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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Computing and Information Sciences

2021 – Present

Rochester Institute of Technology

Rochester, NY, USA

- **Advisor:** Professor Cecilia O. Alm
- **Research Group:** Computational Linguistics and Speech Processing Lab
- **Select Courses:** NLP I, Statistical Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Bio-inspired Intelligent Systems, Human Factors in AI, Fundamentals of HCI, System Modeling & Optimization, Speech Processing
- **CGPA:** 3.94

Bachelor in Computer Engineering

2013 – 2017

Pulchowk Campus, Institute of Engineering, Tribhuvan University

Lalitpur, Nepal

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant

August 2021 – Present

Computational Linguistics and Speech Processing Lab, RIT

Rochester, NY, US

- Studying benefits and trade-offs of interactive machine learning (active learning and machine teaching) for affective computing
- Conducted an IRB-approved multimodal data collection experiment with language and dialogue using several human tasks and verifying tasks and stimuli for understudied emotions (surprise, confusion, frustration)
- Investigating federated learning and interactive machine learning for personalization in affective computing
- Co-mentoring REU students and MS students in the CLaSP Lab

Graduate Teaching Assistant

August 2023 – December 2023, August 2024 – Present

Foundations of Artificial Intelligence, RIT

Rochester, NY, US

- Co-prepared problem sets reflecting various concepts in Artificial Intelligence
- Prepared video tutorials for transfer learning and fine-tuning in LLMs
- Grader for technical problem sets and reading assignments (written critiques of published research papers)
- TA office hours

Visiting Researcher

October 2023 – November 2023

ML-Labs, SFI Center for Research Training in Machine Learning

Dublin, Ireland

- Conducting research and co-authored dissemination with collaborators at University College Dublin (UCD), Dublin City University (DCU), and Technological University Dublin (TUD).
- Using generative LLMs to investigate psychological vulnerabilities in phishing emails

Teaching Assistant

August 2022 – December 2022

Natural Language Processing I, RIT

Rochester, NY, US

- Prepared a shared tasks group assignment/competition with three NLP sub-tasks and data
- Grader for problem sets and reading assignments
- TA office hours

Graduate Research Assistant

May – July 2022

NSF REU Site in Computational Sensing for Human-centered AI

Rochester, NY, US

- Co-mentored 10 undergraduate students from different universities in team-based research projects
- Held a daily technical office hour
- Organized a Mentor Café event enabling participants' near-peer interactions with Ph.D. students
- Provided individual support to students such as academic writing in LaTeX, system setup, human subject data collection, sensor use
- Conducted sensor demo session on sensors and the iMotions software

Machine Learning Engineer

July 2018 – July 2021

Fusemachines Nepal

Kathmandu, Nepal

- Led a team on Zendesk-based automated reply system
- Co-led a team on an information retrieval system for a construction project leads and analytic company
- Prepared NLP, RL, and CS course materials for Fusemachines Nanodegree

PUBLICATIONS

- Faithful Chiagoziem Onwuegbuche*, **Rajesh Titung***, Esa Rantanen, Anca Delia Jurcut, Cecilia Ovesdotter Alm and Liliana Pasquale. Securing the Weakest Link: Exploring Psychological Vulnerabilities in Phishing Emails with LLMs. (Manuscript submitted and under review.)
- **Rajesh Titung** and Cecilia O. Alm. 2024. FUSE - FrUstration and Surprise Expressions: A Subtle Emotional Multimodal Language Corpus. In Proceedings of the 2024 Joint International Conference on Computational Linguistics, Language Resources and Evaluation (LREC-COLING 2024), pages 7544–7555, Torino, Italia. ELRA and ICCL.
- Isabelle Arthur, Jordan Quinn, **Rajesh Titung**, Cecilia O. Alm, and Reynold Bailey. 2023. MDE - Multimodal Data Explorer for Flexible Visualization of Multiple Data Streams. (demo). ACII 2023: 11th International Conference on Affective Computing and Intelligent Interaction Workshops and Demos (ACIIW).
- Cecilia O. Alm, **Rajesh Titung**, and Reynold Bailey. 2023. Pandemic Impacts on Assessment of Undergraduate Research. (poster). SIGCSE 2023: Proceedings of the 54th ACM Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education.
- **Rajesh Titung**. 2022. Interactive Machine Learning for Multimodal Affective Computing. In Proceedings of the Doctoral Consortium of 10th International Conference on Affective Computing & Intelligent Interaction (ACII 2022).
- **Rajesh Titung** and Cecilia O. Alm. 2022. Teaching interactively to learn emotions in natural language. In Proceedings of the Second Workshop on Bridging Human–Computer Interaction and Natural Language Processing, pages 40–46, Seattle, Washington. Association for Computational Linguistics.

