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Education

<i>Ph.D.</i>	Anthropology Columbia University, New York	2003
<i>M.A.</i>	Anthropology New School for Social Research, New York	1995
<i>B.A.</i>	History, <i>cum laude</i> Vassar College, New York	1992

Professional Experience

Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Johns Hopkins University. Fall 2006-present
Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Anthropology, Johns Hopkins University. 2003-2006
Special Projects Assistant, Center for Cultural Understanding and Change (CCUC), Field Museum, Chicago, IL. 1995 to 1997.
Research Consultant, Travelers and Immigrants Aid, Chicago, IL. 1995.
Staff Anthropologist, Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC), Dhaka, Bangladesh. 1992-1993.
Public Information Officer, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Chittagong, Bangladesh. Summer 1992.

Participation at Refereed Sessions

"The Quality of Green of Al-Khizr" to be delivered in the Session "The Society of the Living and the Dead," Annual Meeting of the Association of American Anthropologists, Philadelphia, December 5, 2009

Discussant in the Session "Living with Uncertainty," Annual Meeting of the Association of American Anthropologists, Philadelphia, December 5, 2009

"The Braid: The Politics of River Training in Bangladesh" to be delivered in the Session "Debating Technology: The State and Infrastructure in South Asia," Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, October 24, 2009

"The Speech of Generals" in the Session "South Asia Studies in Anthropology," Annual Meeting of the Association of American Anthropologists, Washington DC, November, 2007

"Inheriting Islam: The Call to Prayer and the Ordinary Voice of Tradition" in the Session "From Cyber to the Grave: Making and Marking Muslim Space," American Academy of Religion Annual Conference, Washington D.C., November 20, 2006

Organizer of the Society for Cultural Anthropology Invited session "Life and Words: A Roundtable Discussion with Veena Das," Annual Meeting of the Association of American Anthropologists, San Jose, November 18, 2006

"The Martyrdom of Mosques: Imagery and Iconoclasm in Modern Pakistan" in the Session "Public and Counter-public in South Asia," Annual Meeting of the Association of American Anthropologists, San Jose, November 18, 2006

Organizer of the Roundtable discussion "Revisiting the History of Partition: A Conversation with Gyanendra Pandey," Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, October 16, 2004

"Children and *Jinns*: An Inquiry into an Unusual Friendship during Uncertain Times in Pakistan" in the Session "Transversing the Public and the Private," Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, October 15, 2004

"The Life of Religious Stereotypes and the Work of Being Pakistani Muslims" in the Session "Religious Ideologies: Institutional Imaginations and Contesting Subjects in Pakistan," Annual Meeting of the Association of American Anthropologists, New Orleans, November 2002

Organizer of the Double session "Debating Orthodoxy: Discourses on Indo-Muslim Authority and Authenticity," Annual Meeting of the Association of American Anthropologists, Washington D.C., November 2001

Participation at Conferences

"Riotous Images and the Proliferation of Sin: Another Look at the Danish Cartoon Controversy" at *Religion/Sexuality: Politics/Affect* Conference sponsored by Women, Gender, Sexuality, Johns Hopkins University, September 19, 2009.

"Nineteen: A Story" at *Beauty in the Worlds of Islam* Conference, South Asia Institute, University of Texas-Austin, April 3, 2009

"Iqbal's Significance for Pakistan: Mythmaking and the Secular" at *State Management of Religion in Pakistan* October 10, 2008

"Nineteen: A Story" at *Number as Inventive Frontier* Conference, Johns Hopkins University, May 3, 2008

"What is it to Build a Mosque or the Violence of the Ordinary" at *Beyond Crisis: A Critical Second Look at Pakistan* Conference, Johns Hopkins University, March 30-April 1 2006

"What is it to Build a Mosque or the Violence of the Ordinary" at *Invisible Histories: The Politics of Placing the Past*" ISIM Conference, Amsterdam, 3 September 2005

