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CURRENT AREAS OF INTEREST

Riverine society • Climate Governance • Households • Bengali and Urdu Literature • Islam • German Idealism • Bangladesh and Bonn

EMPLOYMENT

2013-Present Associate Professor, Anthropology, Johns Hopkins University
2006-2013 Assistant Professor, Anthropology, Johns Hopkins University
2003-2006 Postdoctoral Fellow, Anthropology, Johns Hopkins University
1995-1997 Special Projects Assistant, Center for Cultural Understanding and Change (CCUC), The Field Museum, Chicago
1995 Research Consultant, Travelers and Immigrants Aid, Chicago
1992-1993 Staff Anthropologist, Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC), Dhaka, Bangladesh
1992 Public Information Officer, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Dhaka and Cox's Bazaar, Bangladesh

EDUCATION

2003 PhD, Anthropology, Columbia University, New York
1995 MA, Anthropology, New School for Social Research, New York
1992 BA, History, *cum laude*, Vassar College, New York

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, PRIZES

2020 American Institute of Pakistan Studies “US Workshop on Pakistan” Grant for a workshop on “Pakistan and Partition through Bengali Eyes: Elias’ *Khoabnama*” postponed
2020 JHU Alexander Grass Humanities Institute Grant for a workshop on “Pakistan and Partition through Bengali Eyes: Elias’ *Khoabnama*” postponed
2019 JHU Alexander Grass Humanities Institute Grant for a workshop on “Critical Climate Thinking II,” Fall 2020
2018 Mellon Foundation Sawyer Seminar Grant “Precision and Uncertainty in a World of Data” with Veena Das and Jeremy Greene, 2019-2022
2017 Bengal Institute for Architecture, Landscapes, Settlements, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Visiting Fellow
2017 JHU Office of Sustainability “By the Book Award” for incorporating environmental issues into university life with Rochelle Tobias and Deborah Poole
2016 JHU Alexander Grass Humanities Institute Grant to organize and host a lecture series on climate change and the humanities, 2016-2017.
2015 JHU Catalyst Award to early career faculty to support training in GIS and network analysis for research on global climate governance, 2015-2017
2013 American Institute of Pakistan Studies Book Prize for *Muslim Becoming: Aspiration and Skepticism in Pakistan*
2013 Morris Offit Course Development Grant, JHU Islamic Studies Working Group, to develop course “Islam between History and Anthropology” with Todd Shepard offered in Spring 2015 and reoffered Spring 2019
2012 Mellon Foundation New Directions Fellowship to support training towards climate change related research in Bangladesh, 2012-2015

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- 2011 Wenner-Gren Foundation Post-PhD Research Grant to fund research in riverine Bangladesh
- 2011 American Institute for Bangladesh Research Grant to fund research in riverine Bangladesh
- 2010 American Philosophical Association Franklin Research Grant to fund preliminary research in Bangladesh
- 2005 American Philosophical Association Franklin Research Grant to finalize book manuscript, “Muslim Becoming”

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs, Books and Special Issues of Journals:

- Monograph in planning
“Householding on a Warming Earth”
- Monograph under review
“Accounting for an Uncertain Future: The Paris Agreement and the Global South”
- Monograph under contract
“River Life and the Upspring of Nature”
- 2015 Editor, “The Fate of Our Corruption,” special issue of *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, 49(3)
- 2012 *Muslim Becoming: Aspiration and Skepticism in Pakistan*. Duke University Press
- 2012 *Muslim Becoming: Aspiration and Skepticism in Pakistan*. Orient Black Swan (South Asia release)
- 2010 Editor, *Beyond Crisis: Reevaluating Pakistan* in *Critical Asian Studies*, Routledge
- 2010 Editor “Number as Inventive Frontier” co-edited with Jane I. Guyer and Juan Obarrio, special issue of *Anthropological Theory* 10(1-2), May

Peer-reviewed Articles and Book Chapters:

