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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; anthropology of heat; global health; urbanization in Pakistan.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 06/2020 – present **Urdu Language Partner**
 South Asian Flagship Language Initiative, UW-Madison
- 05/2020 – present **Teaching Assistant**
 Urdu Summer Camp, South Asia Center, University of Washington
- 10/2019 – present **Volunteer Hindi-Urdu Translator**
 Equality Labs
- 09/2019 – present **Graduate Student Assistant**
 South Asia Center, University of Washington
- 01/2018 – present **Research & Communications Consultant**
 Deepa Iyer, Building Movement Project (remote)
- 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)
- 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, 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

2020	<i>“Dhobi ka Kutta: Rabies, Belonging, and the Politics of Dog Culling in Karachi, Pakistan.”</i> 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 SACPAN. 27 February 2020. Hosted by Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, BC, Canada.
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SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

2020	Virtual node organizer for Distribute 2020 Conference, the biennial meeting of the Society for Cultural Anthropology and the Society for Visual Anthropology.
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LANGUAGE TRAINING

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

- 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

- Urdu (fluent)
- Hindi (proficient)