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## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D., Learning Design & Technology, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN** 9/2020  
Department: Curriculum and Instruction  
Area of Specialization: Learning Design & Technology  
Advisor: Dr. Sunnie Watson, Ph.D.

**M.S., Learning Design & Technology, Purdue University West Lafayette, IN** 8/2016

**M.B.A, Marketing Management, IGNOU, India** 7/2001

**B.E., Electronics & Communication Engineering, Madras University, India** 5/1992

## CURRENT POSITION

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**Assistant Professor, Learning Design & Technology** August 2023-Present  
University of Hawai'i at Manoa

- Teaching graduate level courses in the Learning Design & Technology program (LTEC)
  - Theory and Practice in Educational Technology
  - Instructional Design and Development
  - Social Media and Learning
  - Introduction to Online learning
  - Qualitative Research
  - Seminar in Educational Technology Issues: Online Communities
  - Project Management in Instructional Design
- Chair & Committee member, Ph.D. student dissertation committees
- Editor-in-Chief, TCC Conference publication
- Co-Chair, College of Education Student Faculty relations
- Senator, College of Education senate
- Search Advocate, University of Hawai'i
- Board member, Ethics Committee, University of Hawai'i
- Conducting research on instructional design and emerging technologies
- Implementing academic and community service projects

## PRIOR TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Lecturer, Learning Design & Technology, College of Education, Purdue University** 2021 – July 2023

Taught graduate level courses at Purdue University  
-Advanced Practices in Learning Systems Design (online) Fall 2021

-Instructional Design Competencies (online)	Fall 2021
-Introduction to E-learning (Face-to-Face)	Spring 2022
-Instructional Systems Design (Online)	Summer 2022
-Instructional Systems Design (Face-to-Face)	Fall 2022
-Instructional Design Competencies (online)	Spring 2023

### Visiting Faculty

Taught Graduate level courses at Purdue University

-Learning Theory and Instructional Design	Spring 2021
-Project Management in Learning Design and Technology	Spring 2021
-Introduction to E-Learning	Summer 2021

### Teaching Assistant

EDCI 27000: Introduction to Educational Technology (undergraduate course):

Course taught by Dr. Tim Newby, COE, Purdue University. 2017 - 2020

### Co-instructor (Face-to-Face courses)

Learning Theory and Instructional Design (Graduate level course): 2019

Advanced Practices in Learning Systems Design (Graduate level course): 2019

### Co-instructor (online courses)

Foundations of Learning Design and Technology (Grad level course): 2018, 2019, & 2020

Project Management in Learning Design and Technology (Grad level course): 2017-2018

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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Conducting multiple research projects with student teams in the University of Hawai'i and other collaborative projects with faculty (Please see list of publications) **2023-Present**

- Service Learning: Instructional design implications.
- Community of Inquiry: Presence and Engagement through Student Asynchronous Video Posts
- Emerging Technologies: Augmented Reality and Attitude Change

Postdoctoral Researcher, Purdue University

August 2021 - July 2023

### **Competency-Based Education**

Worked on a multi-university National Science Foundation funded project to support systemic change in computing education by the development of a research-based competency-based education approach.

Project Manager

- Conducted a systematic literature review on the competencies required by computing professionals
- Developing a competency-based education approach (knowledge, skills, and dispositions)
- Redesigning curriculum for computing-related degree programs
- Data collection from interviews, journals, and conference proceedings
- Data Analysis Tools used: **Rayyan & Dedoose**

**PoRTAL – Purdue online Repository for Teaching And Learning**

2017 – 2021

- Conducted a Design-Based Research (DBR) study on this project
- Multidisciplinary multi-grant project to develop Open Educational Resources (OERs)
- Developed OERs to help faculty and graduate students transition to online teaching
- Completed user needs analysis, design, development, and implementation
- Implemented an international evaluation study

**Teaching Academy – Purdue University**

2020-22

- Conducted a Qualitative case study
- Graduate administrative/professional assistantship with the Teaching academy
- Project initiated by the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Diversity
- Project goals achieved:
  - Defined teaching excellence.
  - Determined how to document, evaluate, and recognize excellent teaching
  - Created an evaluation framework
- Developed a “Teaching Excellence Guide” to be used by all colleges at Purdue University
- A paper based on this research is under review

**Research Tools used:** Nivo, SPSS, Rayyan, PLS-SEM, Dedoose, Zotero, & Mendeley

## RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer Reviewed Journal Publications

- Janakiraman, S.,** Sabin, M., Exter, M., & Duan, S. (2026). Preliminary Results from a Systematic Literature Review on Computing Competencies Valued in the Workplace. *ACM Transactions on Computing Education*, 26(2), 1-50. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3785359>
- Janakiraman, S.,** Dazzeo, R., & Oshiro, S. (2025). Creating STEM-Focused Interactive Storybooks: A Case Study on Instructional Design Service Learning. *Journal of Experiential Education*, 1-28. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10538259251386781>
- Janakiraman, S.,** Koehler, A.A. (2025). Effectiveness of gamification on team building activities to improve student learning experiences in online courses. *Journal of Computing in Higher Education*, 1-28. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12528-025-09470-4>

