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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; anthropology of heat; caste in Islamic societies; Sindh, 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)

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, & GRANTS

Fellowships

- 2020-2021 Chester Fritz International Research and Study Fellowship, The Graduate School,
University of Washington
- 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, UW South Asia Center
- 2019-2020 Top Scholar Fellowship, UW 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 COVID-19 pandemic)
- 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.” 5-8 November 2020. Milwaukee, WI.
- 2020 “*Dhobi ka Kutta*: Rabies, Caste, 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.

LANGUAGE TRAINING

- 2020 (Aug–Dec) Sindhi tutorials (remote)
Farzana Channar (M.A., Sindhi Literature, University of Sindh)
- 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 & CERTIFICATIONS

- 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
- Citizen Historian, 1947 Partition Archive

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCIES

- Urdu (advanced)
- Hindi (intermediate-high)
- Sindhi (elementary)