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Curriculum Vitae

School of Communication Studies
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Education

Kent State University, Ph.D. in mass communication, with a secondary emphasis on political communication. 2017. GPA: 4.0/4.0. Dissertation title: “A uses and gratifications perspective of the relationships among consumption of government-conspiracy-theory-oriented media fare, trust in government, and political participation.” Advisor: Dr. Paul M. Haridakis.

Kent State University, M.A. in journalism (individualized degree program). 2004. GPA: 4.0/4.0.

Kent State University, M.S. in information architecture and knowledge management, with a concentration in information use. 2004. GPA: 4.0/4.0.

Kent State University, B.S. in newspaper journalism, graduating Summa Cum Laude and as a Member in Good Standing in the Honors College. Earned a full four-year Max and Cil Draime Medallion Scholarship (Founder’s Day Scholarship), Honors College Book Scholarship, and honorary Herb Kamm Journalism Scholarship. 2002. GPA: Major: 4.0/4.0; Overall: 3.98/4.0.

Academic Experience

- 2013 – present **Assistant Professor, School of Communication Studies, Kent State University**
 Teaching undergraduate classes in Communication Studies department under a full-time, non-tenure track appointment.
- 2005 – 2013 **Graduate Assistant/Adjunct Instructor, School of Communication Studies, Kent State University**
 Taught undergraduate classes in Communication Studies department.
- 2007 – 2012 **Researcher, Media Mindsets, College of Communication and Information, Kent State University**
 Collaborated as part of multidisciplinary research team headed by Dr. Paul Haridakis and Professor Gary Hanson. Responsibilities included reviewing

literature, creating survey instruments, collecting and analyzing data, and writing and revising papers for presentations and publications.

2007 – 2008

Editorial Assistant, *Journal of Communication Studies*

Assisted the journal's editor, Dr. Lawrence Hugenberg. Coordinated manuscript review process by recruiting and assigning reviewers, communicating with reviewers and authors regarding revisions, and editing manuscripts for publication in an online journal. Also edited chapters for a separate sports communication anthology:

Hugenberg, L. W., Haridakis, P. M., & Earnhardt, A. C. (Eds.). (2008). *Sports mania: Essays on fandom and the media in the 21st century*. Jefferson, NC: McFarland.

2003 – 2004

Graduate Assistant, Institute for CyberInformation, Kent State University

Edited and designed Digital Newsbooks produced in the KENT Format for electronic interactive display on tablet-sized personal computers for three semesters. Content for the Newsbooks came from the *Denver Post*, the Kent State University School of Journalism and Mass Communication, and *The Daily Kent Stater*.

2002 – 2003

Graduate Assistant, Kent State Honors College, Kent State University

Conducted academic advising for incoming freshmen and first-year students, coordinated mentorship program, Honors College Web site, and newsletter.

Teaching Experience

Communication Grammar Review (21000), Kent State University

Teaching a five-week online course that runs three times a semester. The course enhances proficiency in English language grammar, punctuation, word usage, and style, and it is required for majors in the School of Communication Studies and the School of Journalism and Mass Communication. Students must pass the course with a grade of C or better.

Communication and Influence (45902), Kent State University

Teaching a Writing Intensive Course centered on key concepts and theories associated with persuasive communication. Students analyze and critique research regarding messages intended to influence people's attitudes and behaviors and apply course materials to the creation and implementation of their own persuasive campaigns.

Freedom of Speech (COMM 45007), Kent State University

Taught course that allows students to develop an understanding of the socio-legal issues and responsibilities of speech as well as an awareness of specific issues and current controversies regarding freedom of speech in the United States and elsewhere. Students also learn about

specific issues regarding local and regional free speech issues along with those issues specific to various organizations and institutions.

Foundations of Communication (COMM 20000), Kent State University

Teaching course that serves as an introduction to the communication studies major and its different concentrations. Students learn about the communication studies faculty, research, and courses offered within the school as well as possible careers in communication studies and involvement opportunities to supplement the curriculum. Students are required to complete the course within the first 20 credits in the major and earn a C or better in the course.

High Impact Professional Speaking (COMM 45807), Kent State University

Teaching course focusing on the development of professional speaking skills in a variety of professional style contexts. Students learned the principles and practices of effective verbal and nonverbal communication strategies, which were enhanced through multiple speaking opportunities. This course helped students fine-tune skills and was designed for students who sought to enhance their professionalism by improving public communication behaviors.

Public Communication in Society (COMM 26001), Kent State University

Taught in-class and online sections of a course on communication in public situations, examining issues in media, politics, corporate communication, public opinion, and communication in executive, legislative, and judicial settings. Students were given the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and form arguments about current media issues, relevant communication and media theories, the influence of political speech and campaigns, and the interplay between individuals, society, and institutions via mediated communication.

Business and Professional Communication (COMM 25863), Kent State University

Taught course providing students with the relevant theory and practical skills necessary to communicate successfully in contemporary global business environments. This class focused on professional communication strategies, teamwork, verbal and nonverbal messages, listening skills, interviews, job search strategies, résumé and cover letter building, diversity awareness, interpersonal communication skills, information technology, and presentation skills.

