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Research Interests: *Online Communities; Data Governance; Community-Driven Data Work; Social Computing; Human-Computer Interaction; Responsible AI.*

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Information Science

The University of Texas at Austin
Advisor: Dr. Hanlin Li

Jun 2025 - Dec 2029 (expected)

MS in Information Studies

The University of Texas at Austin
Advisor: Dr. Hanlin Li

2022 - 2024

Bachelor of Technology in Computer Science

IIIT Delhi, India
Advisors: Dr. Grace Eden and Dr. Rahul Mohanani

2016 - 2020

PUBLICATIONS

Referred Journal Publications

Riya Sinha and Hanlin Li. Understanding Social Media Users' Perspectives for Content Reuse. In Proceedings of the ACM – Human Computer Interaction (PACM HCI), GROUP, to be presented at GROUP 2027. 32 pages. <https://dl.acm.org/doi/10.1145/3799454>

Riya Sinha, Amelia Acker and Hanlin Li. Data Work in Memory Institutions: Why and How Information Professionals use Wikidata. In Proceedings of the ACM – Human Computer Interaction (PACM HCI), presented at CSCW 2025. 20 pages. <https://dl.acm.org/doi/10.1145/3757575>

Referred Conference Publications

Sumita Sharma, Netta Iivari, Marianne Kinnula, Grace Eden, Aipta Ballav, Rocio Fatas, Ritwik Kar, Deepak Ranjan Padhi, Vahid Sadeghie, Pratiti Sarkar, **Riya Sinha**, Rucha Tulaskar, Nikita Valluri. From Mild to Wild: Reimagining Friendships and Romance in the Time of Pandemic Using Design Fiction. Proceedings of the ACM Designing Interactive Systems Conference (DIS'21). 16 pages. <https://dl.acm.org/doi/abs/10.1145/3461778.3462110>

Posters (non-archival)

Riya Sinha and Hanlin Li. Understanding Creators' Perspectives for Content Reuse. Companion Publication of the 2024 Conference on Computer-Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing (CSCW'24). 14 pages. <https://dl.acm.org/doi/10.1145/3678884.3681911>

RESEARCH AND TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

Graduate Research Assistant

School of Information, The University of Texas at Austin
Advisor: Dr. Hanlin Li

Aug 2023 – Present

Graduate Teaching Assistant

McCombs Business School, The University of Texas at Austin

Aug 2023 – May 2024

ONGOING PROJECTS

Community Motivations and Practices for Crowdsourcing Voice Datasets

Advisor: Dr. Hanlin Li

Jun 2025 – Present

*Working on understanding how language communities create and curate their voice datasets on Mozilla Common Voice***User Attitudes towards Private Data for AI Training**

Advisors: Dr. Hanlin Li and Dr. Allen Lin

Jan 2026 – Present

*Understanding attitudes of users towards AI training with private data and to uncover design opportunities for meaningful transparency and control over private data for AI training.***PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

UX Researcher *(contract)*

Human Engineering, Apple, Austin

Aug 2024 – Jun 2025

UX Research and Design Intern

Experience Design Team, athenahealth, Austin

Jan 2024 – May 2024

Software Developer

IPD Lab, UT Austin

Jan 2023 – Aug 2023

Senior Business Analyst

Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC), India

Sep 2020 – Jun 2022

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

UT Graduate Fellowship, 2025-2026

UT iSchool Professional Development Award, 2025

ACADEMIC SERVICES AND LEADERSHIP

Reviewing: CSCW 2024, 2025**Student Volunteer:** CSCW 2025**Talks:** "How to create your first design portfolio", *Intro to User Experience, Fall 2023, UT Austin.*