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Research Interests

Security & Privacy, Content Moderation, Data Mining, Fairness and Bias of AI systems, Computational Social Sciences

Education

The University of Texas at Arlington — Arlington, TX
Ph.D. in Computer Science — *Aug. 2019 – May 2024*
Advisor: Dr. Shirin Nilizadeh

The University of Texas at Arlington — Arlington, TX
M.S. in Computer Science — *Aug. 2017 – May 2019*
Advisor: David Levine

Jaypee University of Information Technology — Solan, India
B.Tech in Computer Science & Engineering — *Aug. 2013 – May 2017*

Appointments

Assistant Teaching Professor — Fall 2024 – present
Northeastern University — *Boston, MA*

Affiliate Faculty at Northeastern Ethics Institute — Fall 2024 – present
Northeastern University — *Boston, MA*

Instructor — Fall 2021 & 2023, Spring 2023 & 2024
The University of Texas at Arlington — *Arlington, TX*

STEM Graduate Research Assistant — Spring 2022, & Summer 2023
The University of Texas at Arlington — *Arlington, TX*

STEM Graduate Teaching Assistant — Fall 2018 – Spring 2024
The University of Texas at Arlington — *Arlington, TX*

Summer Research Intern — Summer 2016
Indian Institute of Technology — *Roorkee, India*

Summer Research Intern — Summer 2015
The University of Nebraska at Omaha — *Omaha, NE*

Thesis

- *Ph.D. Thesis:* Content Moderation on Social Media: Social and Computational Standards and Implications

- *Masters Thesis:* Analysis and Categorization of Drive-By Download Malware Using Sandboxing and Yara Ruleset

Publications

- **Singhal, M.**, Pacheco, J., Khorzooghi, S. M. S. M., Debi, T., Asudeh, A., Das, G., & Nilizadeh, S. (2025). Auditing Yelp's Business Ranking and Review Recommendation Through the Lens of Fairness. arXiv preprint arXiv:2308.02129. To appear in ICWSM 2025

- Vafa, E. P.*, **Singhal, M.***, Thota, P., & Roy, S. S. (2024, November). Learning from Censored Experiences: Social Media Discussions around Censorship Circumvention Technologies. In 2025 IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (SP) (pp. 62-62). IEEE Computer Society.   (* Joint Co-First Authors)

- **Singhal, M.**, Ling, C., Paudel, P., Thota, P., Kumarswamy, N., Stringhini, G., & Nilizadeh, S. (2023, July). SoK: Content moderation in social media, from guidelines to enforcement, and research to practice. In 2023 IEEE 8th European Symposium on Security and Privacy (EuroS&P) (pp. 868-895). IEEE.

- **Singhal, M.**, Kumarswamy, N., Kinhekar, S., & Nilizadeh, S. (2023, June). Cybersecurity Misinformation Detection on Social Media: Case Studies on Phishing Reports and Zoom's Threat. In Proceedings of the International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (Vol. 17, pp. 796-807).

- **Singhal, M.**, Kumarswamy, N., Kinhekar, S., & Nilizadeh, S. (2021). Poster: Detecting Misinformation about Zoom's Security and Privacy Threats. In (NDSS 2022). Received Best Technical Poster Award

- **Singhal, M.**, & Levine, D. (2019, October). Analysis and categorization of drive-by download malware. In 2019 4th International Conference on Computing, Communications and Security (ICCCS) (pp. 1-4). IEEE.

Broader Impact

- Our paper SoK: Content Moderation in Social Media, from Guidelines to Enforcement, and Research to Practice was cited in *amicus curiae brief* submitted in **The Supreme Court** case *Moody v. NetChoice, LLC.*

- Our paper SoK: Content Moderation in Social Media, from Guidelines to Enforcement, and Research to Practice was cited in *amicus curiae brief* submitted in **The Supreme Court** case *NetChoice, LLC v. Paxton.*

- Our paper SoK: Content Moderation in Social Media, from Guidelines to Enforcement, and Research to Practice was cited in the official report submitted to *The Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs* in **The European Union**.

- Our paper SoK: Content Moderation in Social Media, from Guidelines to Enforcement, and Research to Practice was cited in *amicus curiae brief* submitted in **The Supreme Court** case *Gonzalez v. Google LLC.*

Working Papers

- Khorzooghi, S. M. S. M., **Singhal, M.**, Asudeh, A., Das, G., & Nilizadeh, S. (2024, November). FairDeFace: Evaluating the Fairness and Adversarial Robustness of Face Obfuscation Methods. [Submitting to IEEE S&P 2025]

- Kumarswamy, N.*, **Singhal, M.**,*, & Nilizadeh, S. (2024, October). Impact of Stricter Content Moderation on Parler's User Discourse. [Submitted to WWW 2025]   (* Joint Co-First Authors)

- Aleksandric, A., **Singhal, M.**, Groggel, A., & Nilizadeh, S. (2022). Understanding the Bystander Effect on Toxic Twitter Conversations. arXiv preprint arXiv:2211.10764.