Interviewing (COMM 35860), Kent State University

Teaching an applied course in which students learn about interviewing in employment, recruiting, information-gathering, survey, persuasive, therapeutic, and law enforcement contexts. The class not only presented basic information on interviewing structures and verbal/nonverbal communication techniques, but also required students to demonstrate their acquired skills by conducting interviews, responding as interviewees, and observing as peer evaluators.

Media Use and Effects (COMM 45006), Kent State University

Taught mass communication course tracing evolution of media theories, perspectives, and research on topics such as ethnicity and gender portrayals, media regulation, themes in entertainment, news, political campaign coverage, images of sex and violence, and the emergence of new media technologies. Also addressed the role of psychological and sociological variables that could impact audience members' use of media and the effects of media exposure.

Introduction to Human Communication (COMM 15000), Kent State University

Taught stand-alone and lecture-lab sections, which included theories of public, small group, and interpersonal communication as well as strategies, principles, and ethics of informative and persuasive public speaking as well as group presentations. Supervised student interns in Personalized System of Instruction program.

Professional Experience

- 2004 **Reporter/Copy Editor, Chronicle-Tribune, Marion, Indiana**
 Wrote stories for daily deadline as well as an award-winning special series with content for Web and print editions as part of a 10-week internship. Took photos, gathered information for graphics and designed pages on the news desk.
- 2001 **Features Reporter/Copy Editor, Cincinnati Enquirer, Cincinnati, Ohio**
 Wrote stories for five weeks of a 12-week internship in the Tempo department. Corrected factual and grammatical errors in stories, wrote headlines, and designed pages for seven weeks.
- 2000 **Copy Editor, Press & Sun-Bulletin, Binghamton, New York**
 Corrected factual and AP Style errors in articles and wrote headlines for community newspaper with 64,000 daily circulation and 82,000 circulation on Sundays.

Academic Publications

- Sharma, R. (2017). *Desi films: Articulating images of South Asian identity in a global communication environment*. In A. K. Chaubey & A. I. Devasundaram (Eds.), *South Asian diasporic cinema and theatre: Re-visiting screen and stage in the new millennium* (pp. 48-70). Jaipur, India: Rawat.
- Sharma, R. (2017). Media effects. In J. D. Ponder (Ed.), *COMM 20000: Foundations of communication*. (pp. 179-195). Southlake, TX: Fountainhead Press.
- Ponder, J. D., & Sharma, R. (2016). You say you want a revolution? The Internet's impact on political discussion, activism, and societal transformation. In D. S. Coombs & S. Collister (Eds.), *Debates for the digital age: The good, the bad, and the ugly of our online world: Vol. 1: The good* (pp. 183-201). Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger.
- Savery, C. A., & Sharma, R. (2016). For love or money: Exploring personal matrimony ads, sugar websites, and catfishing through social exchange theory. In D. S. Coombs & S. Collister (Eds.), *Debates for the digital age: The good, the bad, and the ugly of our online*

- world: Vol. 2: The bad and the ugly* (pp. 227-248). Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger.
- Sharma, R. (2016). Leaks, whistle-blowers, and radical transparency: Government accountability in the Internet age. In D. S. Coombs & S. Collister (Eds.), *Debates for the digital age: The good, the bad, and the ugly of our online world: Vol. 1: The good* (pp. 119-140). Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger.
- Sharma, R. (2014). Account overdrawn: Articulating consumerism in animated media. *Ohio Communication Journal*, 52, 1-19.
- Sharma, R., & Savery, C. (2014). Bollywood marriages: Portrayals of matrimony in Hindi popular cinema. In N. Jones & M. Bajac-Carter (Eds.), *Heroines of Film and Television: Portrayals in Popular Culture* (pp. 147-162). Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.
- Sharma, R. (2014). Infecting the Internet: The influence of online viral marketing techniques on public opinion. In D. S. Coombs & B. Batchelor (Eds.), *We are what we sell: How advertising shapes American life ... and always has: Vol. 3* (pp. 184-203). Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger.
- Sharma, R. (2013). *Community clip show: Examining the recursive collaboration between producers and viewers of a postmodern sitcom*. *Journal of Fandom Studies*, 1(2), 183-199. doi: 10.1386/jfs.1.2.183_1
- Sharma, R. (2012). News on the rocks: Exploring the agenda-setting effects of *Blood Diamond* in print and broadcast news. *Media, War, & Conflict*, 5(3), 239-253. doi: 10.1177/1750635212447909
- Sharma, R. (2012, August). Parallels in opposition: Examining duality in Alfred Hitchcock's *Shadow of a Doubt* and *The Birds*. *The Gazette*. Retrieved from <http://mapaca.net/gazette>
- Sharma, R. (2011). Desi films: Articulating images of South Asian identity in a global communication environment. *Global Media Journal – Canadian Edition*, 4, 127-143.
- Hanson, G. L., Haridakis, P. M., & Sharma, R. (2011). Differing uses of YouTube during the 2008 U.S. presidential primary election. *Electronic News*, 5, 1-19. doi: 10.1177/19312431111398213
- Hanson, G. L., Haridakis, P. M., Wagstaff, A., Sharma, R., & Ponder, J. D. (2010). The 2008 presidential campaign: Political cynicism in the age of Facebook, MySpace and YouTube. *Mass Communication & Society*, 13, 584-607. doi: 10.1080/15205436.2010.513470
- Sharma, R. (2009). Drawn-out battles: Exploring war-related messages in animated cartoons. In P. M. Haridakis, B. S. Hugenberg, & S. T. Wearden (Eds.), *War and the media: Essays on news reporting, propaganda and popular culture* (pp. 75-89). Jefferson, NC: McFarland & Company.

