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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; human-animal labor relations and climate crisis in contemporary Pakistan; anthropology of heat; wildness and ferality in urban space.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2020 **Volunteer Urdu Translator**
Greater Seattle Coronavirus Assessment Network (SCAN)
- Volunteer Hindi-Urdu Translator**
Equality Labs
- 09/2019 – present **Graduate Student Assistant**
South Asia Center, University of Washington
- 01/2018 – present **Research & Communications Assistant**
Deepa Iyer, Building Movement Project (remote)
- 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, U.S. State Dept, 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, National Security Agency, 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 “Taking Humor Seriously: Phone-Snatching, Comedy and Vulnerability on the Streets of Karachi.” Presented at the South Asia Conference of the Pacific Northwest, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

LANGUAGE TRAINING

2019 (Jan-May) American Institute of Indian Studies, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
Urdu Language Fellow

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 Fellow

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

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
- Critical Caste Collective, University of Washington

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCIES

- Urdu (fluent)
- Hindi (proficient)