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## North Carolina State University, USA

Aug 2012-May 2019

Ph.D. in Computer Science

Dissertation Title: Engineering Multiagent Systems for Ethics and Privacy-Aware Social Com-

puting; defended: Dec 2018

Adviser: Professor Munindar P. Singh

#### North Carolina State University, USA

Aug 2012-Dec 2018

M.S. in Computer Science; based on PhD written prelim; defended: Nov 2014 Title: Argumentation, Evidence, and Schemes: Approach and Empirical Evaluation

#### Gujarat University, India

Oct 2003-May 2007

B.E. in Computer Engineering (First class)

### Professional Experience

#### North Carolina State University

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Postdoctoral Research Scholar, NCSU Science of Security Lablet

Advisers: Professors Munindar P. Singh and Laurie Williams

## North Carolina State University

Aug 2012-Dec 2018

Graduate Research Assistant, MAS and SOC Laboratory Supported by:

• NCSU Science of Security Lablet

• Laboratory of Analytic Sciences

## HERE Technologies (formerly Nokia Maps)

Sep 2017-Dec 2017

Research Intern, CTO Research

Chicago IL

#### **Tata Consultancy Services**

Sep 2007–Jul 2012

Researcher, Software Engineering Lab, TCS-TRDDC

Pune, India

#### AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

| • NCSU Sole Nominee for the Joint AAAI/ACM SIGAI Doctoral Dissertation Award           | 2019   |
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| • Outstanding Dissertation Award, Department of Computer Science, NCSU                 | 2019   |
| • NSF Travel Grant to attend the Requirements Engineering Conference (declined)        | 2018   |
| • FADEx laureate (AI), Office for Science & Tech., Embassy of France (declined)        | 2018   |
| • Best Paper Award, 15th International Conf. on Privacy, Security and Trust; for [C11] | 2017   |
| • Outstanding Research Award, Department of Computer Science, NCSU                     | 2017   |
| • AAMAS Travel Scholarship   | 2017   |
| • Outstanding Research Paper Award, TCS; for [B17]                                     | 2012   |
| • Mentor, Best Student Intern Research Project, TCS 2010                               | , 2011 |
| • Beyond Performance Award—Patron of the Library, TCS                                  | 2009   |
| $\bullet$ Departmental nominee for the Best Outgoing Student Award, SVIT Vasad, GU     | 2007   |
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## JOURNAL PAPERS & COLUMNS

- [J1] R. Kafalı, N. Ajmeri, and M. P. Singh. "DESEN: Specification of Sociotechnical Systems via Patterns of Regulation and Control." ACM TOSEM, 30(x)1–25, 2020. To appear.
- [J2] N. Ajmeri, H. Guo, P. K. Murukannaiah, and M. P. Singh. Designing Ethical Personal Agents. IEEE Internet Computing, 22(2):16–22, 2018. [Selected for IEEE ComputingEdge, Jul 2018]
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#### Conference Papers

- [C10] A. K. Kalia, N. Ajmeri, K. Chan, J. Cho, S. Adalı, and M. P. Singh. "The Interplay of Emotions and Norms in Multiagent Systems." Proc. 28th International Joint Conf. Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI), pages 371–377, 2019.
- [C11] Shubham Goyal, N. Ajmeri, and M. P. Singh. "Applying Norms and Sanctions to Promote Cybersecurity Hygiene." Proc. 18th International Conf. Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems (AAMAS), pages 1991–1993, 2019.
- [C12] N. Ajmeri, H. Guo, P. K. Murukannaiah, and M. P. Singh. "Robust Norm Emergence by Revealing and Reasoning about Context: Socially Intelligent Agents for Enhancing Privacy." Proc. 27th International Joint Conf. Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI), pages 28–34, 2018.
- [C13] V. T. Dhinakaran, R. Pulle, N. Ajmeri, and P. K. Murukannaiah. "App Review Analysis via Active Learning: Reducing Supervision Effort without Compromising Classification Accuracy." Proc. 26th International Requirements Engineering Conf. (RE), pages 170–181, 2018.
- [C14] K. Sheshadri, N. Ajmeri, J. Staddon. "No (Privacy) News is Good News: An Analysis of Privacy News in the U. S. and U. K. from 2010–2015." Proc. 15th International Conf. Privacy, Security and Trust (PST), pages 1–10, 2017. [Best Paper Award]
- [C15] N. Ajmeri, P. K. Murukannaiah, H. Guo, and M. P. Singh. "Arnor: Modeling Social Intelligence via Norms to Engineer Privacy-Aware Personal Agents." Proc. 16th International Conf. Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems (AAMAS), pages 230–238, 2017.
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- [C17] P. K. Murukannaiah, N. Ajmeri, and M. P. Singh. "Acquiring Creative Requirements from the Crowd". Proc. 24th International Requirements Engineering Conf. (RE), pages 176–185, 2016.
- [C18] N. Ajmeri, J. Jiang, R. Chirkova, J. Doyle, and M. P. Singh. "Coco: Runtime Reasoning About Conflicting Commitments." Proc. 25th International Joint Conf. Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI), pages 17–23, 2016.
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## Book Chapter

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- [R22] M. Masayekhi, N. Ajmeri, G. List, and M. P. Singh. Topic: Fairness and Prosociality in Multiagent Systems (*Title withheld for anonymity*). In review at AAMAS 2020.
- [R23] N. Ajmeri, S. Goyal, and M. P. Singh. Topic: Cybersecurity Hygiene (*Title withheld for anonymity*). In preparation for IEEE Computer.

[R24] P. Murukannaiah, N. Ajmeri, F. M. Rahman, and M. P. Singh. "Crowdsourcing for Intelligent Systems" In preparation for AIJ.

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### **Proceedings Chair**

• Symposium and Bootcamp on the Science of Security (HotSoS) 2014

## **Program Committee**

| • | AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)                    | 2020       |
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| • | International Conf. Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems (AAMAS) | 2019, 2020 |
| • | AI for Requirements Engineering (AIRE) workshop                      | 2018, 2019 |

Crowd-based Requirements Engineering (CrowdRE) workshop
 ACM COMPUTE
 2017, 2019
 2012

#### Reviewer

| • International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE)                    | 2020 |
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| • Artificial Intelligence (AIJ)  | 2019 |
| • ACM ESEC/FSE   | 2019 |
| • International Symposium on Software Reliability Engineering (ISSRE)        | 2019 |
| • ACM/IEEE ESEM  | 2019 |
| • IEEE Transactions on Services Computing (TSC)                              | 2019 |
| • AAAI/ACM Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Ethics, and Society (AIES) | 2019 |
| • The Web Conference (formerly WWW)  | 2019 |
| • ACM Transactions on Intelligent Systems and Technology (TIST)              | 2018 |
| • Autonomous Agents and Multi-Agent Systems (JAAMAS)                         | 2018 |
| • IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems (TPDS)               | 2017 |
| • Learning from Authoritative Security Experiment Results (LASER) workshop   | 2017 |
| • Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security (SOUPS)                           | 2016 |
| • Normative Multiagent Systems   | 2015 |
| • Managing Requirements Knowledge book                                       | 2012 |
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#### Student Volunteer

| • International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI)  | 2016       |
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| • ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS)       | 2012       |
| • AIMS International Conference of Management                        | 2006, 2007 |
| • International Conf. Operations and Quantitative Management (ICOQM) | 2005, 2006 |

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## Webmaster

AIMS International Conference of Management
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