

Shivani Persaud

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EDUCATION

University of Central Florida	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

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

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

United States Government	Washington, D.C.
<i>Defense Technical Writer</i>	May 2021 – Jan. 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 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.○ Supported Joint Military Attaché School in-processing and final evaluation of Attaché Training Program.	
Translational Research Institute for Space Health, Baylor College of Medicine	Houston, TX
<i>Communications Fellow</i>	Sept. 2023 – Dec. 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 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.	

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.

HONORS & AWARDS

University of Central Florida

Orlando, FL

Intelligence Community Careers in Academic Excellence (IC CAE)

2022, 2023

Internship Support Award, \$2,000

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