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EDUCATION

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

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Multispecies ethnography; climate change in urban ecologies; critical medical anthropology; anthropology of heat; labor & ways of working; caste in Islamic societies; Sindh, Pakistan.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 09/2019 – present **Graduate Student Assistant**
South Asia Center, University of Washington
- 06/2020 – present **Part-Time Fellow, Solidarity Semester**
Building Movement Project
- 01/2018 – present **Research & Communications Consultant**
Deepa Iyer
- 06/2020 – 08/20 **Urdu Language Partner**
South Asian Flagship Language Initiative, UW-Madison
- 06/2020 – 08/20 **Teaching Assistant**
Urdu Summer Camp, South Asia Center, University of Washington
- 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, UW-Madison
- 10/2018 – 06/2019 **Research Consultant**
RISE Together Fund, a Proteus Fund initiative

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, & GRANTS

Fellowships

- 2021 Chester Fritz International Research and Study Fellowship, The Graduate School, University of Washington. “Heated Exchanges: Climate Crisis & Class Politics in Karachi, Pakistan.” (Delayed due to COVID-19 pandemic)

- 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 Hindi-Urdu Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania

Awards

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

Grants

- 2020 South Asia Studies Research Materials Grant, University of Washington
- 2020 American Institute of Indian Studies Capstone Summer Research Funding (suspended due to COVID-19 pandemic)
- 2020 Conference Travel Award, American Institute of Pakistan Studies
- 2020 South Asia Studies Conference Travel Grant, University of Washington

PUBLICATIONS

Book Reviews & Review Essays

- 2020 "Viral Ethnographies: Humans, Animals, and One Health Governance in a Zoonotic Age." Review essay of *Rabies in the Streets: Interspecies Camaraderie in Urban India* by Deborah Nadal and *Viral Economies: Bird Flu Experiments in Vietnam* by Natalie Porter. Forthcoming in *Anthropological Quarterly* 93(4).
- 2020 *Uncivil City: Ecology, Equity, and the Commons in Delhi* by Amita Baviskar, *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies*. Forthcoming Winter 2021.

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 2021 (Delayed due to COVID-19 pandemic). Milwaukee, WI.
- 2020 "*Dhobi ka Kutta*: Rabies, Caste, and the Politics of Dog Culling in Karachi, Pakistan." Presentation at 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." Paper presented at the South Asia Conference of the Pacific Northwest. 27 February 2020. Hosted by Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, BC, Canada.

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 (AAA)
- 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 (advanced)
- Hindi (advanced)
- Sindhi (elementary)