

# Shivani Persaud

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## EDUCATION

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<b>University of Central Florida</b>	Orlando, FL
Ph.D., Security Studies	2024 - Present
Graduate Certificate, Crime Analysis	2025
Graduate Certificate, Intelligence & National Security	2024
M.A., Interdisciplinary, Communications & Intelligence/National Security	2023
B.A., Journalism (Print/Digital), Intelligence & National Security Minor University Honors	2021

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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<b>University of Central Florida</b>	Orlando, FL
<i>Graduate Teaching Assistant</i>	<i>Aug. 2025 – Present</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ INR4102: American Foreign Policy</li><li>○ POS3703: Scope &amp; Methods of Political Science</li><li>○ POS4206: Political Psychology</li><li>○ POT3302: Modern Political Ideologies</li></ul>	

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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<b>University of Central Florida</b>	Orlando, FL
<i>Graduate Research Assistant</i>	<i>Aug. 2024 – May 2025</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Project funded by the NSF Decision, Risk and Management Sciences Program (DRMS)</li><li>○ Research design to study group cognition, stress arousal, and environment feedback in decision making and common pool resources and adaptation under uncertainty.</li></ul>	

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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<b>United States Government</b>	Washington, D.C.
<i>Defense Technical Writer</i>	<i>May 2021 – Jan. 2022</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Edited and updated Standard Operating Procedures for training programs within a Department of Defense training academy to inform Council on Occupational Education and Joint Certification Element.</li><li>○ Supported Joint Military Attaché School in-processing and final evaluation of Attaché Training Program.</li></ul>	

<b>Translational Research Institute for Space Health, Baylor College of Medicine</b>	Houston, TX
<i>Communications Fellow</i>	<i>Sept. 2023 – Dec. 2023</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Pitched and created public-facing informational media on human health and health hazards in space to promote TRISH initiatives, highlight TRISH and BCM faculty, and attract potential contributors to space health research.</li></ul>	

**National Aeronautics & Space Administration**

Washington, D.C.

*Internal Engagement Specialist*

Aug. 2022 – Dec. 2022

- Coordinated corporate engagement and analyzed social media metrics for Artemis I mission to inform Office of Communication of mission reach and impact.
- Drafted communication plans for monthly observances highlighting a different demographic, including agency objectives for diversity and inclusion, events, and White House guidance for agency involvement.

*Strategic Planning Specialist*

Jan. 2022 – May. 2022

- Supported & streamlined Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) Initiatives within the Strategic Planning & Integration wing of NASA's Office of Communications, reporting to agency Headquarters.
- Developed Office of Communications framework for annual Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Accessibility report in accordance with White House guidance.
- Supported public engagement workshops at Kennedy Space Center with a focus on STEM exposure for elementary students.

**Lockheed Martin Corporation**

Orlando, FL

*Technical Writer*

Sept. 2020 – May 2021, Feb. 2022 – May 2022

- Created, edited, and proofread manuals, reports, and contracts for long-term, short-term, domestic and international contracts for Technical Publications Department in Missiles and Fire Control area (MFC) and Rotary and Mission Systems (RMS).
- Created & edited pilot trainer manuals & documents for F35 Lightning II combat aircraft.

**Council on Foreign Relations**

New York, NY

*Editorial Intern*

Sept. 2020 – Dec. 2020

- Researched content for and proofread staged content prior to launch on CFR Digital website.
- Analyzed weekly user statistics in order to target consumers and improve content SEO.
- Enhanced backgrounders, timelines, and current content by continually updating.
- Developed long-form and current content on COVID-19, climate change and emergency management.

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**HONORS & AWARDS****University of Central Florida**

Orlando, FL

*Intelligence Community Careers in Academic Excellence (IC CAE)*

2022, 2023

Internship Support Award, \$2,000

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**SKILLS**

Stata | Data Analysis | BLOX Content Management | Arbortext XML & SGML | Adobe Audition  
Associated Press (AP) Style | Digital Newswriting | Radio News Production | Search Engine  
Optimization (SEO) | Sailthru Marketing Automation