- In Preparation “Requiem for a Dream: Elias’ *Khoabnama*,”
“Schelling and the Global Soil of Thought” co-authored with Andrew Brandel and Swayam Bagaria solicited for special issue “Steps Towards a Global Thought” eds. Bhri Gupta Singh, Sudipta Kaviraj and Veena Das
“Versions of the Padma River in *Jago Hua Severa* and *Padma Nodir Majhi*” solicited for the Bengal Institute for Architecture, Landscapes, Settlements “Project Padma” book manuscript.
“Householding in the Time of Food Insecurity: Amarendra Ghosh’s *Char Kashem*”
- Forthcoming “Between the Mood and the Juice: The Pleasures of Conversing with Rochelle Tobias” *Modern Language Notes* (MLN)
- 2021 “Marginal Lives and the Microsociology of Overhearing in the Jamuna Chars” *Ethnos* <http://doi.org/10.1080/00141844.2021.1936116>
- 2021 “Kant and Anthropology” *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Anthropology* <http://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190854584.013.311>
- 2020 “Expenditure” for *Anthropocene Unseen: A Lexicon*, eds. Cymene Howe and Anand Pandian, Punctum Books
<https://punctumbooks.com/titles/anthropocene-unseen-a-lexicon/>
- 2019 “At Play with the Giants: Between the Patchy Anthropocene and Romantic Geology” in *Current Anthropology*, Volume 60, Supplement 20, August 2019
- 2017 “Teaching Climate Change Otherwise” co-written with Swayam Bagaria in *Teaching Climate Change in the Humanities*, eds. Stephanie LeMenager, Shane Hall and Stephen Siperstein, Routledge: 170-176

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- 2016 “Living Paradox in Riverine Bangladesh: Whiteheadian Perspectives on Ganga Devi and Khwaja Khijir” in “An Amphibious Anthropology: The Production of Place at the Confluence of Land and Water,” eds. Karine Gagne and Mattias Borg Rasmussen, special issue of *Anthropologica*, 58(2): 179-192
- 2015 “Corruption: A Conceptual Note” in *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, 49(3): 287-304
- 2015 “River and the Corruption of Memory” in *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, 49(3): 389-409
- 2015 “Of What Does Self-Knowing Consist? Perspectives from Bangladesh and Pakistan” in *Annual Review of Anthropology* 44: 457-475
- 2015 “Fragile En-souling: Reading William Connolly in Pakistan and Bangladesh” in *Theory and Event* 18(3)
- 2014 “Dogs and Humans and What Earth Can Be: Filaments of Muslim Ecological Thought” in *Hau* 4(3): 245-264
- 2014 “Insect Trails Across my Field Notes” in *The Yearbook of Comparative Literature* 58: 169-173 (published 2014)
- 2014 “The Death of Nature in the Era of Global Warming” in *Wording the World: Veena Das and Her Interlocutors* ed. Roma Chatterji. Fordham University Press, 288-299
- 2011 “Geddes in India: Town Planning, Plant Sentience, Cooperative Evolution” in *Environment and Planning (D)* 29(5): 840-856
- 2011 “The Acoustics of Muslim Striving: Loudspeaker Use in Ritual Practice in Pakistan” in *Comparative Studies on Society and History (CSSH)*, 53(3), July: 571-594
- 2010 “Introduction” in *Beyond Crisis: Reevaluating Pakistan*, Routledge: 1-28
- 2010 “Mosque Construction, Or the Violence of the Ordinary” in *Beyond Crisis: Reevaluating Pakistan*, Routledge: 482-518
- 2010 “Introduction” co-authored with Jane I. Guyer, Juan Obarrio, Caroline Bledsoe, Julie Chu, Souleymane Bachir Diagne, Catherine Eagleton, Keith Hart, Paul Kockelman, Jean Lave, Caroline McLoughlin, Bill Maurer, Federico Neiburg, Diane Nelson, Charles Stafford and Helen Verran in “Number as Inventive Frontier,” special issue of *Anthropological Theory*, 10(1-2) May: 36-61
- 2010 “Nineteen: A Story” in “Number as Inventive Frontier,” special issue of *Anthropological Theory*, May: 112-122
- 2010 “Images that come Unbidden: Some Thoughts on the Danish Cartoon Controversy” in “Religion and Sexuality,” special issue of *Borderlands* 9(3): <http://www.borderlands.net.au/issues/vol9no3.html>
- 2009 “Maulana Yusuf Ludhianvi on the Limits of Legitimate Religious Difference” in *Islam in South Asia in Practice* ed. Barbara Metcalf, Princeton University Press: 438-446
- 2008 “The Martyrdom of Mosques: Imagery and Iconoclasm in Modern Pakistan” in *Enchantments of Modernity* ed. Saurabh Dube, Routledge: 372-401
- 2006 “Of Children and Jinns: An Inquiry into an Unexpected Friendship During Uncertain Times” in *Cultural Anthropology* 21(6): 234-264
- 2010 Republished in abridged form as “In Friendship: A Father, A Child and A Jinn” in *Everyday Life in South Asia*, eds. Diane Mines and Sarah Lamb, Indiana University Press
- 2011 Republished in *Islam and Society in Pakistan: Anthropological Perspectives*, eds. Ali Khan and Magnus Marsden, Oxford University Press

