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EDUCATION

- M.A. (expected 2021): **University of Washington**, Seattle, WA
South Asian Studies
- B.A., cum laude (2017): **Vanderbilt University**, Nashville, TN
Comparative Politics; Middle Eastern & South Asian Studies

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Multispecies ethnography and political ecology; anthropology of heat; global health; urbanization in Pakistan.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 06/2020 – present **Urdu Language Partner**
South Asian Flagship Language Initiative, UW-Madison
- 06/2020 – present **Part-Time Fellow (Research & Visual Communications)**
Building Movement Project
- 06/2020 – present **Teaching Assistant**
Urdu Summer Camp, South Asia Center, University of Washington
- 09/2019 – present **Graduate Student Assistant**
South Asia Center, University of Washington
- 01/2018 – present **Research & Communications Consultant**
Deepa Iyer
- 03/2020 **Volunteer Urdu Translator**
Greater Seattle Coronavirus Assessment Network (SCAN)
- 06/2018 – 08/2018 **Faculty Assistant in Urdu Language**
South Asia Summer Language Institute,
University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 10/2018 – 06/2019 **Research Consultant**
RISE Together Fund, a Proteus Fund initiative (remote)
- 05/2015 – 08/2015 **Research Assistant**
Latin American Public Opinion Project, Vanderbilt University

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, & GRANTS

Fellowships

- 2020-2021 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Academic Year Fellowship in Hindi,
University of Washington South Asia Center
- 2020 FLAS Summer Fellowship in Urdu, University of Washington South Asia Center

- 2019-2020 Top Scholar Fellowship, University of Washington South Asia Center
2017 American Institute of Pakistan Studies Urdu Language Fellowship,
University of California-Berkeley
2017 Gilman International Scholarship and Critical Need Language Award in Urdu
2016 FLAS Summer Fellowship in Urdu, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2015 STARTALK Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania

Awards

- 2017 Cum Laude, Vanderbilt University
2016 Pi Sigma Alpha, National Honors in Political Science

Grants

- 2020 American Institute of Indian Studies Capstone Summer Research Funding
(suspended due to public health emergency)
2020 American Institute of Pakistan Studies Conference Travel Award
2020 University of Washington South Asia Studies Conference Travel Grant

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 “Animals are New Yorkers, Too: Rethinking Pets, Pests, and Pandemics with HBO’s *Animals*.” Paper to be presented at the Midwest Modern Language Association (MMLA) Conference for the panel “Ecological Communities: Animal Neighbors in Literature and Film.” Milwaukee, WI, 5-8 November 2020.
- 2020 “*Dhobi ka Kutta*: Rabies and the Politics of Dog Culling in Karachi, Pakistan.” Spring Graduate Student Colloquium, Department of Asian Languages & Literatures, University of Washington.
- 2020 “Taking Humor Seriously: Phone-Snatching, Comedy and Vulnerability on the Streets of Karachi.” South Asia Conference of the Pacific Northwest. 27 February 2020. Hosted by Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- 2020 Virtual node organizer for Distribute 2020 Conference, the biennial meeting of the Society for Cultural Anthropology and the Society for Visual Anthropology.

LANGUAGE TRAINING

- 2020 (June-Aug) American Institute of Indian Studies (remote)
Urdu Language Fellowship
- 2019 (Jan-May) American Institute of Indian Studies, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
Urdu Language Fellowship
- 2017 (Aug-Dec) Berkeley-AIPS Urdu Language Program in Pakistan
Lahore University of Management Sciences
- 2017 (Jan-May) American Institute of Indian Studies, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
Urdu Language Fellowship

2016 (June-Aug) South Asia Summer Language Institute, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Urdu Language Fellowship

2015 (June) Hindi-Urdu STARTALK Program, University of Pennsylvania.

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Institute of Pakistan Studies
- American Anthropological Association
- Cultural Anthropology, AAA
- Society for the Anthropology of Work, AAA
- Critical Animal Studies Working Group, University of Washington
- Anthropocene Research Cluster, University of Washington
- Critical Caste Collective, University of Washington

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCIES

- Urdu (fluent)
- Hindi (proficient)