- Richardson, J. C., Castellanos-Reyes, D., **Janakiraman, S.**, & Duha, M. S. U. (2025). Using design-based research to gauge the impact of an open educational resource repository to support online teaching and learning. *Journal of Computing in Higher Education*, 1-31. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12528-025-09483-z>
- Huang, W., **Janakiraman, S.**, Ilobinso, A., & Slijepcevic, N. (2025). “Wow! This Is So Cool”: Learning Spanish with Augmented Reality. *Education Sciences*, 15(3), 379. <https://doi.org/10.3390/educsci15030379>
- Huang, W., & **Janakiraman, S.** (2024). Enhancing learning and attitude toward statistics with a microlearning approach using an animated video. *Journal of Research on Technology in Education*, 57(5), 1087–1112. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15391523.2024.2363197>
- Duan, S., Exter, M., Tagare, D., Sabin, M, **Janakiraman, S.** (2024). Essential Competencies for Computing Managers: Skills and Dispositions. *Education and Information Technologies, special issue*, 29(2). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10639-023-11869-4>
- Watson, S. L., Watson, W. R., Huang, W., **Janakiraman, S.**, & Dufault, K. H. (2023). Student Attitudes Toward Digital Badges for Instructional Design Competency-Based Education. *Social Education Research*, 4(2), 307–326. <https://doi.org/10.37256/ser.4220233027>
- Richardson, J. C., Castellanos Reyes, D., **Janakiraman, S.**, & Duha, M. S. U. (2023). The Process of Developing a Digital Repository for Online Teaching Using Design-Based Research. *TechTrends*, 1-14. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11528-022-00795-w>
- Koehler, A., Cheng, Z., Fiock, H., Wang, H., **Janakiraman, S.**, & Chartier, K. (2022). Examining students’ use of online case-based discussions to support problem solving: Considering individual and collaborative experiences. *Computers & Education*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.compedu.2021.104407>
- Janakiraman, S.**, Watson, S.L., Watson, W.R., & Newby, T. (2021). Exploring the Effectiveness of Digital Games in Producing Attitudinal Learning in Environmental Sustainability Education: A Mixed Methods Study. *Computers and Education*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.compedu.2020.104043>
- Janakiraman, S.**, Watson, S.L., & Watson, W.R., (2021). Effectiveness of digital games in converting eco-awareness to pro-environmental behaviors when played collaboratively and individually: A mixed methods study in India. *TechTrends*, 1-17. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11528-020-00571-8>
- Janakiraman, S.**, Watson, S.L., Watson, W.R., & Cheng, Z. (2021). Creating environmentally conscious engineering professionals through attitudinal instruction: A mixed methods study. *Journal of Cleaner Production*, 291, 125957. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jclepro.2021.125957>
- Janakiraman, S.**, Watson, S.L., Watson, W.R., & Shepardson, D. (2021). Influence of digital games on pro-environmental attitudes and behaviors: A mixed methods study in India using the new ecological paradigm scale. *Journal of Education for Sustainable Development*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0973408221997844>

- Koehler, A., Cheng, Z., Fiock, H., **Janakiraman, S.** & Wang, H. (2020). Asynchronous online discussions during case-based learning: A problem-solving process. *Online Learning Journal*. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.24059/olj.v24i4.2332>
- Caskurlu, S., Richardson, J., Alamri, H., Chartier, K., & Farmer, T., **Janakiraman, S.**, Strait, M., Yang, M. (2020). Cognitive Load and Online Course Quality: Insights from Instructional Designers in a Higher Education Context. *British Journal of Educational Technology*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/bjet.13043>
- Watson, W. R., Watson, S. L., Fehrman, S. E., Yu, J. H., & **Janakiraman, S.** (2020). Examining international students' attitudinal learning in a higher education course on cultural and language learning. *Journal of International Students*, 10(3). <https://www.ojed.org/index.php/jis/article/view/1083/1124>
- Janakiraman, S.**, Watson, W.R., & Watson, S.L., Bawa, P. (2019). Instructional strategies for producing attitude change in a multicultural education course: A qualitative case study. *Journal of Educational Research and Practice*, 9(1), 300-315. DOI:10.5590/JERAP.2019.09.1.21
- Cheng, Z., Watson, S.L., Watson, W.R., & **Janakiraman, S.** (2019). Attitudinal learning in large-enrollment classrooms: A case study. *TechTrends*, 1-14. Doi:10.1007/s11528-019-00462-7
- Janakiraman, S.**, Watson, S.L. & Watson, W.R. (2018). Adult learners use of self-directed learning strategies in a massive open online course. *Journal of Ethnographic & Qualitative Research*, 13(2), 122-133.
- Janakiraman, S.**, Watson, S.L. & Watson, W.R. (2018). Using game-based learning to facilitate attitude change for environmental sustainability. *Journal of Education for Sustainable Development*, 12(2), 176–185. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0973408218783286>
- Watson, S. L., Yu, J., Watson, W. R., Caskurla, S., **Janakiraman, S.**, & Fiock, H. S. (2018). Watson, S. L., Watson, W. R., Yu, J. H., Caskurlu, S., Janakiraman, S., & Fiock, H. (2018). Attitudinal learning and its relation to gender, age, ethnicity, enrolment purpose, and most impactful learning activity in a science of happiness MOOC. *International Journal of Learning Technology*, 13(4), 306-326. <https://doi.org/10.1504/IJLT.2018.091632>
- Watson, S. L., Watson, W. R., **Janakiraman, S.** & Richardson, J. (2017). A team of instructors' use of social presence, teaching presence and attitudinal dissonance: An animal behavior and welfare MOOC. *The International Review of Research in Open and Distributed Learning*, 18 (2), 69-90. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.19173/irrodl.v18i2.2663>
- Watson, W. R., Watson, S. L., & **Janakiraman, S.** (2017). Instructional Quality of Massive Open Online Courses: A Review of Attitudinal Change MOOCs. *International Journal of Learning Technology*, 12 (3). <https://doi.org/10.1504/IJLT.2017.088406>