"Flaws in the Flow: Roads and their Modernity in Pakistan" at *Of Mediums and Motored Ways: The Social Lives of Transit Networks* Conference, University of Washington, Seattle, 23 May, 2005

"Trespasses of the State: Ministering the Copyright to Theological Dilemmas" at *Religion and Globalization II: Newness and Tradition* Conference, Johns Hopkins University April 22, 2005

"Trespasses of the State: Ministering the Copyright to Theological Dilemmas" at *Contested Commons, Trespassing Publics* SARAI Conference, New Delhi, 7 January, 2005

Discussant in *Future/Tense: Time and Politics*, Graduate Student Conference, Johns Hopkins University, February 2004.

"Mosque Construction and the 'Prophet Function' in Structures of Religious Authority in Pakistan" at *The Work of the Imaginaire in South Asian Islam* Workshop, The North Carolina Center for South Asian Studies, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, April 2002.

Discussant in "Gender and Citizenship," Women, Gender and Sexuality Seminar, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, November 2002.

Invited Talks and Public Presentations

“What Happens to Sound over the Loudspeaker? Ruminations on the Azan in Postcolonial Pakistan,” Institute of Islamic Studies, McGill University, March 10, 2009.

“Savage Gardens: The Mythmaking Potential of Patrick Geddes,” Department of South Asian Languages and Literature, University of Pennsylvania, February 28, 2008

“Passage of a Promise: Muslim Perfectionism and Sectarianism in Pakistan,” School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Washington DC, February 1, 2008

“Iqbal and the Lineaments of Muslim Perfectionism in Pakistan,” Stanford Humanities Center, 22 March, 2007

“The Figure of the Mulla or the Calamity of Speech,” at the Public forum *Pakistan at the Crossroads* Rollins College, Winter Park, October 19, 2006

"Networks Actual and Potential: A Discussion on Think Tanks, War Games, and the Creation of Contemporary American Politics," Public presentation of the Info-Politics Subgroup, The Coming Community, the Department of Anthropology, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, October, 2004.

"Children and *Jinns*: An Inquiry into an Unusual Friendship during Uncertain Times in Pakistan," Department of Anthropology, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, April 2004.

“The Martyrdom of Mosques: The Politics of Time in Pakistan,” Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, April 2004.

“Embodying the *Mulla*: Parody and Play in Everyday Life," Department of Anthropology, University of North-Carolina, Chapel Hill, February 2004.

Conferences Organized

Co-organizer with Jane Guyer and Juan Obarrio, *Number as Inventive Frontier* Conference, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, May 3-5, 2008

Organizer, *Beyond Crisis: A Critical Second Look at Pakistan* Conference, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, March 30-April 12 2006

Co-organizer with Jane Guyer, *Religion and Globalization II: Newness and Tradition*, Johns Hopkins University April 22, 2005

Co-organizer of conference *Women, Religion and Family Law* held under the auspices of the Asian Pacific Forum on Women (APFW-Manila), Dhaka, 1992.

Publications

Translation and Introduction to “Letter to Maulana Muhammad Yusuf Ludhianvi” excerpted from Maulana Ludhianvi’s *Differences within the Community and the Right Path in Islam in South Asia in Practice* ed. Barbara Metcalf Princeton University Press, 2009

“The Martyrdom of Mosques: Imagery and Iconoclasm in Modern Pakistan” in *Enchantments of Modernity* ed. Saurabh Dube Routledge India, 2008

“The Speech of Generals: Some Meditations on Pakistan” refereed and posted on the SSRC Forum *Pakistan in Crisis* January 2nd 2008 <http://www.ssrc.org/pakistancrisis>

“Flaws in the Flow: Roads and their Modernity in Pakistan” *Social Text* Winter 2006

"Of Children and *Jinns*: An Inquiry into an Unexpected Friendship During Uncertain Times" *Cultural Anthropology* vol 21(6), May 2006. Republished in Ali Khan ed. *Oxford in Pakistan: Readings in Sociology and Social Anthropology* (2009) and to be republished in abridged form in Diane Mines and Sarah Lamb eds. *Everyday Life in South Asia* (forthcoming).