Sharma, R. (2008). Your moment of zen? Exploring the possibility of political enlightenment via infotainment. *Ohio Communication Journal*, 46, 95-108.

Research Presentations

Sharma, R. (2018, April). A confluence of cultures: An ideological analysis of two Indian Hindu temples in the Pittsburgh area. Presented as part of a panel to the Rhetoric and Public Address division of the Eastern Communication Association, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Sharma, R. (2018, April). Reasonable doubt: Assessing the potential veracity and value of conspiracy theories, fake news, and other often-discredited discourse. Presented as part of a panel to the Political Communication division of the Eastern Communication Association, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Sharma, R. (2017, October). Epistemological ethics: Conspiracy theories, fake news, and media literacy. Teaching activities presented to the Ohio Communication Association, Springfield, Ohio.

Sharma, R. (2017, September). The future of (un)civil discourse. Invited presenter at community engagement panel discussion, College of Communication and Information, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.

Dworznic, G., & Sharma, R. (2017, April). Rest in posts: TV journalists' Facebook use following the Roanoke shootings. Paper presented in poster session at the Broadcast Education Association, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Sharma, R. (2017, April). The truth is out there: Researching conspiracy theories in U.S. media and politics. Invited presenter at Fighting Fake News panel discussion, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.

Sharma, R. (2016, October). It's not all fun and games! Using game shows to facilitate participation, learning, and recall of course content. Teaching activity presented to the Ohio Communication Association, Ashland, Ohio.

Dworznic, G. & Sharma, R. (2016, April). An epitaph in 140 characters: A uses and gratifications perspective of Twitter use following the Roanoke shootings. Paper presented in poster session at the Broadcast Education Association, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Sharma, R., Ponder, J.D., & Reed, P. (2014, April). When worlds collide: The co-construction of an *Inspector Spacetime* universe by a virtual community. Paper presented to the Fan Culture and Theory division of the Popular Culture Association, Chicago, Illinois.

- Sharma, R. (2013, October). Applied communication: The relevance of fandom research in multiple career contexts. Teaching activity presented to the Ohio Communication Association, Marietta, Ohio.
- Sharma, R., Garmon, M., & Leach, J. (2013, April). Source anonymity and reporter accountability in the digital age: Are ethical codes keeping up with technological advancements? Paper presented as part of a panel to the Communication Law and Ethics division of the Eastern Communication Association, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- Sharma, R. (2012, November). Stars and stripes: The leading men of Hollywood take on the men who lead the nation. Paper presented to the American Studies division of the Mid-Atlantic Popular/American Culture Association, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- Sharma, R. (2012, October). Conspiracy thinking in the information age: The role of the Internet in the dissemination of disinformation. Paper presented to the Politics Area of the Midwest Popular Culture/Midwest American Culture Association, Columbus, Ohio.
- Sharma, R. (2012, October). Pay no attention to that man behind the curtain! Using *The Wizard of Oz* to emphasize first impressions in business and professional communication. Teaching activity presented to the Ohio Communication Association, Kent, Ohio.
- Sharma, R., Dalessandro, A., & Rosenberg, J. (2012, October). TV as teacher: Promoting media literacy of edutainment and prosocial content through group collaboration. Teaching activity presented to the Ohio Communication Association, Kent, Ohio.
- Sharma, R. (2012, October). *Up in the Air*: Grounding discussions of information technology and workplace identity in filmic examples. Teaching activity presented to the Ohio Communication Association, Kent, Ohio.
- Sharma, R. (2012, April). Regulating rights: Balancing copyright and fair use of information in a digital age. Paper presented to the 27th Annual Graduate Research Symposium, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.
- Sharma, R. (2012, March). Account overdrawn: Analyzing anti-consumerism messages in animated cartoons. Paper presented to the Central States Communication Association, Cleveland, Ohio.
- Ponder, J. D., Sharma, R., Hanson, G., Haridakis, P., & Cunningham, A. W. (2011, November). The people's voice: Predicting political discussion in the 2008 U.S. presidential election. Presented to the Convention Theme Unit of the National Communication Association, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Sharma, R. (2011, October). *Community* clip show: Examining the recursive collaboration between producers and viewers of a postmodern sitcom. Paper presented to the Pennsylvania Communication Association, New Wilmington, Pennsylvania.