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- 2014 Republished in a curated collection on Everyday Islam in *Cultural Anthropology*
http://www.culanth.org/curated_collections/19-everyday-islam
- 2006 “Flaws in the Flow: Roads and their Modernity in Pakistan” in *Social Text* 24(4):
Winter: 87-113
- 2005 "Networks Actual and Potential: Think Tanks, War Games and the Creation of
Contemporary American Politics" co-authored with Bhri Gupta Singh, Deborah
Poole and Richard Baxstrom in *Theory and Event*, 8(4), September
- 2005 “Trespasses of the State: Ministering the Copyright to Theological Dilemmas” in
Bare Acts, Sarai Reader 5, (CSDS, Delhi): 178-188
http://www.sarai.net/publications/readers/05-bare-acts/01_naveeda.pdf

Commentaries, Reviews, Interviews:

- 2020 “Covid-19 and Student Focused Concerns” Essay collection co-edited with
Veena Das for American Ethnological Society website
<https://americanethnologist.org/features/pandemic-diaries/covid-19-and-student-focused-concerns-threats-and-possibilities>
- 2020 “Covid-19 and Climate Change in the Lives of Students” essay in collection
“Covid-10 and Student Focused Concerns”
- 2018 “Islam in Shadows” contribution to SSRC Immanent Frame on “New
Directions on Science and Islam”
- 2018 “From Rivers to Deltas: Some Conceptual and Methodological Routes”
contribution to University of Cologne’s DELTA-Volatile Waters and the
Hydrosocial Anthropocene in Major River Deltas
- 2018 “AAA goes to the Conference of the Parties” co-written with Shirley Fiske, Susan
Crate, Julie Raymond and Jessica O’Reilly in *Anthropology News* website, June 5
<http://www.anthropology-news.org/index.php/2018/06/05/aaa-goes-to-the-conference-of-the-parties/>
- 2017 “On Counting” contribution to *Somatosphere* Book Forum on Nayanika
Mookherjee’s *Spectral Wounds: Sexual Violence, Public Memories, and the
Bangladesh War of 1971*, ed. Andrew Brandel
- 2016 Review of *Climate Cultures* eds. Jessica Barnes and Michael Dove in *American
Ethnologist*, 43(4): 761-763
- 2016 “Expenditure” in “Theorizing the Contemporary,” *Cultural Anthropology* website,
July 12
<https://culanth.org/fieldsights/915-expenditure>
- 2015 Editor, Book Forum on Bhri Gupta Singh’s *Poverty and the Quest for Life*, March
<http://somatosphere.net/2015/03/book-forum-bhri-gupta-singhs-poverty-and-the-quest-for-life.html>
- 2014 “Interview” on a curated collection on Everyday Islam in *Cultural
Anthropology*
http://www.culanth.org/curated_collections/19-everyday-islam
- 2014 Review of Faisal Devji’s *The Muslim Zion* in *American Historical Review*, 119:
1663-1664
- 2014 Review of Masooda Banu’s *The Rational Believer: Choices and Decision in the
Madrasas of Pakistan* in *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 56(2): 544-546
- 2013 “Action as Modernist Code: A Review of Ifikhar Dadi’s *Modernism and the Art
of Muslim South Asia* in *Criticism: A Quarterly for Literature and the Arts* 55(2)
- 2012 Review of Alyssa Ayres’ *Speaking Like a State: Language and Nationalism in
Pakistan* in *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology*, 22(1): 132-134

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- 2008 “The Speech of Generals: Some Meditations on Pakistan” refereed and posted on the SSRC Forum “Pakistan in Crisis” January 2.
<https://items.ssrc.org/pakistan-in-crisis/the-speech-of-generals-some-meditations-on-pakistan-by-way-of-subaltern-studies/>