"Trespasses of the State: Ministering the Copyright to Theological Dilemmas" *Bare Acts*, Sarai Reader 5, (CSDS, Delhi, 2005)

"Networks Actual and Potential: Think Tanks, War Games and the Creation of Contemporary American Politics" jointly authored with Bhriku Singh, Deborah Poole and Richard Baxstrom, *Theory and Event*, September 2005

"Inserting 'Culture' into Multiculturalism" *Anthropology Today*, August 1997.

"Impacts of Medicaid Managed Care on Immigrants and Refugees" *Travelers and Immigrant Aid*, Chicago, IL, 1996.

"Institution Building in Women's Organizations: Participation, Ownership and Autonomy" *Journal of Social Studies*, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Vol. 63, January 1993.

Forthcoming Books

Editor of *Beyond Crisis: Re-evaluation Pakistan* editor, Routledge India, expected December 2009.

Publications under Review

"The Promise of Pakistan: Aspiration, Skepticism and the Ordinary" under review by Duke University Press.

"Nineteen: A Story" as part of a special journal issue co-edited with Jane Guyer et. al, under review by *Anthropological Theory*

Publications in Preparation

"Future Imbued Movements: Ayub Khan's Legacy for Pakistan" to be submitted to *Journal of Asian Studies*

"Folk Planning: The Myth Making Potential of Sir Patrick Geddes," to be submitted to *Contributions to Indian Sociology*

"Concrete Monumentality: Louis Kahn and the Building of the Second Capital in Dhaka" to be submitted to *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*

Fellowships

Conference Grant, Wenner-Gren Foundation, to fund conference "Number as Inventive Frontier." 2008
Conference Grant, National Science Foundation, to fund conference "Number as Inventive Frontier." 2008

Conference Grant, American Institute of Pakistan Studies, to fund conference *Beyond Crisis: A Critical Second Look at Pakistan*. 2006

Franklin Research Grant, American Philosophical Society, to fund further research on book. 2005

Jennings Randolph Peace Fellowship, United States Institute of Peace, to fund dissertation write up. 2003.

Lindt Fellowship, Columbia University, awarded to a single student in the social sciences to fund dissertation write up. Fall 2002.

International Fellowship, Wenner-Gren Foundation, to undertake six months of dissertation research in Lahore, Pakistan. 2000-2001

Fulbright-Hayes, to carry out twelve months of dissertation fieldwork in Lahore, Pakistan. 1999-2000

International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF) Social Science Research Council, to assist twelve months of dissertation fieldwork in Lahore, Pakistan. 1999-2000.

Dissertation Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation, to offset equipment and research costs during dissertation fieldwork in Lahore, Pakistan. 1999-2000.

Schepps Fellowship, to undertake eight weeks of preliminary fieldwork and Urdu language studies in Lahore, Pakistan. 1998.

Ford Fellowship, to undertake material collection towards research in Lahore, Pakistan. 1998.

Fellow of the Faculty, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University, to support graduate studies. 1998-2002.

Foreign Language and Area Studies (Title VI) Fellowship, Columbia University, to support Urdu language training and graduate studies. 1997-1998.

Aga Khan Fellowship, AKF Switzerland, merit-based fellowships granted third world scholars to support graduate studies. 1993-1995.

University Fellowship, New School for Social Research, New York, to support graduate studies. 1994-1995.

Associations

Association of American Anthropologists, Washington, D.C.

American Ethnological Society, Washington, D.C.

Society of Cultural Anthropology, Washington D.C.

Anthropology of Religion Sub-group, Washington D.C.

Anno Chokhe Dekha (Seeing with a Different Eye), A Collective of Women Photographers, Bangladesh

Professional Activities

Screeener for Wenner-Gren Foundation

Occasional Reviewer for *Cultural Anthropology*, *American Ethnologist*, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*