher, M. Kolodny. Social Signal Processing for Real-Time Situational Understanding: A Vision and

Approach. SocialSens Workshop co-located with IEEE MASS, 2015.

[W3] **Jayarajah, K.**, M. Radhakrishnan, C. S. Hoi, A. Misra. Candy Crushing Your Sleep, 4th Workshop on Mobile Systems for Computational Social Science (co-located with ACM Ubicomp 2015).

[C3] Sen, R., Y. Lee, **K. Jayarajah**, A. Misra and R. K. Balan. GruMon: Fast and Accurate Group Monitoring for Heterogeneous Urban Spaces, 2014. *SenSys'14*.

[W2] **Jayarajah, K.**, R. Kauffman, A. Misra. Exploring Variety Seeking Behavior in Mobile Users. Ubicomp'14 Adjunct Proceedings, September 2014.

[W1] Misra, A., **K. Jayarajah**, S. Nayak, P. K. Prasetyo and E. Lim. Socio-Physical Analytics: Challenges and Opportunities. 1st Workshop on Physical Analytics collocated with ACM MobiSys 2014.

[C2] Liu, S., S. Wang, **K. Jayarajah**, A. Misra and R. Krishnan. TODMIS: Mining communities from trajectories, 2013. *CIKM'13*.

Acceptance Rate = 16.86%

[C1] Khan, A.J., **K. Jayarajah**, D. Han, A. Misra, R. K. Balan and S. Seshan. CAMEO: a middleware for mobile advertisement delivery, 2013. *MobiSys'13*.

Acceptance Rate = 16%

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

[P7] A. Misra, **K. Jayarajah**, D. Weerakoon, R. Tandriansyah, S. Yao, T. Abdelzaher. Dependable machine intelligence at the tactical edge, *SPIE Defense+Security 2019*.

[P6] **Jayarajah, K.**, V. Subbaraju, N. Athaide, L. Meegahapola, A. Tan and A. Misra. Can multi-modal sensing detect and localize transient events?, *SPIE Defense+Security 2018*.

[P5] **Jayarajah, K.**, V. Subbaraju, D. Weerakoon, A. Misra, L. T. Tam and N. Athaide. Discovering Anomalous Events from Urban Informatics Data. *SPIE Defense+Security 2017*.

[P4] Misra, A., Z. Lantra and **K. Jayarajah**. Ontology-aided Feature Correlation for Multi-Modal Urban Sensing, SPIE Defense+Security 2016.

[P3] Nayak, S., A. Misra, **K. Jayarajah**, P. K. Prasetyo, E. Lim. Exploring Discriminative Features for Anomaly Detection in Public Spaces, SPIE DSS 2015.

[P2] Naoko, T., I. Horathalge, O. N. N. Fernando, K. Zhu, **K. Jayarajah**, Y. Fernandopulle, R. Nakatsu. KabukiMono+: The Art of Kabuki Transformed, 3rd International Conference on Culture and Computing, 2012.

[P1] Sivakumaran, P., **K. Jayarajah**, I. Kanaganayagam, C. Gopalasingham, E. C. Kulasekere. Sonar Navigation Aid for the Visually Impaired, In proceedings of the 16th Annual Symposium of the Engineering Research Unit, Sri Lanka, November 2010, 193-198.

DEMOS AND POSTERS

Jayarajah, K., Z. Lantra, R. Kumar, A. Misra. Fusing WiFi and Video Sensing for Accurate Group Detection in Indoor Spaces, ACM MobiSys 2016.

Jayarajah, K., A. Misra, X. W. Ruan, E. P. Lim. Social Interactions-based Event Detection for Public Spaces , ICDCN 2016.

Jayarajah, K., Sen, R., Y. Lee, S. Nayak, A. Misra and R. K. Balan. Group analytics and insights for public spaces, ACM SenSys 2014.

Sen, R., Y. Lee, **K. Jayarajah**, A. Misra and R. K. Balan. GruMon: Fast and Accurate Group Monitoring for Heterogeneous Urban Spaces, ACM HotMobile 2014.

INVITED TALKS *Using Mobility and Social Media Data for Urban Situation Awareness*, DPXΔ Talk Series, **Urban Redevelopment Authority, Singapore**. Oct, 2018.

Understanding Urban Events with CrowdSourced Data, **Computer Laboratory, University of Cambridge**. Aug, 2017.

