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
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.
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?
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.
Questions?