ORGANIZED EVENTS

- Postponed Sawyer Conference “Data and Climate,” Spring 2022
Postponed Workshop on Akhtaruzzaman Elias’s *Khoabnama*, Summer 2022
2020 Livestream “In Media Res: U.S. Elections and Politics” organized on behalf of American Ethnological Society, for *Raising Our Voices: AAA Virtual Event*, Nov 21
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fWs7IaKAJtc&t=108s>
2020 Sawyer Workshop “Concepts and Data” co-organized with Veena Das, Oct 30-31
2020 Discussion “Governance at Johns Hopkins: A Look Back” with Cathy DeAngelis and Bill Leslie, organized on behalf of Homewood Faculty Assembly, Oct 23
2020 Sawyer Panel, “Spyware and Predictive Policing: The Merging of Historic and Big Data,” Sept 18
2020 Sawyer Panel, “The Data Environment and the New University, co-organized with Dr. Shreeharsh Kelkar (UC Berkeley) Feb 24
2019-2022 Sawyer Seminar “Precision and Uncertainty in a World of Data,” JHU, co- PI with Veena Das and Jeremy Greene
<https://worldsofdata.org/events/>
2016-2017 Speaker Series “Critical Climate Thinking” co-organized with Rochelle Tobias and Deborah Poole. Funded by JHU Alexander Grass Humanities Institute.
2017 COP side event “National Mechanism on Loss and Damage,” sponsored to support International Center for Climate Change and Development (ICCAAD), Kanzler Hotel, Bonn.
2015 Workshop “Climate Change and its Challenges to the Scholarly Habitus,” Museum d’histoire naturelle – Paris, co-organized with Rochelle Tobias and Romain Simenel (IRD, PALOC, Paris) on the occasion of the COP 21, Paris, November
2012 Workshop “Islamic Studies and the Literary Imagination,” co-organized with Niloofar Haeri, JHU, November
2009 Workshop “Public Numbers,” co-organized with Jane I. Guyer and Juan Obarrio, JHU, November
2008 Conference “Number as Inventive Frontier,” co-organized with Jane I. Guyer and Juan Obarrio, JHU, May
2006 Workshop “Beyond Crisis: A Critical Second Look at Pakistan.” Funded by the American Institute of Pakistan Studies and the JHU Office of the Dean of Academic Affairs, JHU, May
2005 Workshop “Religion and Globalization II: Newness and Tradition,” co-organized with Jane I. Guyer, JHU, April

INVITED TALKS AND DISCUSSIONS

- 2021 Discussant, “Postcolonial Bergson” a talk by Souleymane Bachir Diagne, Center for Global Culture and Communication, Northwestern University, June 3
2021 “What is Bangladesh?” Muslim Thought in South Asia Series, Center for Islamic Studies, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, May 25
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YDgEJ6cM8bQ>
2021 Discussant, “Technology, Empire, and Decolonization in South Asia” Princeton

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University, March 9

- 2021 “Climate Negotiations and the Gift from the Global South” Klopsteg Lecture Series, Science in Human Culture Program, Northwestern University, March 1
- 2020 Presenter, Panel “Climate Change in Bangladesh,” Chowhury Center for Bangladesh Studies, University of California, Berkeley, November
- 2020 “Loss and Damage within Global Climate Negotiations,” Program in the History of Science and Medicine, Yale University, February
- 2019 Book Discussion of Mubasshir Rizvi’s *The Ethics of Staying*, Georgetown University, October
- 2018 Presenter in “Research Methods for Volatile Lifeworlds in the Hydrosocial Anthropocene,” University of Cologne, Germany, January
- 2018 “Overhearing as a Modality of Politics: Riverine Lives, Devilish Whispers and the 2014 General Elections of Bangladesh” in Agrarian Studies Colloquium, Yale University, New Haven, March
- 2017 “Discordance and the Event of the River” in Wenner Gren Foundation Symposium on “Patchy Anthropocene: Frenzies and Afterlives of Violent Simplifications.” Organized by Anna Tsing, Nils Bubandt and Andrew Matthews, Portugal, September
- 2017 “Madness as an Augur of Extinction” in South Asia Studies, Columbia University, February
- 2017 “Towards a Romantic Anthropology: River Life and Climate Change in Bangladesh” in Program in Critical Theory, University of California, Berkeley, January
- 2017 “Some Trouble with Cows: Household Perspectives on Climate Change” in South Asia Center, Stanford University, January
- 2016 “Living Paradox in Riverine Bangladesh: Whiteheadian Perspectives on Ganga Devi and Khwaja Khijir” in “Material Environments of Islam” at the Sawyer Seminar “When the Fringe Dwarfs the Center: Vernacular Islam Beyond the Arab World,” Vanderbilt University, February
- 2016 Discussant in Book Forum on Nayanika Mookherjee’s *The Spectral Wound: Sexual Violence, Public Memories, and the Bangladesh War of 1971*. Organized by Andrew Brandel, JHU, February.
- 2016 Discussant in “Islam and the Modern State,” Graduate Student Conference, Northwestern University, April
- 2015 Presenter in “Rethinking Race and the Anthropocene,” University of Oregon, May
- 2015 Presenter in “In Nature’s Wake: The Art and Politics of Environmental Crisis,” Lannan Symposium, Georgetown University, March
- 2015 “The Call to Islam and Early Warning Systems in Bangladesh: The Mutual Absorption of the Religious, the Political, and the Natural” and “The Flow Forms of Elections on the Sand Bars of the Jamuna River” at the University of California, Santa Cruz Cultural Studies Program and the Program for Emerging Worlds, January
- 2015 Presenter, “Religious and Climate Change in Comparative Regional Perspective” at the Center for Latin American and Latino Studies, American University, July
- 2014 “From Aspiration to Ensoulment: From the Politics of Muslim Becoming to the Politics of Climate Change” in “The Fragility of Things: A Symposium in honor of Bill Connolly,” April
- 2014 “The Call to Islam and Early Warning Systems in Bangladesh: The Mutual Absorption of the Religious, the Political, and the Natural” on panel “The