SERVICES	Associate Editor	2024, 2025	IROS
	Associate Editor	2024	IEEE Transactions on Mobile Computing
	TPC	2025, 2026	IEEE PerCom, ACM HotMobile, ACM MobiSys
	TPC	2024	ACM MobiSys, EWSN, ACM BodySys Workshop
	TPC	2022	ACM MobiSys
	TPC	2022	ACM ICDCN
	TPC	2020	ACM IoTDI
	TPC	2018	ACM MobiSys Phd Forum
	TPC	2017	ACM S3 Workshop (co-located with ACM MobiCom 2017)
	Reviewer	2017 - 2023	PACM on Interactive, Mobile, Wearable and Ubiquitous Technologies (IMWUT) - [Special Recognition for Outstanding Review × 1]
	Reviewer	2019 - 2022	ACM CSCW, AAAI ICWSM
	Reviewer	2020	ACM TOIT, Elsevier PMC, IEEE TKDE, MobileHCI
	Reviewer	2019	ACM ISWC, ACM UIST, CHI'19 Late Breaking Work
	Reviewer	2016	IEEE Transactions on Mobile Computing
	Web Director	2017 - current	ACM SIGMOBILE
	Co-SV Chair	2018, 2021	UbiComp
	Co-Web Chair	2016, 2021	MobiSys
	Co-Web Chair	2018	UbiComp
	Co-Chair	2016	Women's Workshop co-located with MobiSys 2016

Board Member	2015-2016	Networking Networking Women (An ACM SIGMOBILE program supported by IEEE COMSOC, IEEE TCCN, MSR, Google and HP Labs.
Web Chair	2016	17th International Conference on Distributed Computing and Networking. January, 2016
Web Chair	2015	2nd International Workshop on Physical Analytics, colocated with MobiSys'15. May, 2015
Web Chair	2015	4th ACM Workshop on Mobile Systems for Computational Social Science. September, 2015
Founding Member	2010	Environment, Health and Safety Initiative, Virtusa Corp.
Member	2008-2010	Electronic Club, University of Moratuwa

TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Instructor	Fall'24	Mobile Computing and Sensor Networks , NJIT
	Instructor	Spring'24	Android App Development , NJIT
	Instructor	Fall'23	Special Topics: Mobile Sensing and Applications , NJIT
	Adjunct Faculty	Spring'21, Fall'20	Computer as an Analysis Tool (UG Course) , Singapore Management University
STUDENT MENTORING	Guest Lecturer	Spring'21, Fall'19, Fall'18	Mobile and Distributed Systems (PG Course) , Singapore Management University
	Teaching Assistant	Spring 2017	Advanced Research Topics (PG Course) , Singapore Management University
			Akhitha Senith (Phd), NJIT, Primary Advisor. September 2024 onwards
			Mayooran Thavendra (Phd), NJIT, Primary Advisor. September 2023 onwards

Indrajeet Ghosh (Phd), UMBC w/ Nirmalya Roy. January 2022 onwards
 Saisree Chukkapalli (Phd), UMBC w/ Anupam Joshi. January 2022 onwards.
 Mohammed Saied Anwar (Phd), UMBC w/ Nirmalya Roy. May 2022 onwards.
 Masud Ahmed (Phd), UMBC w/ Nirmalya Roy. October 2022 onwards.
 Dulanga Weerakoon (Phd), SMU w/ Archana Misra. Fall 2022.
 Kevin Rippy (Undergrad), UMBC/CompSci. May 2022 onwards.
 Jason Chen (Undergrad), UMBC/CompSci. May 2022 onwards.
 Liam McKinnon (Undergrad), UMBC/CompSci. May 2022 onwards.
 Luther Daigle (Undergrad), UMBC/Mechanical Eng. October 2022 onwards.
 Fouad Ayoub (Undergrad), UMD (College Park). Summer 2022.
 Praneeth Saimukku (Undergrad), UMD (College Park). Summer 2022.
 Kamsy Nwaivu (Undergrad), UMBC/CompSci. Summer 2022.
 Muntaha Sultana (Undergrad), UMBC/CompSci. Summer 2022.
 Ziri Nzeako (Undergrad), UMBC/CompSci. Summer 2022.
 Haonan Zhuang (Undergrad), UMBC/CompSci. Summer 2022.

Dulanga Weerakoon (Undergrad), University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka. Dec 2016 to Feb 2017.
Sumit Singh (Masters), Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, India. June 2016 - July 2016.
Zaman Lantra (Undergrad), University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka. October 2015 to April 2016.

IN MEDIA

Cambridge Press Release, Location, location, location: researchers develop model to predict retail failure. Oct, 2018.

Science Talk, The Straits Times, Urban Living in the Age of Smart City (Opinion Editorial). May, 2018.

Research@SMU, Issue 14, LARC Research Exhibition: Better Living Through Analytics. May, 2014.