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Education

- Jan, 2021 – Aug, 2025 ● **Ph.D. in Computer Science**, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, USA.
Advisor: [Dr. Berkay Aydin](#)
Thesis Title: “Explainable Deep Learning For Prediction Of Rare Events”
- Jan, 2021 – Aug, 2024 ● **M.S in Computer Science**, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, USA.
Advisor: [Dr. Berkay Aydin](#)
- Nov, 2013 – Aug, 2017 ● **B.E. Computer Engineering**, Tribhuvan University, IOE, ERC, Dharan, Nepal.

Research Interests

Explainable Deep Learning Pattern Recognition Image Processing & Analysis Continual Learning

Work Experience

Research Experience

- Jan, 2021 – July, 2025 ● **Research Assistant**, [Data Mining Lab](#), Georgia State University.
Leading projects on developing interpretable/explainable deep learning-based models for the prediction of rare events, specifically solar flares, and developing novel techniques in computer science to solve problems in solar physics and space weather forecasting applications.
- Jun, 2024 – Aug, 2024 ● **Scientific Researcher**, [Frontier Development Lab](#) (FDL), Trillium Technologies in partnership with NASA, Google Cloud, and NVIDIA.
Leading machine learning and continual learning aspects of a state-of-the-art project on developing data-driven solution to predict geomagnetic perturbations at ground stations.
- May, 2019 – Dec, 2020 ● **Research Project Coordinator**, Research and Innovation Unit, HCOE.
Supervised research-oriented projects of undergraduate students in computer and electronics engineering, Tribhuvan University, Himalaya College of Engineering (HCOE), Lalitpur, Nepal.

Teaching Experience




- Jan, 2024 – Apr, 2024 ● **Instructor/Teaching Fellow**, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, USA.
★ Spring 2024, CSC 4780/6780 & DSCI 4780, undergraduate & graduate students, Fundamentals of Data Science.
- Apr, 2020 – Dec, 2020 ● **Lecturer**, Tribhuvan University, Himalaya College of Engineering, Nepal.
★ Spring 2020, BCT Juniors, Artificial Intelligence.
★ Spring 2020, BEX Sophomores, Discrete Mathematics.

Work Experience (continued)






- Apr, 2018 – Mar, 2020 ● **Assistant Lecturer**, Tribhuvan University, Himalaya College of Engineering.
★ Fall 2019, B.Sc. CSIT Juniors, Artificial Intelligence.
★ Fall 2019, BCE Freshmen, Computer Programming.
★ Spring 2019, BCT Juniors, Artificial Intelligence.
★ Spring 2019, BEX Sophomores, Discrete Mathematics.
★ Fall 2018, BCE Freshmen, Computer Programming.
★ Spring 2018, BEX Sophomores, Discrete Mathematics.
★ Spring 2018, BCT Sophomores, Numerical Methods.
- Sept, 2018 – Dec, 2020 ● **Instructor / Co-founder**, Line Academy, Kupondole, Lalitpur, Nepal.
★ Computer Programming in C and Fortran
- Dec, 2017 – Apr, 2018 ● **Part-time Instructor**, Tribhuvan University, KEC, Kalimati, Lalitpur, Nepal.
★ Fall 2017, BCT Freshmen, Computer Programming.









Peer-reviewed Publications

Journal Articles







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- 2 K. Whitman, R. Egeland, I. G. Richardson, ..., **C. Pandey**, and et al., "Review of solar energetic particle models," *Advances in Space Research*, Aug. 2023.  DOI: [10.1016/j.asr.2022.08.006](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.asr.2022.08.006).
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Conference Proceedings