### Peer Reviewed Book Chapters:

**Janakiraman, S.,** Watson, S.L., Watson, W.R. (2023). Pre-Service Teachers' Perceptions towards Using Games for Learning about Socio-Scientific Topics: A Case Study. In: Spector, M.J., Lockee, B.B., Childress, M.D. (eds) *Learning, Design, and Technology*. Springer, Cham.  
[https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-17727-4\\_172-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-17727-4_172-1)

**Janakiraman, S.** (2021). Using digital games in virtual classrooms to make attitudinal learning motivating and engaging. In *Handbook of Research on Transforming Teachers' Online Pedagogical Reasoning for Engaging K-12 Students in Virtual Learning* (pp. 236-258). IGI Global.

### Peer Reviewed Conference Proceedings:

Tagare, D., **Janakiraman, S.**, Exter, M., Duan, S., Sabin, M., & Tavakoli, J. (2023). Dispositions that Computing Professionals Value in the Workplace: Systematic Literature Review and Interviews with Professionals. In Proceedings of the ACM Conference on International Computing Education Research (ICER '23). Association for Computing Machinery, Chicago, IL, USA.  
<https://doi.org/10.1145/3568813.3600118>

**Janakiraman, S.** (2021). Games in environmental sustainability education. Indiana STEM Educational Conference proceedings. <https://docs.lib.purdue.edu/instemed/2021/briefs/7/>

**Janakiraman, S.** (2021). Digital games for environmental sustainability education: Implications for Educators. Eighth International Conference on Technological Ecosystems for Enhancing Multiculturality (TEEM'20) Proceedings. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3434780.3436649>

### Papers and Book Chapters under Review:

Cockerham, D., Dickson-Deane, C., **Janakiraman, S.**, Marcelle, P., Stidham, S., Ragula, M. (under Review) Multi-Staged Mentoring Circles: A Collaborative Autoethnography of an Online Community of Practice.

Payne, L., & **Janakiraman, S.**, Kenney, R. (Book chapter). Defining and evaluating teaching excellence at a research-intensive university: Sharing the stage. Sage.

**Janakiraman, S.**, & Howard, H. (Book chapter). Documenting teaching excellence: tools and templates. Sage.

### Works in Progress:

**Janakiraman, S.**, Dazzeo, R., Oshiro, S. Creating a tabletop arboretum with Augmented Reality and Virtual Tours.

**Janakiraman, S.**, Dazzeo, R., Oshiro, S. Adapting interactive digital materials for learners with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Katz, S., Smith, T., **Janakiraman, S.**, & Nyugen, L. Social presence, cognitive, and teaching presence through multimodal expression in online learning.

Katz, S., Smith, T., **Janakiraman, S.**, & Nyugen, L. Social presence and student experience through multimodal expression in online learning.

### Research Presentations (Peer Reviewed)

**Janakiraman, S.**, Dazzeo, R., Oshiro, S. (2026, April 08-12). Adapting interactive digital materials for learners with intellectual and developmental disabilities [Paper presentation]. American Educational Research Association (AERA) 2026, Los Angeles, CA, United States.

**Janakiraman, S.**, Quezon, J. (2026, February 05-08). Designing Virtual Learning Environments with Augmented Reality and Interactive H5P Activities: A Practical Workshop for Educators. [Workshop]. The 6th Southeast Asian Conference on Education (SEACE2025), International Academic Forum (IAFOR), Singapore.

**Janakiraman, S.** (2025, December, 5-7). Creating an Interactive E-book with H5P and Augmented Reality: Instructional Design Service-learning Experience [Paper presentation]. International Conference on Technology 4 Education (T4E 2025), Chennai, TN, India.

Umezawa, K., & **Janakiraman, S.** (2025, December, 5-7). *Participatory Action Research about Technology use in Multilingual Early Childhood Classrooms in India, the U.S., and Japan* [Poster presentation]. International Conference on Technology 4 Education (T4E 2025), Chennai, TN, India.

