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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD, Oxford, UK

D.Phil, Theology and Religion, in progress Faculty of Theology and Religion Advisor: Prof. Justin Jones

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, Toronto, ON, Canada

Master of Arts, Religion
Department for the Study of Religion
Collaborative Specialization in South Asian Studies (Munk School of Global Affairs)

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA RIVERSIDE, Riverside, CA, USA

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science Dean's List Scholar

PUBLICATIONS

Book Reviews

"Review of Karen G. Ruffle, Everyday Shi 'ism in South Asia, Wiley, 2021," Religions of South Asia, 15, 2 (2021): 207-212

"Review of Simon Wolfgang Fuchs, In a Pure Muslim Land: Shi'ism between Pakistan and the Middle East, University of North Carolina Press, 2019," Contemporary South Asia, 29, 3 (2021): 483-485.

"Review of Jürgen Schaflechner, Hinglaj Devi: Identity, Change, and Solidification at a Hindu Temple in Pakistan, Oxford University Press, 2018," Religions of South Asia, 13, 2 (2019): 252-254.

"Review of Feisal Khan, Islamic Banking in Pakistan: Shariah-Compliant Finance and the Quest to make Pakistan more Islamic, Routledge, 2015," Contemporary South Asia, 27, 4 (2019): 561-562.

SELECT PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

"Ashura in the City and Dynamic Visibility: Expressions of Shi'i Culture in Karachi." Materiality, Rituals and the Senses: The Dynamic World of Lived Shi'i Islam (Lund University). Istanbul, Turkey. 20 Oct 2022

"The Hazaras of Pakistan: Violence, Sectarianism, and Resilience." Middle East Studies Association (Trauma, Displacement, Humanitarianism Session). Montreal, QC. 3 Dec 2021.

"The limits of communal grief: A South Asian Shiʿa group's commitment to ritual and community." Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (Cosponsored session: Anthropology of Religion Unit, Body and Religion Unit, and Religion, Memory, History Unit). San Antonio, TX. 20 Nov 2021.

"The Art of Marsiya Recitation: Adab (Etiquette), Tahzīb (Culture), and Urdu Prowess in the Marsiya genre." 49th Annual Conference on South Asia. Madison, WI. 23 Oct 2021.

"Probing the Other 'Other': A Critical Survey of Shi'i Self-Flagellation Ritual Studies." Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (Study of Islam Unit). San Diego, CA. 23 Nov 2019.

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"Karachi's Shiʿa and Their Politics of Visibility." Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association and the Canadian Anthropology Society (Ethics, Politics, and Justice Gallery Session). Vancouver, BC. 21 Nov 2019.

"From Courtesans to Revolutionaries: Shiʿi Mourning Poetry and the Urdu Literary Tradition." 48th Annual Conference on South Asia. Madison, WI. 18 Oct 2019.

"The Study of Shi'ism in Islamic Studies: A Review of the Field." The Islamic College's 5th Annual Conference on Shi'i Studies. London, UK. 28 Apr 2019.

"Ghalib, Tawaifs, Bollywood and Faiz: Dynamism in Urdu Shi'i Mourning Poetry." British Association for South Asian Studies Annual Conference. Durham, UK. 4 Apr 2019.

"Lament through Time: Urdu Shiʿi Mourning Poetry and the Power of Memory." Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion (Religion, Memory, History Unit). Denver, CO. 18 Nov 2018.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

| Winter 2019 | Teaching Assistant, Department of Historical Studies University of Toronto-Mississauga Introduction to Islam and Muslim Civilizations | |
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| Winter 2019 | Urdu Language Assistant, Department of Historical Studies University of Toronto-Mississauga | |
| RESEARCH EXPERIENCE | | |
| Jun - Aug 2021 | Oral History Digital Archivist, 1947 Partition Archive | |
| May — Aug 2019 | Urdu Researcher, Department of Historical Studies University of Toronto-Mississauga Editing texts and creating online workshops for Dr. Shafique Virani | |
| Feb – Apr 2019 | Writing Assessor, Robert Gillespie Academic Skills Centre University of Toronto-Mississauga Assessing writing skills and development of students | |
| Feb – Sep 2018 | Research Assistant, Department for the Study of Religion University of Toronto Copyediting (The Oxford Handbook of the Anthropology of Religion, 2021) for Dr. Simon Coleman | |
| Jan — Dec 2018 | Research Assistant, Department for the Study of Religion University of Toronto Copyediting (<i>Hunted</i> , 2019) for Dr. Kevin O'Neill | |

TRANSLATION WORK

| In progress (2023) | Azadari, Shahid Naqvi (Izhar Sons, 2002) |
|--------------------|--|
| 2023 | In a Pure Muslim Land, Simon Wolfgang Fuchs 2019 (editing English to Urdu) |
| 2021 | The Art of Marsiya Recitation (Marsiya-khwani ka fan), Nayyar Masood (1990) |
| 2019 | Urdu to English, two short stories Dr. Shafique Virani, University of Toronto |

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2019 English to Urdu and Hindi, entangledworlds.utoronto.ca

Connaught Initiative, University of Toronto

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Sep 2018 – Strategic Communications Officer, Centre for Diaspora and Transnational

Jun 2019 Studies, University of Toronto

LANGUAGES

Urdu Native fluency (written and spoken)

Hindi Fluency (written and spoken)
Standard Arabic Translation competency
Spanish Translation competency

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Academy of Religion American Anthropological Association Association for Asian Studies Royal Asiatic Society British Association for South Asian Studies Historians of Islamic Art Association Middle East Studies Association South Asian Journalists Association

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