- 1 T. Adeyeha, **C. Pandey**, and B. Aydin, "Large scale evaluation of deep learning-based explainable solar flare forecasting models with attribution-based proximity analysis," in *2024 IEEE International Conference on Big Data (BigData)*, 2024, pp. 1209–1214.  DOI: [10.1109/BigData62323.2024.10825177](https://doi.org/10.1109/BigData62323.2024.10825177).
- 2 **C. Pandey**, T. Adeyeha, J. Hong, R. A. Angryk, and B. Aydin, "Advancing solar flare prediction using deep learning with active region patches," in *Machine Learning and Knowledge Discovery in Databases. Applied Data Science Track*, Springer Nature Switzerland, 2024, pp. 50–65, ISBN: 9783031703812.  DOI: [10.1007/978-3-031-70381-2_4](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-70381-2_4).
- 3 A. Ji, **C. Pandey**, and B. Aydin, "Towards hybrid embedded feature selection and classification approach with slim-tsfc," in *Big Data Analytics and Knowledge Discovery*, Springer Nature Switzerland, 2024, pp. 91–105, ISBN: 9783031683237.  DOI: [10.1007/978-3-031-68323-7_7](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-68323-7_7).
- 4 **C. Pandey**, A. Ji, J. Hong, R. A. Angryk, and B. Aydin, "Embedding ordinality to binary loss function for improving solar flare forecasting," in *2024 IEEE 11th International Conference on Data Science and Advanced Analytics (DSAA)*, IEEE, 2024.  DOI: [10.1109/DSAA61799.2024.10722839](https://doi.org/10.1109/DSAA61799.2024.10722839).
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- 8 **C. Pandey**, R. A. Angryk, M. K. Georgoulis, and B. Aydin, "Explainable deep learning-based solar flare prediction with post hoc attention for operational forecasting," in *Discovery Science*, Cham: Springer Nature Switzerland, Oct. 2023, pp. 567–581.  DOI: [10.1007/978-3-031-45275-8_38](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-45275-8_38).
- 9 **C. Pandey**, A. Ji, T. Nandakumar, R. A. Angryk, and B. Aydin, "Exploring deep learning for full-disk solar flare prediction with empirical insights from guided grad-cam explanations," in *2023 IEEE 10th International Conference on Data Science and Advanced Analytics (DSAA)*, IEEE, Oct. 2023.  DOI: [10.1109/dsaa60987.2023.10302639](https://doi.org/10.1109/dsaa60987.2023.10302639).
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Posters

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- 4 **C. Pandey**, T. Adeyeha, T. Nandakumar, A. Rafal, and B. Aydin, *Insights into deep learning-based full-disk solar flare prediction with post hoc explanation and evaluation*, 2023, EarthCube 2023 - A Geoscience and Cyberinfrastructure Workshop.  DOI: [10.13140/RG.2.2.34673.97124](https://doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.34673.97124).
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Technical Skills

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| Programming Language | ● Python, C, C++, and MATLAB. |
| Databases | ● MySQL and PostgreSQL. |
| Web Development | ● HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and Django. |
| Libraries and Framework | ● Numpy, Pandas, Matplotlib, Scikit-Learn, Pytorch, Tensorflow, and Keras. |
| Tools | ● Git, Github, L ^A T _E X, Docker, Notion, and Miro. |
| Computing Environment | ● Google Cloud Platform (GCP), and High Performance Computing Environment (HPCE) |

Awards

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| Jun 03–07, 2024 | ● NSF Travel Grant , 11 th Community Coordinated Modeling Center (CCMC), NASA, Community Workshop 2024. |
| Jun 27–28, 2023 | ● Early-career Travel Award , EarthCube 2023, Building Upon the EarthCube Community: A Geoscience and Cyberinfrastructure Workshop. |
| Jan-Dec, 2022 | ● Google Cloud Student Research Credit , Received Google Cloud Student Research Credit worth \$1,000 as a PhD Student. |
| May, 2021– Aug, 2022 | ● Second Century Initiative (2CI), University Doctoral Fellowship , Georgia State University. |
| Jul, 2016 – Jun, 2017 | ● 4th Committee President , Association of Computer Engineering Students (ACES), Purwanchal Campus, Dharan, Nepal. |
| Nov, 2013 – Aug, 2017 | ● Full Governmental Scholarship on Merit , Bachelors in Computer Engineering at Tribhuvan University, Institute of Engineering, Dharan, Nepal. |

Service to Profession

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| 2025 | ● Reviewer , 24th International Conference on Machine Learning and Applications (ICMLA), 2025. |
| | ● Reviewer , Solar Physics – Springer Nature, Journal, 2025. |
| | ● Reviewer , PeerJ Computer Science, Journal, 2025. |
| | ● Reviewer , Journal of Geophysical Research (JGR) – Machine Learning and Computation, 2025. |
| | ● Reviewer , Earth and Space Science – AGU Journal, 2025. |
| | ● Reviewer , Journal of Circuits, Systems, and Computers (JCSC), 2025. |
| 2024 | ● Reviewer , Astronomy and Computing Journal, 2024. |
| | ● Program Committee Member , 27th International Conference on Discovery Science (DS), 2024. |
| | ● Reviewer , 27th International Conference on Discovery Science (DS), 2024. |
| | ● Reviewer , 23rd International Conference on Machine Learning and Applications (ICMLA), 2024. |
| | ● External Reviewer , 27th International Conference on Pattern Recognition (ICPR), 2024. |
| 2023 | ● Reviewer , 22nd International Conference on Machine Learning and Applications (ICMLA), 2023. |
| | ● Session Chair , Session 21B, 22nd International Conference on Machine Learning and Applications (ICMLA), 2023. |

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