

# Curriculum Vitae

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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## EDUCATION

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09/2021–Current **Ph.D., Human Centered Design and Engineering**  
University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, USA  
**Advisor:** Dr. David Ribes

06/2016–05/2018 **M.A., Media and Cultural Studies**  
Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India  
**Advisor:** Nagesh Venkat Babu Karri

06/2012–05/2016 **B.Tech., Computer Science Engineering**  
Netaji Subhash Engineering College, Kolkata, India

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Conferences

1. Sayan Bhattacharjee and David Ribes. 2025. Technical Responses To Critique: The Case Of Skin Tone. In *CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI '25)*, April 26-May 1, 2025, Yokohama, Japan. ACM, New York, NY, USA, 15 pages.
2. Pooja Upadhyay, Sayan Bhattacharjee, and Shreyasha Paudel. 2024. Positionality of Researchers Identifying with the "Global South": Shared Heritages, Ways of Thinking and Doing Research. In *Companion of the 2024 Computer Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing (CSCW Companion '24)*, November 9–13, 2024, San Jose, Costa Rica. ACM, New York, NY, USA, 5 pages

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- 06/2024–Current **University of Washington**  
Position: Research Assistant  
Location: Seattle, USA  
Research topic: Community Perspectives on Offshore Wind  
Supervisor: Dr. Shana Hirsch
- 01/2023–06/2023 **University of Washington**  
Position: Research Assistant  
Location: Seattle, USA  
Research topic: Production of Astronomical Knowledge in LSST  
Supervisor: Dr. Anissa Tanweer
- 06/2022–08/2022 **Center for Democracy and Technology**  
Position: Qualitative Researcher  
Location: Washington DC, USA (Remote)  
Research topic: An Unrepresentative Democracy: How Disinformation and Online Abuse Hinder Women of Color Political Candidates in the United States  
Supervisor: DeVan Hankerson Madrigal
- 09/2021–12/2021 **University of Washington**  
Position: Research Assistant  
Location: Seattle, USA  
Research topic: The Women’s Interagency HIV Study  
Supervisor: Dr. David Ribes
- 02/2019–03/2020 **Ludwig Maximilian University**  
Position: Research Assistant  
Location: Mumbai, India  
Research topic: Digital Media and Politics  
Supervisor: Dr. Sahana Udupa

## SCHOOLS AND WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

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- SCAS 2025, Human simulations / simulating humanity (*forthcoming*)  
Presenting a short paper ‘Simulating Phenotype’ at the Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study (SCAS), Uppsala, with Prof. Seyram Avle, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.
- HCIC 2024, The Future and History of HCI  
HCIC or Human Computer Interaction Consortium, is a unique organization that hosts an annual workshop that attracts leading researchers in HCI in a small and collegial environment. The workshop has a relatively unique format, emphasizing more substantial presentations by more established members of the community.

### CSCW 2023, Historicism in/as CSCW Method: Research, Sensibilities, and Design

Engaging racial bias in smartphone imaging technologies: A historically grounded study of Google's Real Tone through critical capacity of technological actors (extended abstract).

The aim of this workshop was methodological, by seeking to expand the definition of historicism to the full range of how it may manifest within CSCW. It sought to utilize historicism in novel ways, such as informing design, amplifying marginalized voices, and exploring unconventional historical methods like studying old software or digital logs.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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03/2024–06/2024 **University of Washington**

Position: Teaching Assistant

Instructor: Phillip Thurtle

Courses: CHID 222: BioFutures

Number of students: 41 (Undergraduate)

03/2023–06/2023 **University of Washington**

Position: Teaching Assistant

Instructor: Chad P. Hall

Courses: HCDE 508 Visual Communication Design

Number of students: 35 (Graduate)

09/2022–12/2022 **University of Washington**

Position: Teaching Assistant

Instructor: Caitie Lustig

Courses: HCDE 519 Qualitative Research Methods

Number of students: 33 (Graduate)

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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06/2018–05/2021 **Centre for Education Innovation and Action Research, Mumbai, India**

Position: Project Manager (Production)

Project: Connected Learning Initiative (CLIX)

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

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### Student Volunteer

1. **HESAC 2022-23:** Husky Experience Student Advisory Council, University of Washington

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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| 2025 | <b>Honorable Mention at CHI 2025</b> (Technical Responses To Critique: The Case Of Skin Tone), Yokohama, Japan  |
| 2021 | <b>UW Top Scholar Award</b> (2500 USD), University of Washington, Seattle, USA  |
| 2018 | <b>Waqar Pyare Khan Certificate for the Best Media Project</b> , School of Media and Cultural Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India |

## ARTIFACTS

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| 2018 | <a href="#">CLIX OER</a> , co-produced tri-lingual open educational resources in collaboration with the team at Centre for Education Innovation and Action Research and respective state governments of India |
| 2018 | <i>Friendscapes</i> , documentary film co-directed with Shrishti Malhotra, Srishti Raj, Nayoneka Shankar, Mrudula P, Shreya KA  |
| 2017 | <i>Still City</i> , documentary film co-directed with Sukrita Baruah, Madhumoy Satpathy, Mrudula P, Vilo Awomi  |

## PERSONAL INTERESTS

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Cooking, Swimming, Hiking, Visual Arts, Reading

## LANGUAGES

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English (*Native Fluency*)  
Bengali (*Native Fluency*)  
Hindi (*Professional Fluency*)

## REFERENCE

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### **Prof. David Ribes**

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### **Prof. Shana Hirsch**

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### **Prof. Phillip Thurtle**

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