Katz, S., Nyugen, L., Smith, T., & **Janakiraman, S.** (2025, October, 24-29). *Enhancing Social Presence and Engagement through Student Asynchronous Video Posts* [Paper presentation]. Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT) 2025, Las Vegas, NV, United States.

Katz, S., **Janakiraman, S.** (2025, May 27-31). *Social Presence through Multimodal Expression in an ESL Writing Course* [Paper presentation]. Computer Assisted Language Instruction Consortium (CALICO 2025), San Diego, CA, United States.

**Janakiraman, S.**, Dazzeo, R., Oshiro, S. (2025, April 15-16). *Creating Inclusive Arboretum Experiences for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities* [Paper presentation]. 2025 40th Annual Pacific Rim International Conference, Honolulu, HI, United States.

**Janakiraman, S.**, Dazzeo, R., Oshiro, S. (2025, February 21-25). Creating Interactive Storybooks with H5P Based Virtual Tours: A Design Based Research Study. [Paper presentation]. The 5th Southeast Asian Conference on Education (SEACE2025), International Academic Forum (IAFOR), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

**Janakiraman, S.**, Dazzeo, R., Oshiro, S. (2025, January 3-7). *Digital Nature: Designing and Developing Inclusive Arboretum Experiences for Individuals with Disabilities* [Poster Presentation]. The 10th annual IAFOR International Conference on Education (IICE2025), Honolulu, HI, United States.

Dai, C., Eichelberger, A., Hoffman, D., **Janakiraman, S.**, Leong, P., Menchaca, M., Paek, S. (2025, February 21-25). Promoting Cultural Awareness in Artificial Intelligence for Sustainable Education: East -

West Collaboration [Plenary presentation]. The 5th Southeast Asian Conference on Education (SEACE2025), International Academic Forum (IAFOR), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

**Janakiraman, S., Dazzeo, R.** (2024, October 19-23). *Creating Interactive Storybooks: Case Study on an Instructional Design Service Learning Experience* [Poster presentation]. Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT) 2024, Kansas City, MO, United States.

**Janakiraman, S.** (2024, April 11-14). "Wow! This is so cool": A case study on using Augmented Reality in learning Spanish [Paper presentation]. American Educational Research Association (AERA) 2024, Philadelphia, PA, United States

Dai, C., Eichelberger, A., Hoffman, D., **Janakiraman, S.**, Leong, P., Menchaca, M., Paek, S. (2024, February 10-13). Change for resiliency: One department's strategies for implementing culturally relevant education with a focus on Asia and the Pacific [Plenary presentation]. The 4th Southeast Asian Conference on Education (SEACE2024), International Academic Forum (IAFOR), Chiang Mai, Thailand.

**Janakiraman, S.** (2024, February 10-13). Defining Teaching Excellence and Developing a Teaching Excellence Framework at a Research-intensive University: A Case Study [Paper presentation]. The 4th Southeast Asian Conference on Education (SEACE2024), International Academic Forum (IAFOR), Chiang Mai, Thailand.

**Janakiraman, S., Dash, M.** (2023, October 16-20). A Bibliometric Analysis on Competency-based Education across the Globe (2003-2022) [Poster presentation]. Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT) 2023, Orlando, FL, United States.

**Janakiraman, S.**, Kotangale, A., Tavakoli, J. (2023, October 16-20). Exploring pedagogical practices in environmentally sustainable education in university engineering courses: A literature review. Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT) 2023, Orlando, FL, United States.

**Janakiraman, S.** (2023, October 16-20). Effectiveness of Gamification in Supporting Team Activities in Online Courses [Paper presentation]. Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT) 2023, Orlando, FL, United States.

**Janakiraman, S.**, Exter, M. (2023, April 13-16). Educational recommendations for improving computing education: Report from a systematic literature review [Round table]. American Educational Research Association (AERA) 2023, Chicago, IL, United States.

Richardson, J. C., Castellanos Reyes, D., **Janakiraman, S.**, & Duha, M. S. U. (2023, April 13-16). Impact of an Open Online Repository to Support Online Teaching and Learning: The Users' Perspective [Round table]. American Educational Research Association (AERA) 2023, Chicago, IL, United States.

**Janakiraman, S.**, Exter, M. (2022, October 24-28). *Exploring the competencies required by computing professionals in the workplace: A systematic literature review* [Paper Presentation]. Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT) 2022, Las Vegas, NV, United States.