- Sharma, R., & Belcher, J. (2011, October). Where did that come from? Researching and articulating issues of commodity chains, institutional relationships, and social responsibility. Presented to the Ohio Communication Association, Findlay, Ohio.
- Sharma, R. (2011, October). Book Review: A summary and critique of *Mediacracy: American Parties and Politics in the Communications Age*. Presented to the Ohio Communication Association, Findlay, Ohio.
- Sharma, R. (2010, October). Mundanity and melodrama: Hitchcock's intensification of the human condition in *Rope* and *Notorious*. Paper presented to the Mid-Atlantic Popular American Culture Association, Alexandria, Virginia.
- Sharma, R. (2010, October). Sci-fi, skepticism, and the paranormal: Examining the effects of mass media content concerning paranormal phenomena on beliefs about the paranormal. Paper presented to the Ohio Communication Association, Springfield, Ohio.
- Hanson, G. L., Haridakis, P. M., & Sharma, R. (2010, August). Differing uses of YouTube during the 2008 U.S. presidential primary election. Paper presented to the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Denver, Colorado.
- Sharma, R. (2010, April). Parallels in opposition: Examining duality in Alfred Hitchcock's *Shadow of a Doubt* and *The Birds*. Paper presented to the 25th Annual Kent State Graduate Student Senate Colloquium, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.
- Sharma, R. (2009, November). Hazardous material: News coverage of terrorism, disaster, and risk. Paper presented to the National Communication Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- Sharma, R. (2009, October). Inventing the Indian identity: Cultural imperialism, resistance, and implications for South Asian culture. Paper presented to the Midwest Popular Culture Association, Detroit, Michigan.
- Sharma, R. (2009, October). To blog or not to blog? Examining the ethical issues associated with news-related web logs. Paper presented to the Ohio Communication Association, Columbus, Ohio.
- Sharma, R. (2009, October). Off the record: The challenges of anonymity in the digital age of journalism. Paper presented to the Ohio Communication Association, Columbus, Ohio.
- Hanson, G., Haridakis, P., Wagstaff, A., Sharma, R., & Ponder, J. D. (2009, August). The 2008 presidential campaign: Political cynicism in the age of Facebook, MySpace and YouTube. Presented to the Radio Television Journalism division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Boston, Massachusetts.

- Sharma, R. (2009, April). The reel India: Representations of India in American-British motion pictures. Paper presented to the 24th Annual Graduate Student Senate Research Colloquium, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio. Also received Honorable Mention for Top Speaker Presentation Award.
- Sharma, R. (2008, November). News on the rocks: Exploring the agenda-setting effects of *Blood Diamond* in print and broadcast news. Paper presented to the Association for Rhetoric and Communication in Southern Africa unit of the National Communication Association, San Diego, California.
- Sharma, R. (2008, October). Analysis of covariance: An overview of its elements, assumptions, and applications. Paper presented to the Ohio Communication Association, Marietta, Ohio.
- Sharma, R. (2008, May). Desi films: Articulating images of South Asian identity in a global communication environment. Paper presented to the Voices of Diversity division of the Eastern Communication Association, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Also named to the Top Papers panel.
- Sharma, R. (2008, May). Social presence theory: An overview and assessment of applicability to the study of blogs and political communication. Paper presented to the Political Communication division of the Eastern Communication Association, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- Sharma, R. (2007, November). Infecting the Internet: The influence of online viral marketing techniques on news agendas. Paper presented to the Mass Communication Division of the National Communication Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- Sharma, R. (2007, November). Google eyes the publishing industry: Examining the issues of copyright infringement and public access to information in a digital environment. Paper presented to the Communication and Law division of the National Communication Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- Sharma, R. (2007, October). The suitability of framing: Assessing the applicability of framing theory for the study of new media. Paper presented to the Ohio Communication Association, Boardman, Ohio.
- Sharma, R. (2007, October). Your moment of zen? Exploring the possibility of political enlightenment via infotainment. Paper presented to the Ohio Communication Association, Boardman, Ohio.
- Sharma, R. (2007, October). Ghost in the machine? Exploring communication dynamics in human-computer interaction. Poster presented to the Ohio Communication Association, Boardman, Ohio.

Sharma, R. (2007, September). Mobile media: Exploring the impact of cellular telephones on the gathering and receiving of news. Poster presented at the Celebration of Scholarship, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.

Sharma, R. (2007, April). Bollywood marriages: Portrayals of matrimony in Hindi popular cinema. Paper presented to the Film division of the Popular Culture Association, Boston, Massachusetts.

Sharma, R. (2004, April). KENT Format and the Institute for CyberInformation. Invited presenter at the New Developments in Library Technology Conference, Special Libraries Association, University of Cincinnati Raymond Walters College, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Research in Progress

Sharma, R., & Haridakis, P. M. (under review). Why and where people seek government-conspiracy-theory-oriented media content: Communication at play and political evaluation. Manuscript submitted to the Mass Communication division of the National Communication Association.

