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ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

M.B.A. Fogelman College of Business & Economics, The University of Memphis
- Executive MBA Class of 2009

Ph.D. The University of Memphis, Tennessee
- Mathematical Sciences (with Computer Science concentration)
- Ph.D. Thesis: "Designing Memory Systems for 'Conscious' Software Agents."

M.S. University of Alabama at Birmingham, Alabama
- Computer & Information Sciences

B.E. B.M.S. College of Engineering, Bangalore
- Electrical Engineering

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Executive Director, Research IT & Asst. Professor, Office of Research and Department of Pediatrics, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas. [January 2017 to Present]

Adjunct Faculty, Department of Computer Science, College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics, University of Houston, Houston, Texas, USA. [2012 to Present]

- Courses taught include Computer Architecture, Fundamentals of Operating Systems, Design of Database Systems, Computer Scientists & Society

Asst. Professor & Director of Research Informatics, Department of Pediatrics & Dan L. Duncan Institute for Clinical and Translational Research, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas. [July 2011 to December 2016]

Member of the Editorial Board for the International Journal of Machine Consciousness (<http://www.worldscientific.com/ijmc>)

Director of Computing - Biostatistics, *St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee.* [June 2004 to July 2011]

Director of Computing, Pediatric Brain Tumor Consortium (www.pbtc.org) – NCI funded multi-center consortium for improving treatment of primary brain tumors in children [1999 to 2011]

Adjunct Graduate Faculty, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Herff College of Engineering, University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee, USA. [2010 to 2011]

- Course taught: Network Programming.

Post-doctoral Fellow, Institute for Intelligent Systems, University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee. [2004 to 2007]

- Involved in research and computational modeling of cognitive processes with the Cognitive Computing Research Group (CCRG – ccrg.cs.memphis.edu) headed by Dr. Stanley P. Franklin.

Adjunct Graduate Faculty, Department of Mathematical Sciences, University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee. [2005 – 2007]

- Courses taught include Programming UNIX, Computer Organization and Assembly Language, and System Administration.

Project Leader – Information Technology, *St. Jude Children's Research Hospital*, Memphis, Tennessee. [August 1999 to June 2004]

Senior Network Engineer, *St. Jude Children's Research Hospital*, Memphis, Tennessee. [February 1998 to July 1999]

Instructor, *Department of Mathematical Sciences, University of Memphis*, Memphis, Tennessee. [Fall 1995 to Spring 1997]

- Taught courses in Computer Organization/Assembly Language, and Data Structures with OOP.

Systems Engineer, *St. Jude Children's Research Hospital*, Memphis, Tennessee. [September 1989 to January 1998]

Research Assistant, *School of Public Health, University of Alabama at Birmingham*, Birmingham, Alabama. [September 1988 to September 1989]

- Involved in programming and statistical analyses for CARDIA - an epidemiological study of coronary heart diseases risk factor development in young adults sponsored by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI), USA.

Hardware Engineer, *TVS Electronics*, Bangalore, India. [July 1986 to February 1988]

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Uma Ramamurthy, Sidney K. D'Mello, and Stan Franklin, ***Modified Sparse Distributed Memory as Transient Episodic Memory for Cognitive Software Agents***, IEEE International Conference on Systems, Man and Cybernetics (SMC2004), The Hague, Netherlands, October 2004, p. 5858-5863, Omnipress.

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OTHER INTERESTS:

Indian Classical Music, Adventure/Outdoor Sports, and Martial Arts (Tae Kwon Do).