

# Nibesh Shrestha

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## Research Interests

Byzantine fault tolerant consensus protocols, Blockchains, Distributed Key Generation, Random Beacons, Order fair consensus

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## Education

- 2017–present **Ph.D. Computer Science**, *Rochester Institute of Technology*, Rochester, NY, USA.  
Advisors: Pengcheng Shi (RIT), Kartik Nayak (Duke), GPA: 3.89
- 2009–2013 **B.E. Electronics and Communication Engineering**, *Tribhuvan University*, Lalitpur, Nepal.  
GPA: 3.81

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## Publications

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Otherwise, by contribution order. (\* denotes equal contribution)

- 2023 Ittai Abraham, Kartik Nayak, **Nibesh Shrestha**. Communication and Round Efficient Parallel Protocols *In Submission*
- 2022 **Nibesh Shrestha**, Adithya Bhat, Aniket Kate, Kartik Nayak. Synchronous Distributed Key Generation without Broadcasts *IACR Cryptology ePrint Archive*, 2021:1635, 2021.
- 2021 Adithya Bhat\*, **Nibesh Shrestha**\*, Aniket Kate, Kartik Nayak. OptRand - Optimistically Responsive Distributed Random Beacons *Network and Distributed System Security Symposium (NDSS)*, February 27– March 3, 2023, San Diego, California
- 2021 Ittai Abraham, Kartik Nayak, **Nibesh Shrestha**. Optimal Good-case Latency for Rotating Leader Synchronous BFT *Principles of Distributed Systems (OPODIS)*, December 13-15, 2021, Strasbourg, France, **Best Paper Award**
- 2021 Justin Kim, Vandan Mehta, Kartik Nayak, **Nibesh Shrestha**. Brief Announcement: Making synchronous BFT protocols secure in the presence of mobile sluggish faults *ACM PODC* July 26-30, 2021, Virtual Event
- 2020 Adithya Bhat\*, **Nibesh Shrestha**\*, Aniket Kate, Kartik Nayak. RandPiper - Reconfiguration-Friendly Random Beacons with Quadratic Communication *ACM CCS* November 14-19, 2021, Virtual Event
- 2020 **Nibesh Shrestha**, Ittai Abraham, Ling Ren, Kartik Nayak. On the Optimality of Optimistic Responsiveness. *ACM CCS* November 9–13, 2020, Virtual Event, USA
- 2019 **Nibesh Shrestha**, Mohan Kumar, Sisi Duan. Revisiting hBFT: Speculative Byzantine Fault Tolerance with Minimum Cost. *arXiv preprint arXiv:1902.08505*, 2019.
- 2019 **Nibesh Shrestha**, Mohan Kumar. Revisiting EZBFT: A Decentralized Byzantine Fault Tolerant Protocol with Speculation. *arXiv preprint arXiv:1909.03990*, 2019.

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## Professional Employment

- Fall 2022 **Research Intern**, *ChainLink Labs*, New York, NY.  
Mentor: Dahlia Malkhi
- Summer 2021 **Associate in Research**, *Duke University*, Durham, NC.
- Summer 2020 **Associate in Research**, *Duke University*, Durham, NC.

- 2019-present **Graduate Teaching and Research Assistant**, *Rochester Institute of Technology*, Rochester, NY.  
Graduate Teaching Assistant for Analysis of Algorithms.
- 2017-2019 **Graduate Research Assistant**, *Rochester Institute of Technology*, Rochester, NY.
- 2015-2017 **Freelance Software Developer**, *Upwork Global Inc.*, Cambridge, MA.
- 2016-2017 **Senior Software Engineer**, *FFL Design Inc.*, Meridian, ID.
- 2017 **Senior Software Engineer (part-time)**, *DjangoForce LLC*, Boise, ID.
- 2014-2015 **Senior Software Engineer**, *n.Locate Pvt. Ltd.*, Lalitpur, Nepal.

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## Skills

### Programming Languages.

C++, GoLang, Python, GoLang, Java, Matlab, VHDL, C, C#, Javascript, PHP

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## Software Artifacts

**C++ Code for OptRand**, <https://github.com/nibeshrestha/optrand/>.

**C++ Code for Rotating Leader BFT**, <https://github.com/nibeshrestha/simplesync/>.

**C++ Code for OptSync**, <https://github.com/nibeshrestha/optsync/>.

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## Talks and Presentations

- Oct 2022 **Synchronous Distributed Key Generation without Broadcasts.**  
CESC 2022
- Dec 2021 **Optimal Good-case Latency for Rotating-Leader Synchronous BFT.**  
OPODIS 2021
- Nov 2021 **RandPiper: Reconfiguration Friendly Random Beacons with Quadratic Communication.**  
ACM CCS 2021
- Nov 2020 **On the Optimality of Optimistic Responsiveness.**  
ACM CCS 2020

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## Academic Service

External Reviewer for ACM CCS (2023, 2022, 2021), IEEE S&P (2022), FC (2022, 2021), PerCom (2020), JPDC (2020).

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## Awards and Honors

- 2023 **NDSS Student travel grant.**
- 2022 **CESC Student travel grant.**
- 2021 **OPODIS Best Paper Award.**
- 2017-2019 **RIT PhD Merit Scholarship.**
- 2009-2013 **The College Fellowship Scholarship.**  
Tuition waiver for 4 years of undergraduate studies for BE in Electronics and Communication Engineering

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## References

### Pengcheng Shi

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VMware Research  
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