- Salehabadi, N., Groggel, A., **Singhal, M.**, Roy, S. S., & Nilizadeh, S. (2022). User Engagement and the Toxicity of Tweets. arXiv preprint arXiv:2211.03856.

Awards

- Awarded the People's Choice Award for my Ph.D. lightning talk on *SoK: Content Moderation in Social Media, from Guidelines to Enforcement, and Research to Practice* at the 50th Anniversary function of The Computer Science and Engineering Department held at The University of Texas at Arlington, 2023.

- Recipient of the Student Travel grant for Euro S&P 2023.

- Awarded the best Ph.D. lightning talk runner-up award for the research lightning talk on *Detecting Misinformation about Zoom's Security and Privacy Threats* at SCRF conference held at The University of Texas at Arlington, 2023.

- Awarded the best project presentation & demo runner-up award for poster *Content Moderation in Social Media, from Guidelines to Enforcement, and Research to Practice* at SCRFconference held at The University of Texas at Arlington, 2023.

- Awarded *The Outstanding TA award* by The Department of Computer Science & Engineering at The University of Texas at Arlington, 2022.

- Awarded the best technical poster for *Detecting Misinformation about Zoom's Security and Privacy Threats* at NDSS conference, 2022.

- Awarded the best technical poster for *Detecting Misinformation about Zoom's Security and Privacy Threats* at SCRF conference held at The University of Texas at Arlington, 2022.

- Recipient of the Student Travel grant for USENIX Security 2021.

- Awarded the best poster at IEEE MetroCon Conference, 2019.

- Awarded *The Computer Science Scholarship* by The Department of Computer Science & Engineering at The University of Texas at Arlington, 2019.

Professional Service

- Judge for Ethics Bowl 2024 held at Northeastern University.=
- Reviewer for Transactions on the Web, Transactions on Dependable and Secure Computing, and Journal of Cybersecurity
- Reviewer for WWW 2025, ICWSM 2025, CSCW 2025, and CHI 2025
- Lifelong member of the UTA Texas Gamma Chapter of Upsilon Pi Epsilon.
- Session Chair for The 17th Workshop on Cybersecurity Experimentation and Test Workshop (CSET 2024).
- Program committee member for The 16th & 17th Workshop on Cybersecurity Experimentation and Test Workshop (CSET 2023, 2024).
- Served as the Event Facilitator for OurCS@DFW & SCRF 2023 at The University of Texas at Arlington
- Reviewer for Humanities & Social Sciences Communications Journal
- External reviewer for ACM CCS 2024. DIMVA 2024, ICWSM 2024, Web4Good 2024, Transactions on Information Forensics & Security, PoPETs/PETS 2023, Euro S&P 2022, USENIX Security 2020 & 2021, RAID 2020, E-Crimes 2020

Teaching Experience

- **Assitant Teaching Professor (Northeastern University):**
  DS 3000: Foundations of Data Science - Fall 2024 - 131 Students
- **Instructor (The University of Texas at Arlington):**
  Information Security I (CSE 4380) - Spring 2024 - 35 Students
  Information Security I (CSE 4380) - Fall 2023 - 20 Students
  Information Security I (CSE 4380) - Spring 2023 - 36 Students
  Information Security I (CSE 4380) - Fall 2021 - 27 Students
- **Graduate Teaching Assistant (The University of Texas at Arlington):**
  Information Security I (CSE 4380) - Spring 2024 - 35 Students
  Information Security I (CSE 4380) - Fall 2023 - 20 Students
  Information Security I (CSE 4380) - Spring 2023 - 36 Students
  Information Security I (CSE 4380/5380) - Fall 2022 - 36 Students
  Programming Language Concepts (CSE 3302/5307) - Summer 2022 - 70 Students
  Database Systems (CSE 5330) - Spring 2021 - 44 Students
  Information Security I (CSE 4380) - Fall 2020 - 36 Students
  Discrete Structures (CSE 2315) - Summer 2020 - 27 Students
  Secure Programming (CSE 4382/5382) - Spring 2020 - 45 Students
  Information Security I (CSE 4380) - Fall 2019 - 25 Students
  Information Security I (CSE 4380/5380) - Spring 2019 - 38 Students
  Information Security I (CSE 4380) - Fall 2018 - 39 Students

Mentorship

Northeastern University

- Mentoring Aadarsh Gaikwad (Fall 2024 – Present) [Masters Student]
- Mentoring Niraj Nadarasa (Fall 2024 – Present) [Bachelor Student]
- Mentoring Prerna Chander, Sadasivam Natanakumar, & Nidhi Mankala (Fall 2024 – Present) [Masters Students]

The University of Texas at Arlington

- Mentored Javier Pacheco (Fall 2022 – Fall 2023) [Bachelor Student]
- Mentored Keren Valdez (Fall 2022 – Fall 2023) [Bachelor Student]
- Mentored Katia Lopez (Spring 2022) [Bachelor Student]
- Mentored Micheal Brady (Fall 2021) [Bachelor Student]
- Mentored Nihal Kumarswamy (Fall 2020 – Spring 2022) [Bachelor to Master Student]
- Mentored Shreyasi Kinhekar (Fall 2020 – Spring 2022) [Bachelor Student]