

## **Bio – Dhavan V. Shah**

Dhavan V. Shah is Louis A. & Mary E. Maier-Bascom Professor at the University of Wisconsin, where he is also Director of the Mass Communication Research Center, Scientific Director of the Active Aging Research Center, and a Core Leader in the Center for Excellence in Cancer Communication Research. He is housed in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication with appointments in the Department of Political Science and the College of Engineering. He received his doctorate in mass communication with a minor in political psychology from the University of Minnesota in 1999. Shah's research concerns the social psychology of communication influence, especially the effects of information and communication technologies (ICT), on political judgments, public opinion, health outcomes, and civic engagement. To date, he has authored over 90 articles, chapters, and entries and been principal investigator or core leader on grants and awards totaling over \$2,500,000 — part of over \$19.2 million in extramural funding he has been involved in securing. Shah has served on the editorial boards of ten different journals and has held leadership positions in three professional associations. He is the recipient of the Nafziger-White Dissertation Award, the Kriegbaum Under-40 Award, and the Article of the Year Awards in the fields of Political Communication from ICA and Information Technology and Politics from APSA, as well as UW honors such as the Vilas Associates Award, Chancellor's Award for Excellence, and selection as a Hamel Faculty Fellow. He currently leads five research groups within the university. His professional experience includes work for Leo Burnett Company, Fallon Worldwide, BBDO-Minneapolis, and various public-broadcasting entities.