

PRANAV MALHOTRA

Curriculum Vitae

LSA Communication & Media
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EDUCATION

University of Washington, Seattle, USA
Ph.D., Communication (June 2023)
Dissertation Title: Bounded social media places
Advisor: Dr. Katy Pearce

Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
Master of Mass Communication (2016-2018)
Thesis Title: Mobile phone use among live-out domestic workers in Delhi
Advisor: Dr. Rich Ling

University of Delhi, India
B.Sc. (Honors) Chemistry (2009-2012)

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA
Assistant Professor of Communication and Media, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

Malhotra P., Zhong, R., Kuan V., Panatula G., Weng M., Bras A., Sehat M. C., Roesner F., & Zhang, X. A. (2023). User experiences and needs when responding to misinformation on social media. *Harvard Kennedy School (HKS) Misinformation Review*.
<https://doi.org/10.37016/mr-2020-129>

Malhotra, P. (2023). Misinformation on WhatsApp: Generational perceptions and correction considerations among young Indians. *Digital Journalism*.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/21670811.2023.2213731>

Malhotra, P., & Pearce, K.E. (2022). Facing falsehoods: Strategies for polite misinformation correction. *International Journal for Communication*, 16, 2303-2324.

Malhotra, P., Scharp, K., & Thomas, L. (2022). The meaning of misinformation and those who correct it: An extension of relational dialectics theory. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 39(5), 1256–1276. <https://doi.org/10.1177/02654075211050429>

Pearce, K.E., & **Malhotra, P.** (2022). Inaccuracies and Izzat: Channel affordances for the consideration of face in misinformation correction. *Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication* 27(2). <https://doi.org/10.1093/jcmc/zmac004>

Malhotra, P., & Ling, R. S. (2020). Agency within contextual constraints: Mobile phone use among female live-out domestic workers in Delhi. *Information Technologies & International Development*, 16, 32-46.

Edited Volumes/Special Issues

Pei, X., **Malhotra, P.**, & Ling, R. S. (Eds.). (2024). *Mobile communication and women's agency: Under the radar*. Routledge, UK.

Malhotra, P., Brewton, F. J., & Ling, R. (2023). Fashion Meets Religion The Hijab, Social Media, and Religious Identity in Singapore. In P. Moy & R. Neumann (Eds.) *Political Communication, Culture, and Society* (pp. 132-149). Routledge.

Malhotra, P. (2020). A relationship-centered and culturally informed approach to studying misinformation on COVID-19. *Social Media+ Society*, 6(3), 2K: COVID-19 and the Media Issue. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2056305120948224>

Manuscripts in Preparation/Under Review

Malhotra, P. (Under Review). Toward Conceptualizing Bounded Social Media Places. Under review at *Political Communication*.

Malhotra, P. (Under review). "What You Post in the Group Stays in the Group": Examining the Affordances of Bounded Social Media Places. Under review at *Social Media + Society*.

Malhotra, P. & Shin, S.Y. (in preparation). Understanding Information Credibility Evaluation on Bounded Social Media Places: A Mixed Methods Study.

Other Publications

Malhotra, P. (2020, Sept. 18). The Social Dilemma Fails to Tackle the Real Issues in Tech. *Slate*. <https://slate.com/technology/2020/09/social-dilemma-netflix-technology.html>

Kuo, R., **Malhotra, P.**, Moran, R. & Nguyễn, S. (2023). Transnational Information Studies Syllabus. *The Bulletin of Technology & Public Life*. <https://citap.pubpub.org/pub/transnational-info-syllabus/release/1>

AWARDS AND HONORS

Nanyang Technological University

Pearson Education Gold Medal (2018)

- Awarded to top graduating student for Master of Mass Communication program

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

University of Washington

Peter Clarke and Susan Evans Graduate Research Fund (2020)

- \$2700 in research funding

Top Scholar Fellowship (2019)

- Full stipend for one academic quarter

Nanyang Technological University

Master of Mass Communication Scholarship (2017)

- Tuition waiver for one semester

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Peer-Reviewed, Non-Proceedings Papers and Panels

Nguyễn, S., Kuo, R., **Malhotra, P.** & Lee, J.J. (2024). Transnational Information and Communication in Asian America: Pedagogical Interventions. Panel presented to the Association for Asian American Studies, Seattle.

Malhotra, P., Hall, N.A., Chadwick, A., Lawson, B., Vaccari, C., Stahl, L., & Xia, Y. (2023). Using Interpretive Methods to Study Credibility Evaluation of Online Information. Panel presented to the Association of Internet Researchers, Philadelphia.

Coward, C., Sey, A., Pearce, K. E., **Malhotra, P.**, Bugre, C., & Wack, M. (2022, June). *Researching misinformation in ICTD*. Panel presented to the International Conference on Information & Communication Technologies and Development, Seattle.

Malhotra, P. (2022, May). *Misinformation on WhatsApp: Generational perceptions and correction considerations among young Indians (Top student-only paper, Mobile Communication Division)*. Paper presented at the 72nd Annual Conference of the International Communication Association, Paris, France. (Mobile Communication Division)

Malhotra, P. (2022, May). *Toward conceptualizing Bounded Social Media Places*. Paper presented at the 72nd Annual Conference of the International Communication Association, Paris, France. (Communication & Technology Division)

Chadwick, A., Vaccari, C., Hall, N., Seet, S., **Malhotra, P.**, Pearce, K. E., Tandoc, E., Thorson, K., Battocchio, A., & Kliger-Vilenchik, N. (2022, May). Panel *Everyday misinformation and correction on private social media: Relationality, affordances, and emergent norms*. Paper presented to the International Communication Association Conference, Paris. (Interdivisional Division)

Malhotra, P. (2022, May). *A relationship-centered and culturally informed approach to studying misinformation on COVID-19*. Paper presented to International Communication Association Pre-Conference: What Comes After Disinformation Studies?, Science Po. Paris.

