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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. (in progress): **University of Washington**, Seattle, WA
Sociocultural Anthropology
- M.A. (2021): **University of Washington**, Seattle, WA
South Asia Studies
- B.A., cum laude (2017): **Vanderbilt University**, Nashville, TN
Political Science; Middle Eastern & South Asian Studies

PUBLICATIONS

Works in Progress

- 2022 “‘The end of nature’: pedagogies of grief and more-than-human relations.”
Chapter co-authored with Tess Beschel, María Elena García, Nastasia Paul-Gera,
and Rachel Ann Rothenberg. In *Bearing Witness: Animal Loss in the
Anthropocene*, eds. Arianne Conty and Wendy Wiseman. Forthcoming, Vernon
Press.

Book Reviews & Review Essays

- 2022 Review: *Crooked Cats: Beastly Encounters in the Anthropocene* by Nayanika
Mathur. *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies*. DOI:
<https://doi.org/10.1080/00856401.2022.2107848>
- 2022 Review: *Animal Enthusiasms: Life Beyond Cage and Leash in Rural Pakistan* by
Muhammad Kavesh, *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies*.
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/00856401.2022.2040814>
- 2021 Review: *Uncivil City: Ecology, Equity, and the Commons in Delhi* by Amita
Baviskar, *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies*. DOI:
<https://doi.org/10.1080/00856401.2021.1970876>
- 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. *Anthropological Quarterly* 93(4): 767-778.

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

- Teaching Assistant** | *ANTH 210: Introduction to Environmental Anthropology* WIN ‘23
Dr. Denise Glover, UW Department of Anthropology
- Teaching Assistant** | *COM 220: Introduction to Public Speaking* AUT ‘22
Prof. Matt McGarrity, UW Department of Communications

Teaching Intern | *URDU 201: Intermediate Urdu*
Dr. Jameel Ahmad, UW Department of Asian Languages & Literature

AUT '22

Teaching Assistant
Urdu Summer Camp, UW South Asia Center (remote)

SUM '20, '21

Faculty Assistant in Urdu Language
Dr. Gwendolyn Kirk, South Asia Summer Language Institute (SASLI), UW-Madison

SUM '18

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, & GRANTS

Fellowships

2023 Barclay Simpson Scholarship in Public Summer Fellowship, Walter Chapin Simpson Center for the Humanities, University of Washington. In support of project: “*Zoo, Circus, Menagerie, Prison: Multispecies Captivity and Human-Animal Relations at Seattle's Woodland Park Zoo.*”

2022-2023 Graduate Fellowship, UW Center for Environmental Politics

2021-2022 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Academic Year Fellowship in Hindi, UW South Asia Center

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

2020-2021 FLAS Academic Year Fellowship in Hindi, UW South Asia Center

2020 FLAS Summer Fellowship in Urdu, UW South Asia Center

2019-2020 Top Scholar Fellowship, UW 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

2017 Nichols Humanitarian Fellowship, Vanderbilt University

2016 FLAS Summer Fellowship in Urdu, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2015 STARTALK Hindi-Urdu Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania

2014 Nichols Humanitarian Fellowship, Vanderbilt University

Awards

2017 Cum Laude, Vanderbilt University

2016 Pi Sigma Alpha, National Honors in Political Science

Grants

2023 John & Eleanor Toews Conference Travel Award, Comparative History of Ideas Department (CHID), UW

2023 Graduate Student Conference Presentation Grant, The Graduate School, UW

2023 Mutual Aid Grant, UW United Students Against Sweatshops

2022 South Asia Studies Research Materials Grant, UW South Asia Center

2020 South Asia Studies Research Materials Grant, UW South Asia Center

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, UW South Asia Center

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 “Animals are New Yorkers, Too: Rethinking Pets, Pests, and Pandemics with HBO’s *Animals*.” Association of Social Anthropologists (ASA) Annual Conference, SOAS, London, United Kingdom, April 12.
- 2022 “*Loo ka Sitam: The Tyranny of Heat in South Asia*.” Proposed paper, Yale MacMillan Center Modern South Asia Workshop, Kathmandu, Nepal, July 29-31. (Declined)
- 2021 “Animals are New Yorkers, Too: Rethinking Pets, Pests, and Pandemics with HBO’s *Animals*.” Midwest Modern Language Association (MMLA) Conference for the panel “Ecological Communities: Animal Neighbors in Literature and Film.” Milwaukee, WI. (Declined)
- 2020 “*Dhobi ka Kutta: Rabies, Caste, and the Politics of Dog Culling in Karachi, Pakistan*.” 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.” 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 Lahore, 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

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Culture Scenario Writer, Urdu** 08/2022 –01/2023
Regional Flagship Language Initiative, UW-Madison (remote)

Researcher-Editor India Policy, Carter Center Human Rights Program (remote)	02/2022 – 06/2022
Graduate Student Assistant UW South Asia Center	09/2019 – 12/2021
Research & Communications Assistant (remote) Deepa Iyer, Building Movement Project	01/2018 – 12/2021
Research Consultant (remote) Security & Rights Collaborative, a Proteus Fund initiative	10/2018 – 06/2019
Research Assistant (remote) Latin American Public Opinion Project, Vanderbilt University	05/2018 – 08/2018

MEMBERSHIPS

- Anthropocene Research Cluster, University of Washington
- Critical Animal Studies Working Group, University of Washington
- Critical Caste Collective, University of Washington
- Coronavirus Multispecies Reading Group