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Curriculum Vitae

Department of Sociology
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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Department of Sociology, Brown University, 2023 (expected)

Dissertation: *Self-Making under U.S. Occupation in Afghanistan: Literary Kabul's engagement with Segregation, Surveillance and Withdrawal*

Committee: José Itzigsohn (Chair), Paget Henry, Michael Kennedy, Josh Pacewicz, Julian Go (University of Chicago) and Wazhmah Osman (Temple University)

M.A. Department of Sociology, Brown University, 2016

M.P.A. Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 2008

M.B.A. Institute of Business Administration, Pakistan, 2001

B.B.A. Institute of Business Administration, Pakistan, 2000

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

2020 Masood, S. "He Takes Care of Me: Inter-Faith Romantic Relations Between Hindus and Muslims in a Karachi Neighborhood." in Pakistan: Parallel Narratives, edited by Ayesha Asif and Jürgen Schaflechner. Karachi: Oxford University Press.

Peer Reviewed Publications

"We Were Born on This Soil": Everyday Terric Nationhood in a Mixed Hindu Muslim Karachi Neighborhood (Revise and Resubmit at Ethnic and Racial Studies)

Web-Based Publications

2018 "Initial Ideas on DuBois as a Cultural Sociologist of Empire" in American Sociological Association Sociology of Culture Section Newsletter, Volume 30, Issue 2

2017 "XQs IX – A Conversation with Julie Billaud" in Chapati Mystery – A blog on South Asia, March 30

2016 "On Being Non-White and Non-Neutral: Fieldwork of a Racialized Researcher" in Sectors: Newsletter of the American Sociological Association Section on Sociology of Development, Volume 3, Issue 2

2014 Masood, S. "Landscape of Modern Slavery in Pakistan." *Walk Free Foundation.*

2013 Gazdar, H., Masood, S. and Naqvi, H. "Bottom Up or Top Down? Exclusion and Citizenship in Pakistan." *Overseas Development Institute.*

2012 Gazdar, H. and Masood, "Impact Assessment: Improving Citizen's Empowerment through Devolution Program." *Department for International Development, UKAID*

2011 Leete, R., Masood, S. and Muzi, S. 2011. "Labor Market Sector Strategy 2011-2016." *General Secretariat for Development Planning. Government of Qatar*

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

2022 Junior Fellowship, Global Institute for Advanced Study (GIAS), Central European University

2017 GPD Summer Research Fellowship, The Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University

2017 Brown in the World International Research Travel Award, Cogut Center for the Humanities, Brown University

2017 Field Research Grant, ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin Und Gerd Bucerius

2016 Alden Speare Jr. Award for Superior Achievement in the Master of Arts Thesis from the Department of Sociology, Brown University

2016-9 Trajectories of Change Scholarship, ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin Und Gerd Bucerius

2016 GPD/IGERT Summer Research Funding, The Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University

2015 GPD/IGERT Fellowship, The Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University

2015 South Asia Studies Fellowship, Center for the Study of South Asia, Brown University

2014-5 Graduate Fellowship, Brown University

2006-8 Fulbright Scholarship, Institute of International Education

INVITED TALKS

2021 Being a Problem: The Internalization of Racialized Colonial Difference. Critical Conversations on Afghanistan, Wellesley College, October 19.

2021 Discontents of Change for the post 9/11 Kabuli Literati, Afghanistan: Reflections on Taliban, Afghan state-building, and political and social change, ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin Und Gerd Bucerius, September 22.

2020 Racialization/Colonization in the Global Context (and what does it have to do with development). Presentation made to a special session of the course Getting Things Done: Management in a Development Context, Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University, November 4.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Papers

2022 Afghan-Khariji: The Internalization of Racialized Colonial Difference Among Young Kabuli Literati Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA, March 10-13

2021 Reading the Global Color Line: Book Interpretations as Insight Into Transnational Social Structures American Sociological Association, held virtually, August 6-10

2020 Reflecting on Reflexivity with WE.B. DuBois: A Critique of Bourdieu's Reflexive Knowledge American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (cancelled due to COVID-19), August 8-11

2018 "Let the Trump Era Commence….America is Ours": The Appeal of Donald J. Trump for the Alt-Right American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 11-14

2017 Where We are Born and the Soil from Where We Eat: The Idea of Terric Nationhood. Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, November 18-21

2017 Terric Nationhood: Connection with Time and Space." Social Science History Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada, November 2-5

2017 Where We are Born and the Soil from Where We Eat: The Idea of Terric Nationhood." Sociology of Development Section Conference, Detroit, MI, October 5-7

2017 Where We are Born and the Soil from Where We Eat: The Idea of Terric Nationhood. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, August 12-15

2016 Decays and Regenerations of a Diasporic Family between India and Pakistan: Migration as Ontology. Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI, October 20-23

2016 Negotiations in the Zones of Intimacy: Inter-faith Romantic Relations and Culture Work in a Pakistani Neighbourhood." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, August 20-23

2016 Conflicts of imagination: A Cross-class Analysis of Nationness among Pakistani Hindus. State, Society and Democracy in the Postcolony Conference, Lahore, Pakistan, August 5-6

2015 Conflicts of Imagination: A Cross-Class study of Hindus in Pakistan. Religious Diversity: Conflict, Cooperation and Creolization Conference, Boston, MA, November 14

2015 Local Participatory Development and Social Exclusion: A Study of The Citizens Community Boards Program." Sociology of Development Conference, Providence, RI, March 13-15

Panels Chaired

2020 Panel on Evaluating Qualitative Methods, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (held online), August 8-11

CAMPUS TALKS

2017 The Case for a DuBoisan ethic in Postcolonial Theory using the Histories of The Bookseller of Kabul/Once Upon a Time There was a Bookseller in Kabul. Constellations of Empire, Nationalism & Revolution in 1917 and 2017, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Brown University, Co-Instructor

Solidarity and Social Change (fall 2016)

Brown University, Teaching Assistant

Foundations of Security (spring 2022)

Race, Class and Ethnicity (fall 2021)

The Public Life of Sociology: A Senior Capstone Seminar (spring 2021)

Market Research (fall 2020)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

To Profession

Member, Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, ASA Section on Race, Gender, and Class, 2022
Organizer, Roundtable Sessions for ASA Section on Peace, War, and Social Conflict, 2022
Student Representative, ASA Section on Global and Transnational Sociology Council, 2016-17
Colloquium Committee, Department of Sociology, Brown University, 2016-17
Graduate Representative, Department of Sociology, Brown University, 2015-16

To The University

Founding member Elevate MPAID, a group of Harvard University alumni
Organizer, Panel on Colonialism and Development at Center for International Development, Harvard University, 2022

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association, 2015-present

Association for Asian Studies, 2021-present

Middle East Studies Association, 2017- 2020

Social Science History Association, 2017, 2022

LANGUAGES

Urdu (Native)
English (Native)
Persian/Dari (Fluent)

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Interviewed for "Afghan reader circles offer us a lot to know about Afghanistan" Fatema Hosseini. Kabul Now. Jan 24th, 2020. https://kabulnow.af/2020/01/afghan-reader-circle-offers-us-a-lot-to-know-about-afghanistan/
Interviewed on Newsday. "Book Clubs in Afghanistan", BBC World Service. May 9th, 2019

Interviewed for "When I get tired of it all, I escape into poetry: book clubs bloom in Afghanistan" Stephanie Glinsky. The Guardian. May 7th, 2019 https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2019/may/07/when-i-get-tired-of-it-all-i-escape-into-poetry-book-clubs-bloom-in-afghanistan

REFERENCES

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