Sharma, R., & Bhaduri, G. (in progress). Spinning a revolution: How homespun cotton cloth became the fabric of Indian political life. In H. Mandell (Ed.), *Crafting dissent: Handicraft as protest from the American revolution to the pussyhats*. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.

Dworznic, G., & Sharma, R. (under review). Rest in posts: TV journalists' Facebook use following the Roanoke shootings.

Dworznic, G., & Sharma, R. (in progress). An epitaph in 140 characters: A uses and gratifications perspective of Twitter use following the Roanoke shootings.

Journalism Publications

Sharma, R. (2007, November). Strangers in a strange land. *Little India*, pp. 74, 77.

Sharma, R. (2004, October 3). Sticks, stones, and broken bones: Fossils unearthed in quarry give researchers new insight into Indiana's prehistoric past [Special Section]. *Chronicle-Tribune*, pp. E1-E8.

Sharma, R. (2004, October 3). Company's report contributes to major discoveries: Irving Materials, Inc. supplies machines to dig, clear roadways. *Chronicle-Tribune*, p. E3.

Sharma, R. (2004, October 3). Helping hands: Volunteers from various backgrounds had played important role in dig process. *Chronicle-Tribune*, p. E3.

Sharma, R. (2004, October 3). On site at Pipe Creek Jr. Quarry: For three weeks this summer students from McCulloch Middle School helped dig for fossils at Pipe Creek Jr. Quarry. Here's a look at what they and other volunteers did on a daily basis. *Chronicle-Tribune*, pp. E4-E5.

Sharma, R. (2004, October 3). Sinkhole contains wealth of new information about old Indiana: Researchers find variety of specimens that fill gap in record. *Chronicle-Tribune*, p. E2-E3.

Sharma, R. (2004, October 3). State museum offers Pipe Creek Jr. sinkhole exhibits: Volunteers are busy cataloging record of findings from quarry. *Chronicle-Tribune*, p. E6.

Sharma, R. (2004, October 3). Summer quest just the start: National Science Foundation grant will fund further study of artifacts found in quarry. *Chronicle-Tribune*, pp. A1-A2.

Sharma, R. (2004, October 3). Teacher offers students chance to dig in quarry: Five students came along to expand knowledge. *Chronicle-Tribune*, p. E6.

Sharma, R. (2004, August 7). Marion teen in spotlight in 'Prodigy:' Show in Atlantic City features talented kids from across the country. *Chronicle-Tribune*, p. A1-A2.

Sharma, R. (2004, August 6). Groups unite to send packages to troops: Team to collect non-perishable food, games. *Chronicle-Tribune*.

Sharma, R. (2004, August 6). Joy of life: Lions club honors seniors around country. *Chronicle-Tribune*.

Sharma, R. (2004, August 5). New Upland playground in store: PTO replaces decades-old equipment. *Chronicle-Tribune*, p. A3.

Sharma, R. (2004, August 5). Single-vehicle accident halts Kent Road traffic: Wreck snapped utility pole, hit traffic control box. *Chronicle-Tribune*.

Sharma, R. (2004, August 3). Auction to benefit center: Celebrities donate items to be sold. *Chronicle-Tribune*, p. A3.

Sharma, R. (2004, August 6). Community champions: Stefanie Poe. *Chronicle-Tribune*.

Sharma, R. (2004, August 3). Landscapes land at Hoosier Salon: Anthony King's oil paintings currently on display. *Chronicle-Tribune*.

Sharma, R. (2004, August 1). Puppy love: Foster families give animals the care they need. *Chronicle-Tribune*, p. D1.

- Sharma, R. (2004, July 31). Donors urged to recycle old electronics: Devices to be given to charity. *Chronicle-Tribune*.
- Sharma, R. (2004, July 30). Bridal business to close its doors: Owner decides to clear out gift shop. *Chronicle-Tribune*.
- Sharma, R. (2004, July 21). Gas City to raise water, sewer rate: Increases affect rate for residents of Jonesboro. *Chronicle-Tribune*, p. A3.
- Sharma, R. (2004, July 3). Dig closes on a high note – with another fossil discovery: Students rewarded for hard work. *Chronicle-Tribune*.
- Sharma, R. (2004, July 3). Bras to hang from trees for breast cancer: Undergarments meant to bring disease to light. *Chronicle-Tribune*.
- Sharma, R. (2004, July 2). Students conduct extracurricular experiments in lab. *Chronicle-Tribune*.
- Sharma, R. (2004, July 1). Digging team reports major discovery. *Chronicle-Tribune*.
- Sharma, R. (2004, June 30). Show day can't kill morale. *Chronicle-Tribune*.
- Sharma, R. (2004, June 29). Team finds more remains. *Chronicle-Tribune*.
- Sharma, R. (2004, June 27). Veteran pony and rookie rider. *Chronicle-Tribune*, p. A3.
- Sharma, R. (2004, June 26). Dig yields more fossil finds. *Chronicle-Tribune*.
- Sharma, R. (2004, June 26). Soil reveals history of area. *Chronicle-Tribune*.
- Sharma, R. (2004, June 24). Workers host surprise party. *Chronicle-Tribune*.
- Sharma, R. (2004, June 23). Rare mouse skull found. *Chronicle-Tribune*.
- Sharma, R. (2004, June 19). Storms fail to dampen spirits, success at Pipe Creek Jr. stone quarry. *Chronicle-Tribune*.
- Sharma, R. (2004, June 18). Researchers find inhabitants. *Chronicle-Tribune*.
- Sharma, R. (2004, June 17). Nixon pays visit to dig site. *Chronicle-Tribune*.
- Sharma, R. (2004, June 16). Flora, fauna in abundance in area: Day reveals animal bone and seed pod. *Chronicle-Tribune*.