EXTENDED ABSTRACTS WITHOUT PROCEEDINGS

- Cecilia O. Alm and **Rajesh Titung**. 2022. Engaging human interactions to learn emotions. EmoCHI'22.

POSTER PRESENTATION

- “Teaching Interactively to Learn Emotions in Natural Language”, AI@RIT Summit. Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY, October 2022.

RECOGNITIONS/AWARDS

AWARE-AI NSF Research Traineeship (NRT) program	Spring 2022 - present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trainee in the AWARE-AI NSF Research Traineeship (NRT) program.• Participating in the Human sensing-AI Software Research Track led by Dr. Reynold Bailey	
Fusemachines AI Fellowship	2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Selected into a competitive fellowship program by Fusemachines Nepal (an AI-based company in Nepal).	
Pulchowk Campus Achievements	2013–2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• College Fellowship Scholarship in each semester• Selected for an internship at E&T Nepal Pvt. Ltd. for a program of the company in collaboration with TU	
St. Xavier’s Partial Scholarship	2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provided to around 18 students annually	

SERVICE

- Serving as a Publicity Chair for the HCCS Workshop at IEEE PerCom 2025
- Served as a Publicity Chair for the HCCS Workshop at IEEE PerCom 2024
- Exhibitor, Imagine RIT (2022,2023), Rochester Institute of Technology, USA
- Organizer at ML Workshop, IT Meet 2020, Kathmandu University, Nepal
- Organizer at Yomari Code Camp, Locus 2017, Pulchowk Campus, Nepal

EXTRA ACTIVITIES

- Participant at Hult Prize at TU, 2016
- Android App Development Training Participant, LOCUS 2015
- Open Software Competition Participant, LOCUS 2015
- LOCUS 2014 Volunteer
- Windows 8.1 Dev Camp Participant 2014

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: English, Nepali, Tamang, Hindi

Programming Languages: Python, Java, C/C++, SQL (Postgres), MongoDB

Libraries: Scikit-learn, Tensorflow, Keras, Pytorch, OpenAI Gym, NLTK, spaCy, Matplotlib, NumPy, transformers, Flower

Tools: Matlab, Jupyter Notebook, conda, pipenv, cookiecutter, Flask, PEFT

Developer Tools: Git, Docker, Atom, AWS, Jira

Hardware/Sensory Equipments: Pupil Labs Pupil Core Eye tracker, SMI screen-based eye tracker, Tascam audio/speech recorders, GSR Shimmer3 wearable sensors

Other Softwares: iMotions, Praat

ADDITIONAL ONLINE COURSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

Deep Reinforcement Learning Nanodegree

July 2020

- Basics of Reinforcement along with Value-based and Policy-based methods and intro to Multi-Agent RL.

Reinforcement Learning Specialization

August 2020

- A four-course degree focusing on RL fundamentals, various RL algorithms, and formalizing a task as an RL problem.

Deep Learning Specialization

June 2019

- A five courses degree focusing on Neural network, Optimization, Management, NLP, and Computer Vision.

Micromasters in Artificial Intelligence

May 2019

- A four-course degree consisting of AI, ML, Robotics, and CGI.