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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; anthropology of heat; urbanization in Pakistan.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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- 2020 **Teaching Assistant**  
Urdu Summer Camp, South Asia Center, University of Washington
- 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,  
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**

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2020 “*Dhobi ka Kutta*: Heat, Rabies, and the Politics of Dog Culling in Karachi, Pakistan.” Presentation given at Graduate Student Colloquium, Department of Asian Languages & Literatures, University of Washington.  
  
“Taking Humor Seriously: Phone-Snatching, Comedy and Vulnerability on the Streets of Karachi.” Paper presented at the South Asia Conference of the Pacific Northwest, Vancouver, BC, Canada. 27 February 2020.

### **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

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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**

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2020 (June-Aug) American Institute of Indian Studies (remote)  
Urdu Language Fellow  
  
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
- Anthropocene Research Cluster, University of Washington
- Critical Caste Collective, University of Washington

### **LANGUAGE PROFICIENCIES**

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- Urdu (fluent)
- Hindi (proficient)