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| EDUCATION | North Carolina State University, USA Aug 2012–May 2019 Ph.D. in Computer Science <i>Dissertation Title:</i> Engineering Multiagent Systems for Ethics and Privacy-Aware Social Computing; <i>defended:</i> Dec 2018 <i>Adviser:</i> Professor Munindar P. Singh |
| | North Carolina State University, USA Aug 2012–Dec 2018 M.S. in Computer Science; <i>based on PhD written prelim</i> <i>Defended:</i> Nov 2014 |
| | Gujarat University, India Oct 2003–May 2007 B.E. in Computer Engineering (First class) |
| PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE | North Carolina State University Aug 2012–Dec 2018 Graduate Research Assistant, Multiagent Systems and Service-Oriented Computing Laboratory, Raleigh NC <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Designing ethics and privacy-aware socially intelligent agents [J1, J7, C9, C12, R18, R21]• Formal specification and analysis of security and privacy policies [J4, J5, C13, C15, R19]• Understanding effects of sanctions for secure software development practices [J2, J6, C16]• Exploring creativity techniques to acquire requirements via crowdsourcing [C10, C11, R20]• Large-scale sentiment analysis of privacy news in the USA and UK [C11]• Event identification via anomalous patterns in tweets' sentiments; tested on 12 million tweets related to the Indian General Election 2014 |
| | HERE Technologies (formerly Nokia Maps) Sep 2017–Dec 2017 Research Intern, CTO Research, Chicago IL <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Built location privacy preserving data publishing, query answering, and learning systems |
| | Tata Consultancy Services Sep 2007–Jul 2012 Researcher, Software Engineering Lab, TCS–TRDDC, Pune, India <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Knowledge engineering for agile requirements evolution [B9, J5]<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Developed text mining approach to extract actors, use cases, process workflows and business rules from unstructured requirements specifications– Designed (traditional and agile) requirements evolution and knowledge modeling workflows |
| SKILLS | Languages: Java, Python, Ruby, R, JavaScript, RDF, OWL, HTML Databases: Oracle, MySQL, SQLite Toolkit and frameworks: Weka, Scikit-learn, TensorFlow, Flask, Ruby on Rails IDE and other tools: Eclipse, Android Studio, Matlab |
| AWARDS AND ACCOLADES | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NSF Travel Grant to attend the Requirements Engineering Conference (declined) 2018• Among 10 US doctoral students selected by the Office for Science & Tech. of the French Embassy in the US to participate in the FADEX program on Artificial Intelligence 2018• Best Paper Award, 15th International Conf. on Privacy, Security and Trust; for [C11] 2017• Outstanding Research Award, Department of Computer Science, NCSU 2016–2017• 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• Departmental nominee for the Best Outgoing Student award, SVIT Vasad, GU 2007 |

JOURNAL
PAPERS &
COLUMNS

- [J1] 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]
- [J2] S. Al-Amin, N. Ajmeri, H. Du, E. Z. Berglund, and M. P. Singh. “Toward Effective Adoption of Secure Software Development Practices.” *Simulation Practice and Theory*, 85:33–46, 2018.
- [J3] H. Guo, N. Ajmeri, and M. P. Singh. “Teaching Crowdsourcing: An Experience Report.” *IEEE Internet Computing*, 22(1):1–8, 2018. To appear.
- [J4] N. Ajmeri, C-W. Hang, S. Parsons, and M. P. Singh. “Aragorn: Eliciting and Maintaining Secure Service Policies.” *IEEE Computer*, 50(12):50–58, 2017.
- [J5] R. Kafali, N. Ajmeri and M. P. Singh. “Revani: Revision and Verification of Normative Specifications for Privacy.” *IEEE Intelligent Systems*, 31(5):8–15, 2016.
- [J6] L. G. Nardin, T. Balke, N. Ajmeri, A. K. Kalia, J. S. Sichman and M. P. Singh. “Classifying Sanctions and Designing a Conceptual Sanctioning Process Model for Socio-Technical Systems.” *The Knowledge Engineering Review*. 31(2):142–166, 2016.
- [J7] P. K. Murukannaiah, N. Ajmeri and M. P. Singh. Engineering Privacy in Social Applications. *IEEE Internet Computing*, 20(2):72–76, 2016. [Selected for IEEE ComputingEdge, Aug 2016]
- [J8] M. Daneva, E. van der Veen, C. Amrit, S. Ghaisas, K. Sikkell, R. Kumar, N. Ajmeri, U. Ramteerthkar and R. Wieringa. “Agile Requirements Prioritization in Large-scale Outsourced System Projects: An Empirical Study.” *JSS*. 86(5): 1333–1353, 2013.

CONFERENCE
PAPERS

- [C9] 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.
- [C10] 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.
- [C11] 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]
- [C12] 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.
- [C13] R. Kafali, N. Ajmeri and M. P. Singh. “Kont: Computing Tradeoffs in Normative Multiagent Systems.” *Proc. 31st AAAI Conf. Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*, pages 3006–3012, 2017.
- [C14] 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.
- [C15] 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.
- [C16] H. Du, B. Y. Narron, N. Ajmeri, E. Berglund, J. Doyle and M. P. Singh. “Understanding Sanction under Variable Observability in a Secure, Collaborative Environment.” *Proc. HotSoS*, pages 12:1–12:10, 2015.

BOOK
CHAPTER

- [B17] S. Ghaisas and N. Ajmeri. “Knowledge-assisted Ontology-based Requirements Evolution.” *Managing Requirements Knowledge*, pages 143–167, Springer Berlin Heidelberg, 2013.

WORKING
DRAFTS

- [R18] N. Ajmeri, H. Guo, P. K. Murukannaiah, and M. P. Singh. “Privacy and Values in a Web of Socially Intelligent Agents.” Submitted to WWW 2019.
- [R19] R. Kafali, N. Ajmeri, and M. P. Singh. “Desen: Specification and Engineering of Normative Multiagent Systems via Design Patterns.”
- [R20] P. Murukannaiah, N. Ajmeri, F. M. Rahman, and M. P. Singh. “Can Crowd Teams Produce Creative Requirements? Yes and No.”
- [R21] A. K. Kalia, N. Ajmeri, K. Chan, J. Cho, S. Adali, and M. P. Singh. “A Bayesian Model of Trust, Moods, Goals, Commitments, and Emotions in Multiagent Systems.”

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE**Proceedings Chair**

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

Program Committee

- International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems (AAMAS) 2019
- AI for Requirements Engineering (AIRE) workshop 2018
- Crowd-based Requirements Engineering (CrowdRE) workshop 2017
- ACM COMPUTE 2012

Reviewer

- AAAI/ACM Conference on Artificial Intelligence, Ethics, and Society (AIES) 2019
- The Web Conference (formerly WWW) 2019
- Springer Automated Software Engineering (AuSE) 2019
- ACM Transactions on Intelligent Systems and Technology (TIST) 2018
- Autonomous Agents and Multi-Agent Systems (JAAMAS) 2018
- GeoInformatica 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
- India Software Engineering Conference 2012

Student Volunteer

- International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI) 2016
- 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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