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- Impersonal in Islam” at the Institute of Islamic Studies’ Sixty Years of Excellence Conference, McGill University, March
- 2014 “The Dystopic in Fights over Land in the Belly of the River” in workshop “Futures Imperfect: Utopias and Dystopias in South Asia” at Brandeis University, March
- 2014 “The Fluvial System in the Making of a Science of Morality” in workshop “Science Studies as Area Studies” at Duke University, February
- 2014 “The Scandal of Seasonality: Household Perspectives on Climate Change” at the Watson Institute, Brown University, November
- 2014 “The Call to Islam and Early Warning Systems in Bangladesh: The Mutual Absorption of the Religious, the Political, and the Natural” at DHAR India Studies Program, Indiana University, Bloomington, September
- 2014 “From Aspiration to Ensoulment: From the Politics of Muslim Becoming to the Politics of Climate Change” and “The Call to Islam and Early Warning Systems in Bangladesh: The Mutual Absorption of the Religious, the Political, and the Natural” at Aarhus University and Copenhagen University, April
- 2014 “The Flow Forms of Elections on the Sand Bars of the Jamuna River” at Department of Sociology and Anthropology at North Caroline State University, February
- 2013 “Dogs and Humans and What Silt Wants to Be” in the Monday Colloquium, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago, October
- 2013 “Dogs and Humans and What Silts Wants to Be: The Claims and Limits of the Non-Human in the Jamuna” in the Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia, February
- 2013 “Witnessing and the Corruption of Memory: The River in the Lives of Titash’s Fishermen and Jamuna’s Farmers” presentation to graduate students of the departments of Anthropology, Environmental Sciences and the South Asia Program, University of Virginia, January
- 2012 “Of Men and Dogs or What Silt Wants to Be” in workshop “Emotional Elements” organized by Katrin Pahl, JHU Women, Gender, Sexuality, November
- 2012 Research Presentation at the Department of Anthropology, Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK, November
- 2012 “The Martyrdom of Mosques: Imagery and Iconoclasm in Modern Pakistan” in conference “The Sacred and the City: Religious Imagination and Everyday Enchantments in the South Asian City,” organized by Thomas Blom Hansen, Center for South Asia, Stanford University, October
- 2012 “Beyond Exception: Aversive Thinking and Recent Constitutional Exercises in Bangladesh and Pakistan” in conference “Emergent Scholarship on Pakistan,” organized by Kamran Asdar Ali, South Asia Institute, University of Texas-Austin, September
- 2012 “The Frontier of the Soul and the Bengali Muslim” at Center for India and South Asia Seminar Series, University of California, Los Angeles, June
- 2012 “Sensing the Turbulent World: Perspectives on Producing Development and Climate Change Knowledge” in Initiative on Climate Adaptation Research and Understanding through the Social Sciences (ICARUS III) Conference, New York, May
- 2012 “The Spatial Determinants of Living on Moving Land” for the Boas Speaker Series, Anthropology Department, Columbia University, New York, April