- Janakiraman, S.**, Koehler, A. (2022, October 24-28). Effectiveness of team building activities on student learning experiences in online courses [Round Table]. Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT) 2022, Las Vegas, NV, United States.
- Janakiraman, S.** (2021, April 8-12). Influence of digital games on pro-environmental attitudes and behaviors: A mixed methods study in India using the new ecological paradigm scale [Poster Presentation]. American Educational Research Association (AERA) 2021, Virtual Annual Meeting.
- Janakiraman, S.** (2021, November 2-6). Exploring the Effectiveness of Digital Games in Producing Pro-Environmental Behaviors when Played Collaboratively and Individually: A Mixed Methods Study in India [Paper presentation]. Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT) 2021, Chicago, IL, United States.
- Janakiraman, S.** (2020, November 2-7). Exploring the Effectiveness of Digital Games in Producing Attitudinal Learning in Environmental Sustainability Education: A Mixed Methods Study [Paper presentation]. Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT) 2020, Virtual Meeting.
- Janakiraman, S.** (2020, October 22). Digital Games for Environmental Sustainability Education: Implications for Educators. TEEM 2020 Online Conference, University of Salamanca, Spain.
- Koehler, A. A., Cheng, Z., Fiock, H., Wang, H., **Janakiraman, S.**, & Chartier, K. (2019, October 21-25). Examining Students' Use of Online Case-based Discussions to Support Problem Solving [Paper presentation]. Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT) 2019, Las Vegas, NV, United States.
- Richardson, J. C., Castellanos Reyes, D., **Janakiraman, S.**, & Duha, M. S. U. (2019, October 21-25). Developing a Digital Repository for Online Teaching and Learning Using Design-Based Research [Poster presentation]. Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT) 2019, Las Vegas, NV, United States.
- Caskurlu, S., Richardson, J., **Janakiraman, S.**, Yang, M. (2019, October 21-25). Instructional Designers Perceptions of Online Course Quality and Cognitive Load [Paper presentation]. Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT) 2019, Las Vegas, NV, United States.
- Cheng, Z., **Janakiraman, S.** (2019, October 21-25). Attitudinal learning in large-enrollment classrooms: A case study. [Paper presentation]. Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT) 2019, Las Vegas, NV, United States.
- Janakiraman, S.** (2019, April 5-9). Instructional Strategies for Producing Attitude Change in a Multicultural Education Course: A Qualitative Case Study [Roundtable]. American Educational Research Association (AERA) 2019, Toronto, Canada.
- Janakiraman, S.** (2018, October 23-27). Instructional Design for Adult Education: Autoethnographic Study in a Service-Learning MOOC [Poster Presentation]. Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT) 2018, Kansas City, MI, United States.

Watson, S., Watson, W., Caskurla, S., **Janakiraman, S.** (2018, April 13-17). What do we know about attitudinal learning in MOOCs?: Gender, age, ethnicity, enrollment purpose, and most impactful learning activity in a science of happiness MOOC [Poster presentation]. American Educational Research Association (AERA) 2018, New York City, NY, United States.

**Janakiraman, S.** (2017, October 18-21). Gain Experience for Good: Autoethnographic Study in the Designers for Learning Service MOOC [Poster presentation]. Mid-Western Educational Research Association (MWERA) 2017, Evanston, IL, United States.

**Janakiraman, S.** (2017, November 7-11). How did adult learners use self-directed learning strategies in a science of happiness MOOC designed for attitudinal learning: A qualitative study [Poster Presentation]. Association for Educational Communications and Technology (AECT) 2018, Jacksonville, FL, United States.

### Professional Experience

<b>Creating Intentional Equity in the Classroom</b>	<b>March-August 2025</b>
-Fellowship	
-Develop a Faculty Learning Community (FLC) curriculum	
-Beta test and finalize a University of Hawai'i focused FLC on equity in the classroom	
<b>TCC Conference Proceedings</b>	<b>2024-Present</b>
-Editor	<b>2025</b>
<b>Transactions on Computing Education (TOCE)</b>	<b>2025-Present</b>
-Peer reviewer	
<b>TechTrends</b>	<b>2025-Present</b>
-Peer reviewer	
<b>Journal of Cleaner Production</b>	
-Peer reviewer for instructional design related articles	<b>2020 - Present</b>
<b>Journal of Research on Technology in Education</b>	<b>2019 - Present</b>
-Peer reviewer	
-Participated in the doctoral mentoring peer-review program.	
<b>Journal of Computing in Higher Education</b>	
-Peer reviewer	<b>2021-Present</b>
<b>Simulation and Gaming</b>	<b>2022-Present</b>
-Peer reviewer	
<b>International Journal of Mentoring and Coaching in Education</b>	<b>2025-Present</b>
-Peer reviewer	
<b>Teaching Excellence Committee</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>
-Advisory council member, Purdue University	
-Guiding the design and delivery of sessions for faculty professional development	

**Explore! Interactive** (Augmented Reality) 2018  
 Educational Content Developer and Instructional Design Lead.  
 -Designed educational content to be implemented in an Augmented Reality (AR) platform.  
 -Designed a lesson on Electrical Circuits for the Physics curriculum.  
 -Implemented an inquiry-based learning model for middle school students.

### Professional Development Certificates

**Google AI Essentials!** May 2025  
 -Learned about the basics of Artificial Intelligence  
 -Use AI responsibly by identifying AI's potential biases and avoiding harm  
 -Apply prompting techniques to develop ideas and make more informed decisions

**University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Search Advocate Program** February  
**2025**  
 -Learned to identify and promote practices throughout the faculty search process that support diversity and social justice, and that minimize the impacts of cognitive and structural biases.

**CAMP + U Professional Development for Faculty, Staff and Administrators on Postsecondary Success** December 2024  
 -Offered by the Center on Disability Studies at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa  
 -Learned about course design, instructional delivery and assessment, and effective practices to support students for a successful post secondary experience while fostering a sense of community that meets their needs.