- Sharma, R. (2004, June 15). Local quarry spills its long-held secrets: Marion students, teacher take part in three-week excavation. *Chronicle-Tribune*, pp. A1-A2.
- Sharma, R. (2004, June 13). 1812 statue complete: Group seeking permit for installation. *Chronicle-Tribune*, pp. A1-A2.
- Sharma, R. (2004, June 7). Community champions: Darren Campbell. *Chronicle-Tribune*.
- Sharma, R. (2004, June 6). Area residents recall their encounters with 40th president. *Chronicle-Tribune*, pp. A1-A2.
- Sharma, R. (2001, September 3). The big flap over the chicken dance. *Cincinnati Enquirer*, pp. C1-C2.
- Sharma, R. (2001, August 30). Reptiles create pet peeves: Experts warn that when you bring these creatures home, they can grow into a big problem. *Cincinnati Enquirer*, pp. E1-E2.
- Sharma, R. (2001, August 21). When cultures combine: U.S. immigrants strive not to lose touch with customs left behind. *Cincinnati Enquirer*, pp. C1-C2.
- Sharma, R. (2001, August 2). Health risk high for athletes: NFL player's death raises awareness. *Cincinnati Enquirer*, pp. A1, A12.
- Sharma, R. (2001, Spring). Marriage at first sight. *The Burr*, pp. 16-19.
- Sharma, R. (2001, Spring). A taste of India: Passing the culinary torch in America. *Artemis*, pp. 17-19.
- Sharma, R., & Ross, W. (2004, July 10). Storms, damaging winds blow through county: Up to two inches of rain fell in Howard County. *Chronicle-Tribune*, pp. A1-A2.

Awards and Honors

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| 2016 | Certificate of Recognition , presented by the Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program in recognition of outstanding service and dedication to scholarship as a faculty mentor. |
| 2014 | Outstanding Teaching Award Nominee , acknowledged by the College of Communication and Information at Kent State University in a category of Faculty and Staff Awards. |
| 2014 | Professor of the Month (March), presented in recognition of outstanding teaching by the Kent Communication Society, an undergraduate student |

organization at Kent State University.

- 2011 **Excellence in Teaching Award**, presented by the Hyde Park Forum Committee of the School of Communication Studies at Kent State University for instructing a participant in the department's extemporaneous public speaking competition.
- 2009 **University Fellowship**, Received a Kent State University Fellowship given to a student in the College of Communication and Information to be used for progression of dissertation work.
- 2009 **Certificate of Achievement in Scholarship Research Award**, Awarded during Honors Week at the 19th Annual Awards Banquet of the School of Communication Studies at Kent State University.
- 2009 **Honorable Mention**, Awarded at the 24th Annual Graduate Student Senate Research Colloquium at Kent State University for Top Speaker Presentation Award.
- 2008 **Nominee**, Selected by the Graduate Studies Committee of the School of Communication Studies at Kent State University to compete for the David B. Smith Fellowship.
- 2008 **Top Papers Panel**, Paper (Desi films: Articulating images of South Asian identity in a global communication environment) presented to the Voices of Diversity division was selected as one of the division's top three papers at the Eastern Communication Association annual conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- 2008 **Certificate of Achievement in Service**, Awarded by the School of Communication Studies at Kent State University for serving as Secretary of the Communication Graduate Students Association.
- 2007 **Certificate of Achievement in Service**, Awarded by the School of Communication Studies at Kent State University for serving as Secretary of the Communication Graduate Student Association.
- 2005 **Third Place: Nondeadline News Reporting**, Awarded by the Indiana Associated Press Managing Editors 2005 Newswriting Contest for "Sticks and Stones," a special series written for the Chronicle-Tribune in Marion, Indiana.
- 2002 **Regents Graduate Fellowship**, Received two-year award from the Ohio Board of Regents for graduate study.
- 2002 **Marge McNab Block Award**, Given by the Toledo Blade to the female senior news major graduating with the highest grade point average.

- 2002 **Mark of Excellence Award**, Earned third place recognition at Society of Professional Journalists 2001 Regional IV Competition for collegiate journalism (magazine non-fiction article).
- 2002 **Kappa Tau Alpha**, Selected by the Kent State University School of Journalism and Mass Communication for inclusion in the national journalism honorary.

Professional Development

Human Resources Hiring Certification, Division of Human Resources, Kent State University, February 21, 2018.

Connecting with and Motivating Your Student Staff (Beyond Compliance Webinar), Human Resources Training and Development, Kent State University, February 6, 2018.