Malhotra, P. & Pearce, K. E. (2021, May). *Facing falsehoods: Strategies and channel affordances for polite misinformation correction*. Paper presented to the International Communication Association Conference, Denver, CO. [Virtual COVID-19] (Communication & Technology Division)

Malhotra, P., Scharp, K., & Thomas, L. (2021, November). *The meaning of misinformation and those who correct it: An extension of relational dialectics theory*. Paper presented at the 107th Annual National Communication Association Convention, Seattle, Washington. (Interpersonal Communication Division)

Malhotra, P. (2020, November). *Agency within contextual constraints: Mobile phone use among female live-out domestic workers in Delhi*. Virtual presentation at Mobile Studies Congress, University of Nottingham Ningbo China.

Malhotra, P. (2019, May). *Multi-sided interaction on mobile messaging applications: Unexplored themes and methodological concerns*. Paper presented at the 69th Annual Conference of the International Communication Association, Washington, D.C. (Mobile Communication Division)

Jailanee, F., **Malhotra, P.**, & Ling, R. S. (2019, May). *R(e)-veiling the hijab: Social media, Islamic fashion, and religious identity in Singapore*. Paper presented at the 69th Annual Conference of the International Communication Association, Washington, D.C. (Mobile Communication Division)

Malhotra, P., Jailanee, F., & Kheng, R. (2018, May). *Smartphones and social dining*. Paper presented at the 68th Annual Conference of the International Communication Association, Prague, Czech Republic. (Mobile Communication Division)

Panels Organized

2023 Keeping it Real: Contested Meanings of Authenticity on Social Media. Theme panel organized for 73rd Annual Conference of the International Communication Association, Toronto, Canada.

2019 Mobile Communication Under the Radar: Assessing the Impact of Mobile Phone Use Among Women from Developing Nations. Panel Organized for 16th Annual International Communication Association Mobile Pre-Conference.

INVITED TALKS

Symposium on Misinformation & Marginalization at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (October 16, 2023). Talk title: Mis/disinformation in diasporic communities.

Excellence in Communication Speaker Series at Michigan State University, East Lansing (March 8, 2024). Talk Title: Internationalization in Communication Research: Experiences Studying Social and Mobile Media Across the Globe

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Michigan (Assistant Professor)

Computer-Mediated Communication

- 2023 Fall Semester
- 2024 Winter Semester

Qualitative Approaches to Understanding Social Media

- 2024 Winter Semester

University of Washington

Social Effects of Technology and Social Media (Instructor of Record)

- 2022 Winter Quarter (hybrid)
- 2021 Summer Quarter (distance learning)

- 2020 Summer Quarter (distance learning)
- Cultural Impact of Information Technology (Teaching Assistant)
- 2021 Fall Quarter (hybrid)
 - 2021 Winter Quarter (distance learning)
- Introduction to Communication (Teaching Assistant)
- 2022 Winter Quarter (hybrid)
 - 2020 Fall Quarter (distance learning)
 - 2019 Fall Quarter

Nanyang Technological University

Mobile Communication and Society (Teaching Assistant)

- 2018 Winter Semester

Communication, Technology, and Society (Teaching Assistant)

- 2017 Fall Semester

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Washington (2022-2023)

Graduate Research Assistant, NSF-funded Analysis and Response for Trust Tool Project (Dr. Amy X. Zhang & Dr. Franziska Roesener)

- Developing research-backed tips and templates for tool to help people respond to online misinformation
- Conducting and analyzing user interviews for tool
- Writing up user research findings to submit to academic conferences

Nanyang Technological University (2017-2018)

Graduate Research Assistant, Brand Relationship-Building Project (Dr. Augustine Pang)

- Constructing codebook for content analysis of brand websites and social media feeds
- Conducting content analysis of brand websites and social media feeds

SERVICE

Discipline

Journal manuscript reviewer, *Journal of Communication*

Journal manuscript reviewer, *Digital Journalism*

Journal manuscript reviewer, *New Media and Society*

Journal manuscript reviewer, *Mobile Media & Communication*

Journal manuscript reviewer, *International Journal of Communication*

Journal manuscript reviewer, *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*

Journal manuscript reviewer, *Gender, Technology and Development*

Conference manuscript reviewer, International Communication Association

Conference manuscript reviewer, Association of Internet Researchers

Department

University of Washington

International Student Representative, Communication Graduate Student Association (2020-2023)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Faculty Affiliate, Center for Information, Technology, and Public Life, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (2023-present)

Graduate Research Fellow, Center for Journalism, Media and Democracy University of Washington (2021-2023)

Member of National Communication Association (2021-present)

Member of International Communication Association (2018-present)

Member of Association of Internet Researchers (2023-present)

NONACADEMIC WORK

Big Synergy Media Limited, India

Researcher and Social Media Associate (2015-2016)

- Research, English content writing, and creative development for TV and live Quiz shows

Researcher (2012)

- Research and English content writing for TV Quiz shows

NDTV Convergence, India

Sub-Editor (2013-2015)

- English content writing for mobile news services, including text, audio, and video