**Quality Matters certificate** 2023  
 -QM Rubric Update Seventh Edition (RU) 2023  
 -Independent Applying the QM Rubric (APPQMR) Fifth Edition  
 -Instructional Design consultant, reviewed 15 online courses using the QM rubric sixth edition

**Qualitative Research Certificate** awarded by the Department of Curriculum & Instruction, Purdue University. 2020

**Teaching Certificates** awarded by the Center for Instructional Excellence, Purdue University  
 -Graduate Instructional Development Certificate 2018  
 -Graduate Teacher Certificate 2018

## INSTRUCTIONAL DESIGN PROJECTS

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**Interactive Digital Storybooks****January 2024 – Present**

- Lyon Arboretum and Manoa Heritage Center
- Created Open Educational Resources about the flora and fauna in Hawai'i
- Included animations, virtual tours, and interactive activities.
- Adapted the E-book for learners with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- Published E-book: Exploring Lyon ArboretumPublished book - <https://pressbooks.oer.hawaii.edu/exploringlyonarboretum/>

**Creating Intentional Equity in the Classroom at University of Hawai'i****March-August 2025**

- Faculty fellow in a cohort Faculty Learning Community (FLC)
- Instructional design and development of a six-week hybrid program
- Program includes asynchronous learning modules and zoom or face-to-face meetings

**PoRTAL Tier 2****2019-2022**

- Designed and developed online workshops for Gamification and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills.
- Used Articulate Storyline 360 to create 10 interactive, self-paced modules.
- Audio narration was added with ON/OFF option to ensure accessibility.
- Included demo videos and interviews with experts to serve as exemplars.
- Incorporated gamified quizzes to provide opportunities for practice & self-assessment.
- Provided option to gain credit for course completion in the form of digital badges/certificates.
- Built the workshops on the D2L Brightspace learning management system
- We won the **2021 UPCEA Central Region Excellence** in Instructional Design Award for PoRTAL

**PoRTAL Tier 1****2017 - 2019**

Created instructional materials for building Purdue University's

**[PoRTAL \( Purdue Repository for online Teaching and Learning\)](#):**

- Developed learner-centered go-to resources to meet needs of online instructors.
- Each OER features: instructional strategies, course enhancement tips, pedagogy, sample tools, and policies to help make the role of an online instructor easier and build courses that are more engaging for online students.
- Conducted a user needs analysis, designed, developed, evaluated, and implemented PoRTAL.
- Our team won the **2019 AECT Division of Distance Learning Best Practice Award** for PoRTAL

**Resources I created:**

- [21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills](#)
- [Gamification in online teaching](#)
- [Teamwork](#)

**Digital Badges – Purdue Passport****2020 – 2021**

Working with Dr. Tim Newby, Professor, Learning Design & Technology to create new digital badges that will help highlight digital competencies earned by graduate students.

**iLookout****2019**

- Online course developed at Penn State College of Medicine that guides primary caregivers on how to identify and report cases of child abuse.
- Evaluated the gamification elements used to motivate learners to complete the course

**Designers for Learning** 2016 to 2019

- Created STEM-based OERs to meet educator and learner needs in Adult Basic Education (ABE)
- Developed OERs using the Empathy Framework to facilitate the learning process for adults
- Made the OERs available on the OER Commons website to make them freely available
- Evaluated OERs that were developed by other instructional designers for ABE
- Facilitated a service-learning MOOC on instructional design as part of the instructional team

**Explore! Interactive (Augmented Reality)** 2018

- Educational Content Developer and Instructional Design Lead.
- Designed lessons for teaching about electric circuits
- Lessons were adapted for development in an Augmented Reality (AR) platform
- Energy and Circuits* interactive learning module available commercially on [Mindlabs](#)
- This game features male and female protagonists to attract girls to STEM fields

Technical Skills**Digital learning tools used**

- Authoring tools: Articulate Storyline 360, Articulate Rise 360, H5P
- Learning Management Systems: Blackboard, Canvas, Moodle, and Brightspace (D2L)
- Video editing: Camtasia, Adobe Premiere Pro, and OpenShot
- Audio editing: Audacity

**FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS & GRANTS**

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- **SEED Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access and Success (IDEAS)** grant from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa **February 2024**
- Office of the Vice Provost for Research and Scholarship (**OVPRS**) **Faculty Research** Travel Award from the University of Hawai'i **September 2023**
- Grant awarded by the **Innovation Hub** (2023), Purdue University to create a transdisciplinary learning experience for undergraduate students.
- **Sponsored registration** (2022) from the **Systems Thinking SIG of the AERA** for conference participation.
- **Professional Development Conference Scholarship** (2021) from the AECT Foundation Board of Trustees towards conference participation.
- 2021 **UPCEA Central Region Excellence in Instructional Design** Award for "PoRTAL: Purdue Repository for Online Teaching and Learning – Tier 2."
- **2020-2021 Mary Kay Sommers Dissertation Award** from the College of Education, Purdue University.
- **2020-2021 Outstanding Dissertation Award** from the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, Purdue University.

