



## **Curriculum Vita**

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### **EDUCATION**

Education Specialist: Career & Technical Education  
University of Wisconsin-Stout, 2006

Master of Science: Training & Development  
University of Wisconsin-Stout, 2006

Master of Science: Hospitality & Tourism  
University of Wisconsin-Stout, 2006

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

08/2020 – Present, Scholarly Associate Professor, Washington State University  
07/2012 – 08/2020, Associate Professor of Practice, University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
08/2006 – 05/2012, Assistant Professor, North Dakota State University

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

State of Washington Tourism, Seattle, WA: Member, Board of Directors  
Washington Hospitality Association Education Foundation, Olympia, WA: Member, Board of Directors  
Back of House Concepts, Seattle, WA: Advisor  
FuzeBox AI, Las Vegas, NV: Advisor  
Decentral AI, Las Vegas, NV: Advisor

## PUBLICATIONS

Lulaj, E., Santos, L. L., Gomes, C. and Jha, D. (2024). The quintessence of public finances: Sustainability dynamics in tourism financial analysis. *Journal of Infrastructure, Policy and Development*, 8(14). <https://doi.org/10.24294/jipd9489>

Abdelli, M.E.A., Perez-Encinas, A., Rodríguez-Crespo, E., Moussavou, J., Ertz, M., Pinto Borges, A., Levy-Tadjine, T. and Jha, D. (2024). Unveiling business environment and digital entrepreneurial activity in the European tourism industry. *Worldwide Hospitality and Tourism Themes*, 16(6), 846-858 <https://doi.org/10.1108/WHATT-08-2024-0199>

Shvindina, H., Kotenko, S., Vorontsova, A., Gordienko, V., Petrushenko, Y., & Jha, D. (2020). Reforming the education system to prevent labor migration. *Knowledge and Performance Management*, 4(1), 52-66. [http://dx.doi.org/10.21511/kpm.04\(1\).2020.05](http://dx.doi.org/10.21511/kpm.04(1).2020.05)

Jha, D., Mukherjee, M., Ganguly, S., Mukherjee, S., & Khanna, P. (Eds.). (2020). *Tourism and Hospitality: Theories and Practices*. Bharti Publications.

## RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS

### Grants:

**2024**, Faculty Development Grant for Course Redesign, Israel Institute, \$7000.00

**2023**, A Study of Lodging Tax Collection, Distribution and Utilization in the State of Washington, Gramlich, J. (PI), Jha, D. (Co-PI), State of Washington Tourism, \$164,000.00

**2021**, Provost's Grant for Course Redesign, Washington State University, \$5000.00

**2021**, Samuel H. and Patricia W. Smith Teaching and Learning Grant, Washington State University, \$5000.00

**2021**, Provost's Grant for Online Instruction, Washington State University, \$825.95

**2020**, Working with Industry Grant, Innovation & Research Engagement Office, Washington State University, \$4000.00

**2020**, Provost's Grant for Online Instruction, Washington State University, \$887.99

**2019**, Automation-enabled Learning in Global Virtual Classrooms, University of Nebraska – Lincoln, CEHS Technology Innovation Grant, \$7500.00

**2018**, Revising and enriching HRTM 479 Senior Capstone course by internationalizing the curriculum, University of Nebraska – Lincoln, Central Asia / South Asia Teaching Grant, \$5000.00

**2018**, Enriching HRTM 285 Introduction to the Lodging Industry course by incorporating synchronous and asynchronous virtual exchange activities with institutions in Europe and the MENA region, University of Nebraska – Lincoln, Global Virtual Classrooms Grant, \$5000.00

**2018**, Engaging Students through Collaborative Online International Learning, University of Nebraska – Lincoln, CEHS Technology Innovation Grant, \$7378.00

**2018**, Expanding virtual exchange partnerships in the MENA region, University of Nebraska – Lincoln, CEHS International Seed Grant, \$7000.00

**Awards:**

**2026**, “Global 100 Influential Educators in Hospitality”, International Hospitality Institute

**2025**, International Council on Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Education (ICHRIE), Raphael Kavanaugh Champion of Education Award

**2025**, Western Federation CHRIE Faculty Scholarship Award

**2024**, Doctor Honoris Causa, King Danylo University, Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine

**2023**, “100 Most Influential People in USA Hospitality & Travel”, International Hospitality Institute

**2023**, Doctor Honoris Causa, Sumy State University, Sumy, Ukraine

**2022**, Washington State University President’s Award for Leadership

**2019**, International Council on Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Education (ICHRIE) Central Federation, Outstanding Teaching Achievement Award

**2018**, International Council on Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Education (ICHRIE) John Wiley & Sons Innovation in Teaching Award

**2017**, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, University Distinguished Teaching Award

**2016**, University of Nebraska – Lincoln, College of Education and Human Sciences, Outstanding Teaching Award