COMM Diversity Professional Development Workshop, College of Communication and Information, Kent State University, January 26, 2018.

Affordable Course Materials Summit, University Libraries, Kent State University, November 3, 2017.

Kent State of Accessibility: Learning, Living, and Working with Disability at Kent State, Student Accessibility Services, Kent State University, October 6, 2017.

Certificate of Completion: Bridges: Building a Supportive Community (Beyond Compliance Title IX Online Training), LawRoom, Kent State University, July 10, 2017.

Certificate of Completion: Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program), Stage 1 Basic Course – Social and Behavioral Research with Human Subjects, Kent State University, December 19, 2016.

Introduction to Qualtrics (TechHelp Technology Workshop), Information Services, Kent State University, December 2, 2016.

Point Depression in the Right Direction—Employee Version (Beyond Compliance Webinar), Human Resources Training and Development, Kent State University, November 10, 2016.

Resiliency (Beyond Compliance Webinar), Human Resources Training and Development, Kent State University, November 8, 2016.

Campus Security Authorities (Beyond Compliance Webinar), Human Resources Training and Development, Kent State University, June 20, 2016.

Communicating Across Generations (Beyond Compliance Webinar), Human Resources Training and Development, Kent State University, June 8, 2016.

Dealing with Difficult Behaviors (Beyond Compliance Webinar), Human Resources Training and Development, Kent State University, June 1, 2016.

Prevent Bullying (Beyond Compliance Webinar), Human Resources Training and Development, Kent State University, May 25, 2016.

A. L. I. C. E. (Alert, Lockdown, Information, Counter, and Evacuation) Training, Human Resources/Department of Public Safety, Kent State University, February 19, 2016.

Demystifying the NTT Promotion Process, College of Communication and Information, Kent State University, December 4, 2015.

Education and Training Lab: Faculty Search Process Best Practices, Strategies, and Considerations, Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Kent State University, October 23, 2015.

Certificate of Completion: EDU: Title IX and Sexual Misconduct Online Training, LawRoom, Kent State University, September 12, 2015.

Certificate of Completion: Bullying in the Workplace Online Training, LawRoom, Kent State University, September 11, 2015.

Certificate of Completion: Ethics and Code of Conduct Online Training, LawRoom, Kent State University, September 11, 2015.

Certificate of Completion: Prevent Harassment and Discrimination (US-11H) Online Training, LawRoom, Kent State University, September 11, 2015.

Safe Space: Ally Training 101, Division of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Kent State University, August 25, 2015.

Human Resources Hiring Certification, Division of Human Resources, Kent State University, August 18, 2015.

Academic and Professional Career Development Workshop, College of Communication and Information, Kent State University, November 30, 2012.

Dirty Politics? Poynter Kent State Media Ethics Workshop Focusing on Political Media Ethics, Kent State University, September 20, 2012.

Career Development Conversations with Alumni and Kent Communication Society Communication Convention, Kent State University, December 2, 2011.

Self-Evaluation and Maintaining Excellence in Teaching Seminar, Kent State University, October 7, 2011.

Teaching Portfolio, Philosophy, and Evaluations Workshop, Kent State University, April 15, 2011.

NextEthics? Poynter Kent State Media Ethics Workshop, Kent State University, September 16, 2010.

Graduate Student Mentoring Seminar: Expecting the Unexpected: Teaching Issues Forum, Kent State University, May 7, 2010.

Graduate Student Mentoring Seminar: Conducting Scholarly Research: IRB, CROPS Logistics, and Qualtrics, Kent State University, March 5, 2010.

Kent State University Library Workshop: Preparing and Submitting Electronic Theses and Dissertations, Kent State University, February 17, 2010.

Faculty Professional Development Center Workshop: Preparing for Academic Job Interviews, Kent State University, November 17, 2009.

Graduate Student Mentoring Seminar: Career Forum: Preparing for Academic versus Professional Career Paths, Kent State University, November 6, 2009.

Graduate Student Mentoring Seminar: Dissertation and Thesis Writing Tips, Kent State University, October 5, 2009.

Graduate Student Mentoring Seminar: KSU School of Communication Studies Degree: Upholding a Tradition of Excellence, Kent State University, September 11, 2009.

Certificate of Completion: Online Training for Managing Conflict, Kent State University, June 12, 2009.

Certificate of Completion: Online Training for Preventing Workplace Violence, Kent State University, June 4, 2009.

Graduate Student Mentoring Seminar: Developing and Articulating your Research Agenda or Program of Research, Kent State University, 2009.

Graduate Student Mentoring Seminar: Effective Oral Defenses, Kent State University, 2009.

Graduate Student Mentoring Seminar: Perspectives on Curriculum Vitae Construction, Maintenance, and Dissemination, Kent State University, 2009.

Graduate Student Mentoring Seminar: Developing Excellence in Teaching, Kent State University, 2009.

Certificate of Completion: Brightline Compliance Online Training for Preventing Harassment on Campus – Faculty Non-Supervisor Edition, Kent State University, November 10, 2008.