- **COVID Relief Fellowship** (Fall 2020) from the College of Education, Purdue University.
- **Best Paper Award** at the TEEM 2020 Advances on Sustainable Development in Higher Education track, University of Salamanca, Spain. Topic: Digital Games for Environmental Sustainability Education: Implications for Educators.
- **AECT Early Career Symposium** at the 2019 AECT Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada organized by The Research & Theory Division.
- 2019 **AECT** Division of Distance Learning **Best Practice Award** for a team project titled, "PoRTAL: Purdue Repository for Online Teaching and Learning."
- **Bilsland Dissertation Fellowship** (2019) by the College of Education, Purdue University for outstanding academic record and to devote full-time effort to the completion of all doctoral degree requirements. The award was worth \$ 8,538 and was be paid on a monthly basis.
- **Frank B. De Bruicker Graduate Award** in Educational Technology (2018) by the Learning Design & Technology program at Purdue University. The award was worth \$3000.
- **David Ross Fellowship** (2016-2020). This competitive and prestigious fellowship was awarded by the Graduate School, Purdue University. The total award package is worth **\$54, 849** approximately per year for 4 years.
- Honorary In-Progress **Poster Presentation Award** at the Annual Graduate Student Educational Research Symposium (AGSERS 2017). Awarded a plaque by GSEC, Purdue University.
- Certificate of recognition by **Scholastic India** in 2005, for an "Innovative Idea" to improve student reading habits in K-12.

## OTHER GRANTS

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- Awarded a \$680 **Community Service-Learning Grant** (November, 2022) by Purdue University's Office of Engagement for STEM projects at Imagination Station, Lafayette.
- Awarded \$800 **Dissertation Research Grant** from College of Education and Learning Design & Technology program (2020).
- Awarded a \$500 **Community Service-Learning Grant** (2018) by Purdue University's Office of Engagement for STEM projects at Imagination Station and Bauer Center, Lafayette.
- Awarded a \$350 Travel Grant (2019) by **Global Ambassadors** organization in Purdue Graduate School. Responsibilities included being a Purdue ambassador to India and to organize a presentation that addresses admission, residential, subject majors, and other details that are informative to prospective graduate students.
- Awarded several travel grants every semester from 2016 to 2024 for presenting at conferences.

**Examples:**

- o Received a \$700 **Postdoctoral Supplemental Travel Grant** for travel to the 2023 American Educational Research Association (AERA) Conference
- o Received \$1,800 travel grant from the postdoc project to travel to the 2022 AECT conference
- o Postdoc Association, Purdue University: \$400 grant to attend the AERA 2022 conference

**GRANT WRITING EXPERIENCE**

- April 2024: NewSchools, Learning Solutions, Teaching Reimagined, and Learning Differences grant. (Not awarded). Worked with Corporate and Foundation Relations, UHM to fund the purchase of devices to establish a technology enriched learning center at the Lyon Arboretum.
- May 2021: Spencer Foundation Special COVID-19 grant: PoRTAL+: A Design-Based Research Study on the Use of Open Educational Resources for Training Instructors to Teach at a Distance. (Not awarded).

**ACADEMIC SERVICE**

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University of Hawai'i Ethics Board Member **August 2025-Present**

Senator **August 2024-Present**

College of Education, University of Hawai'i Ethics Board Member

Student Faculty Relations Committee (Co-Chair) **August 2023-Present**

College of Education, University of Hawai'i Ethics Board Member

Graduate Student Research Symposium (Steering Committee member) **August 2023-Present**

College of Education, University of Hawai'i Ethics Board Member

UH Lamakū Faculty Panel: Insights from the Summer 2024 Pilot Webinar **September 2024**

University of Hawai'i Search Advocate Community **September 2024-Present**

**Dissertation Committee** **2024-Present**

-Ph.D. students' dissertation committee Chair & member at University of Hawaii

-Ph.D. student dissertation committee member, Purdue University

**Invited speaker**

**Fall 2025**

- Samarkand International University of Technology (SIUT), Uzbekistan - Service Learning Implementation in a Course

**Spring 2025**

- AECT Graduate Student Association (GSA) - Thriving as a Non-Traditional Scholar: Navigating Family, Academia, and Life Abroad
- Grad Connect: A Virtual Networking Event with AECT International Division & GSA

**Fall 2024**

- Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pilani, India - Systematic Literature Review
- Purdue Association of Learning Design and Technology (PALDT) - Professional Networking

Fall 2023

- GSA Panel at the 2023 AECT- Professional Development for International Students
- EdTech Society, India - Game-Based Learning & Gamification
- Mahendra College of Engineering- Promoting 21st century Skills with Game-Based Learning & Gamification
- Purdue University, Instructional Systems Design course - Gamification, game-based learning, and Augmented Reality

March 2023

- Indian Institute of Technology Madras, India (IITM) - Game-Based Learning & Gamification

Symposium on Educational Technology at Konkuk University, South Korea

Spring 2024

- Participated in a research symposium
- Shared instructional design experiences using emerging technologies

