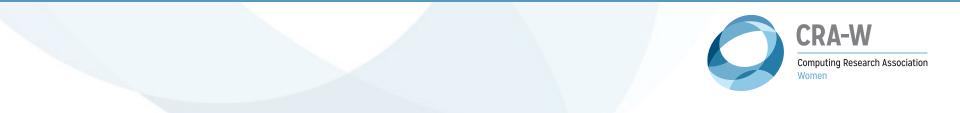# Perspectives from Grad Cohort Alums

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About Nada

Education

Computer Science (HCI, Computer Vision)

MS 2009 Tufts / Ph.D. 2016 University of Massachusetts / Post-Doc 2017 Harvard

Professional

IBM Research, Saint Mary's College, San Jose State University (tenure-track 2018-current)

Personal

- Hiking, Horseback riding, board games
- Married

Grad Cohort (2007-2008)

Zadia in Brief

- **Education**
  - MS Computer Science, University of Mauritius (2008)
  - Ph.D. Computer Science, Mississippi State University (2016)
    - Research - Software Engineering
- **Professional**
  - Industry - Accenture
  - Academia
    - University of Mauritius, University of Technology Mauritius
    - Currently a Visiting Assistant Professor at a Teaching Focused Institution (Colby College)
    - Tenure-Track at a Research Focused Institution (starting Fall 2019)
- **Personal**
  - Fulbright Foreign Student Program Scholar (2011-2013)
  - IBM Ph.D. Fellowship Awardee (2013-2016)
  - Love traveling, cooking, photography and fascinated by lighthouses!
  - Attended Grad Cohort 2012-2014

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Who Am I

Daughter, Sorority Sister, Researcher, Teacher, and Friend!

Lover of Technology, reading , learning, music, food, movies, and much more!

4 degrees (3 in CS and 1 in Information Science)

Research Interests: Authorship Attribution, Machine Learning, and Privacy.

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Dreams by Day.

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Turn and Talk to your Neighbor

- What is your name?

- Is this your first time at Grad Cohort?

- What I want to achieve from this conference?

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Our Experience

- Make friends!

- Mentors, supports, advocators, sponsors

- Explore new cities

- *Find role models*

- Answers/Guidance to questions (resources)

Lessons Learned

- We all share the same concerns

- Volunteer whenever you can

- Support other female students

- Get support (mentors)

- "time management, work life balance, etc."

- Always persevere

Influence/Impact on Career

- *Learned how to say "No"*

- *Do not be afraid to ask*

- *Became better at negotiating*

- Tips and tricks

- Boost confidence

How to get the Most out of the Workshop

- Explore the city with friends/new friends
- Don't miss the party.
- Add people in FB, LinkedIn, etc. as soon as you can
- Go to variety of talks even if you aren't interested
- Do not restrict yourself to talks based on your current "year"
- Ask questions
- Network
- Smile!
- You are welcome, supported, respected in this conference.

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Questions?