Certificate of Completion: Brightline Compliance Online Training for Workplace Ethics – Second Edition, Kent State University, November 9, 2008.

Graduate Student Mentoring Seminar: Getting Published in Communication Journals, Kent State University, 2008.

Graduate Student Mentoring Seminar: Making the Most of the National Communication Association Convention, Kent State University, 2008.

Graduate Student Mentoring Seminar: Funding Your Research: The Grant Application Process, Kent State University, 2008.

Graduate Student Mentoring Seminar: Choosing an Academic Advisor and Committee Members, Kent State University, 2008.

Graduate Student Mentoring Seminar: Preparing Presentations/Poster Sessions for National and Regional Conventions, Kent State University, 2008.

Graduate Student Mentoring Seminar: Balancing Teaching, Research, and Service in your Graduate Career, Kent State University, 2008.

Seminar: COMM 75095, Publishing in Communication Journals, Kent State University, Summer 2007.

Teaching Internship: COMM 35860, Interviewing, Kent State University, Fall 2006.

Seminar: COMM 75000, Foundations of Communication Inquiry, Kent State University, Fall 2005.

Seminar: COMM 75794, Teaching College Communication, Kent State University, Fall 2005.

Orienting New Teaching Assistants Program (ONTAP), Kent State University, 2004.

Service

Judge, Hyde Park Forum, School of Communication Studies, Kent State University, 2018.

Presenter, Teaching Colloquium: Motivating Factors for Students, College of Communication and Information, Kent State University, 2018.

FT-NTT Representative, Communication and Technology Tenure-Track/Tenure Interdisciplinary Faculty Search Committee, School of Communication Studies/School of Digital Sciences, College of Communication and Information, Kent State University, 2018.

Library Representative, Faculty Advisory Council, School of Communication Studies, Kent State University, 2015-2018.

School of Communication Studies Faculty Representative, CCI Commons Faculty-Student Lunch, College of Communication and Information, Kent State University, 2017.

School of Communication Studies Faculty Ambassador, Multicultural Visit Day, Undergraduate Admissions, Kent State University, 2017.

Faculty Research Mentor, Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, Kent State University, 2016.

FT-NTT Representative, Global/Health Communication Tenure-Track Assistant Professor Search Committee, School of Communication Studies, Kent State University, 2015-2016.

Reviewer, Critiqued manuscripts for the *Global Media Journal—Canadian Edition*, 2015.

Presenter, Delivered research presentation for the fall Colloquium Series, School of Communication Studies, Kent State University, September, 2015.

Reviewer, Critiqued manuscripts as part of the editorial board for the *Ohio Communication Journal*, 2011—present.

Reviewer, Critiqued manuscripts as part of the editorial board for the *African Journal of Political Science and International Relations*, 2014.

Reviewer, Critiqued manuscripts as part of the editorial board for the *Journal of Fandom Studies*, 2013.

Reviewer, Critiqued manuscripts as part of the editorial board for *Media, War, and Conflict*, 2013.

Guest Presenter, Taught two class sessions of undergraduate-level Communication Theory course, providing lecture material as well as facilitating educational activities, School of Communication Studies, Kent State University, December, 2011.

Panelist, Discussed collaborative research opportunities between faculty and graduate students to doctoral level Foundations of Communication Inquiry class, School of Communication Studies, Kent State University, November, 2011.

Presenter, Delivered example research presentation to new graduate students and faculty attending departmental colloquium on communication scholarship and professional conferences, School of Communication Studies, Kent State University, October, 2011.

Moderator, Share My World: The Social Network seminar, Kent State University, November, 2010.

Graduate Student Liaison, College of Communication and Information Graduate School Open House, Kent State University, October, 2010.

Volunteer News Broadcaster, Youngstown Radio Reading, Goodwill Industries, Youngstown, Ohio, 2009.

Coordinator, Task Force DVD media collection drive in conjunction with AMVETS, Communication Graduate Student Association (CGSA), Kent State University, 2009.

Secretary, Communication Graduate Students Association (CGSA), Kent State University, 2006 – 2008.

Graduate Student Representative, Faculty Search Committee, Kent State University, 2006 – 2007.

Preliminary Round Judge, Hyde Park Forum, Kent State University, March, 2007.

Moderator, Graduate Student Senate Colloquium, Kent State University, March, 2007.

Intercollegiate Adjudicator, Ohio Forensic Association State Speech Tournament, February, 2006.

New Graduate Student Mentor, School of Communication Studies, Kent State University, 2006 – 2010.

Academic Memberships

National Communication Association (NCA), 2007, 2008, 2009

Popular Culture Association (PCA), 2007

Eastern Communication Association (ECA), 2008, 2013, 2018

Central States Communication Association (CSCA), 2012

Midwest Popular Culture Association (MPCA), 2009, 2012

Mid-Atlantic Popular American Culture Association (MAPACA), 2010, 2012

Ohio Communication Association (OCA), 2007 – present

Pennsylvania Communication Association (PCA), 2011

Communication Graduate Students Association (CGSA), 2006 – 2014