### Mentoring

2023-present

- AECT graduate student mentor
- Guiding Ph.D. candidates in their academic job search process
- Mentoring students in preparing their application materials

### Teaching Excellence Advisory Committee, Purdue University

- Member
- Implemented the Teaching Excellence framework at Purdue University

2021-2023

### Purdue Post-Doctoral Association (PPDA): Council member

October 2022- July 2023

- Postdoc Association, Purdue University: Ask a postdoc panel
- Ergonomics for the workplace (arranged a talk by a specialist)
- Postdoc Association, Purdue University: Ask a postdoc panel

March 2023

September 2022

**Webinar: Conducting a Systematic Literature Review**, AECT International Division PD committee

October 2022

### Guest Lecture: Augmented Reality, Game-based Learning & Gamification

December 2021

- In the Learning Systems Design course

### The Aronson Family Science & Society Honors Lecture. Making it Public:

March 2020

Communicating Scientific Research and the Bioethical Implications of Designer Biology.

- Panelist with scholars from Biology and Serious Gaming, and Dr. David Baker from the University of Washington who has developed a game called **Foldit** for biochemistry education.

Research seminar for Career and Technical Education, Purdue University.  
**Cognitive Load in Online Course Quality:** Case study methodology

January 2019

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

<b>Association for Educational Communications &amp; Technology (AECT):</b>	<b>2016-present</b>
● Chair, Awards Committee, AECT International Division	<b>2025-26</b>
● President of the AECT international Division	<b>2024-25</b>
● President-Elect of the AECT international Division & AECT Planning Committee	<b>2023-24</b>
● Graduate Student Assembly: Professional Development for International Students	<b>2023</b>
● Co-Coordinator: Professional Development Committee of the International Division	2021-23
● Peer reviewer for conference proposals	2018-Present
● Graduate Student Assembly: Panelist in a discussion on how graduate students can contribute effectively in community service and service-learning projects.	2018
● Volunteer technology assistant	2017
<b>American Educational Research Association (AERA):</b>	<b>2016-present</b>
● Elected as Secretary/Treasurer of the Systems Thinking in Education SIG	2020-2022
● Peer reviewer for conference proposals	2020 -Present
o Systems Thinking in Education	
o Technology-Based Environments Special Interest Groups (SIGs)	
o Design & Technology	
<b>Curriculum and Instruction Graduate Student Association (CIGSA), Purdue University:</b>	2018-19
● Organized student mentoring programs and workshops on poster presentation	
<b>Graduate Student Education Council (GSEC), Purdue University:</b>	2015-2018
● Organized the Annual Graduate Student Education Research Symposiums (AGSERS)	

## SERVICE PROJECTS

<b>Project Prayogam (own initiative):</b>	<b>Ongoing</b>
● Established a free library and STEM practical lab in a rural village in Tamil Nadu, India	2025
● Established practical learning centers in a rural elementary school in India	2025
● Established an Audio/Visual learning environment in a rural school in India	2023

**K-12 Schools in India:** Providing consultations on how to implement educational technology tools in K-12 classrooms to promote 21<sup>st</sup> century skills development among students. **2022- Present**

**USKids4Water.org:** **2020-Present**  
 Teaching spoken English to children living in a rural region in India via WhatsApp. Conducting Spell Bee contests to improve English skills of students studying in rural schools.

**Purdue Under-Graduate Research Council:** As council member made students aware of research opportunities and mentored under-graduate students in research. Reviewer of presentations (2019-2023).

**Designers for Learning:** Instructional design of Open Educational Resources (OERs) for Adult Basic Education (ABE), evaluating OERs, and facilitating MOOCs. (2016-2020).

**Bauer Center:** Demonstrate Science experiments to elementary school students. (2018-19)

**Imagination Station:** Demonstrate Science experiments to elementary school students and design websites of lesson modules. (2016-present)

**Purdue Graduate Office:** Global ambassador for India (2017-20). Conducting webinars and presentations about admissions, funding, and other elements that impact life on campus.

**Indian Women's Association Academy:** Educational service projects in the Greater Lafayette Community (2018-present)

## **INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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### Teaching Experience:

**CMS Computers Ltd.,** Chennai, India 1994 - 1996  
Faculty: Computer hardware, Basic Electronics

**Delhi Public School (DPS),** Lucknow, India May 2004 - April 2006  
Faculty: STEM Subjects, Environmental Science

**Lucknow University,** Lucknow, India 2007  
Lecturer: Business Organization for B. Com (Hons)

### Research and Writing Experience

**Freelance writer** 2001 – 2004  
Educational content and short stories for children

**Technology Marketing Corporation,** Norwalk, CT, USA Nov 2007 - Nov 2014  
Contributing Editor (Online):  
Writing articles on technology and technology-based business corporations.

**Asia-Pacific Business and Technology Report,** Seoul, Korea June 2009 - August 2015  
Content Contributor on business and technology topics of global interest  
<http://www.biztechreport.com/source/shamila-janakiraman>

**Fun and Focus Published by Knowledge Base,** Chennai, India 2007 - 2010  
Educational Content Writer: Writing articles on science and technology, places of interest and short stories for K-12 students.