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## **EDUCATION**

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- 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**

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Multispecies ethnography and political ecology; human-animal labor relations and climate crisis in urban Pakistan; anthropology of heat.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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- 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**

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### ***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**

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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**

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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**

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- 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**

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- Urdu (fluent)
- Hindi (proficient)