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- 2012 “Steps To a Muslim Ecological Consciousness” in “Islam in Asia” seminar series, Asia Center, Harvard University, Boston, March
- 2012 Public lecture at the American Institute of Bangladesh Studies, Dhaka, Bangladesh, January
- 2011 “We Want the Death of the River: Steps Towards an Ambivalent Muslim Ecological Consciousness” in conference “Islam in Modern South Asia” organized by Robin Jeffrey, National University of Singapore, Singapore, August
- 2011 “What Counts as Community Based Adaptation?” in conference “Water, Waves and Weather: Climate Change and the Future of South Asia” sponsored by the BRAC Development Institute and the American Institute of Bangladesh Studies in Dhaka, Bangladesh, July
- 2011 “Death in the Time of Climate Change: Some Perspectives from Riparian Bangladesh,” ICARUS II Conference on “Climate Vulnerability and Adaptation,” Ann Arbor, Michigan, May
- 2011 “Speaking Universally: Tracks between Iqbal’s Philosophy and Historical Anthropology” in W. H. Rivers Workshop on “Anthropology and Philosophy: Affinities and Antagonisms,” co-organized by A. Kleinman, M. Jackson, B. Singh and V. Das, Harvard University, Cambridge, April
- 2011 “Death in the Time of Climate Change: Some Perspectives from Riparian Bangladesh,” DOGEE Seminar Series, JHU Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering, March
- 2010 “Riotous Images and the Proliferation of Sin: Another Look at the Danish Cartoon Controversy,” Pathways Working Group of the BRAC Development Institute, Dhaka, August
- 2010 “Beyond Exception? Aversive Thinking within Constitutionalism in South Asia” in plenary session “Law, Violence and Exception,” Law and Social Sciences Research Network Conference, Pune, India, December
- 2010 “Political Theology of Dog Becoming: Islam and Everyday Life in Riparian Bangladesh” in conference “Transcending Binaries: A Conference on the Politics of Islam in South Asia,” BRAC Development Institute, Dhaka, Bangladesh, December
- 2010 “Parts to Whole: The Anthropology of Climate Change” in the Futures Seminar, JHU Department of Anthropology, November
- 2010 “Historical Anthropology and Productive Directions in the Study of Religion” in the Futures Seminar, JHU Department of History, December
- 2009 “Riotous Images and the Proliferation of Sin: Another Look at the Danish Cartoon Controversy” in conference Religion/Sexuality: Politics/Affect, Women, Gender, Sexuality, JHU, September
- 2009 “Nineteen: A Story” in conference “Beauty in the Worlds of Islam.” Organized by Syed Akbar Hyder, South Asia Institute, University of Texas-Austin, April
- 2009 “What Happens to Sound over the Loudspeaker? Ruminations on the Azan in Postcolonial Pakistan” in Institute of Islamic Studies, McGill University, Montreal, March
- 2008 “Iqbal’s Significance for Pakistan: Mythmaking and the Secular” in conference “State Management of Religion in Pakistan.” Organized by Humeira Iqtidar, Cambridge University, Cambridge, October
- 2008 “Savage Gardens: The Mythmaking Potential of Patrick Geddes” in Department of South Asian Languages and Literature, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, February

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- 2008 “Passage of a Promise: Muslim Perfectionism and Sectarianism in Pakistan,” JHU School of Advanced International Studies, Washington DC, February
- 2007 “Iqbal and the Lineaments of Muslim Perfectionism in Pakistan” in Stanford Humanities Center, March
- 2006 “The Figure of the Mulla or the Calamity of Speech” in public forum on “Pakistan at the Crossroads,” Rollins College, Florida October
- 2005 “What is it to Build a Mosque or the Violence of the Ordinary” in conference “Invisible Histories: The Politics of Placing the Past.” Organized by Vazira Zamindar, International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World, Amsterdam, September
- 2005 “Flaws in the Flow: Roads and their Modernity in Pakistan” in conference “Of Mediums and Motored Ways: The Social Lives of Transit Networks.” Organized by Lisa Mitchell, University of Washington, Seattle, May
- 2005 “Trespasses of the State: Ministering the Copyright to Theological Dilemmas” in conference “Religion and Globalization II: Newness and Tradition,” Johns Hopkins University, April
- 2005 “Trespasses of the State: Ministering the Copyright to Theological Dilemmas” in conference, “Contested Commons, Trespassing Publics,” SARAI, New Delhi, January
- 2004 “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, JHU Department of Anthropology, October
- 2004 “Children and Jinns: An Inquiry into an Unusual Friendship during Uncertain Times in Pakistan” in JHU Department of Anthropology, April
- 2004 “The Martyrdom of Mosques: The Politics of Time in Pakistan” in Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, April
- 2004 “Embodying the Mulla: Parody and Play in Everyday Life” in Department of Anthropology, University of North-Carolina, Chapel Hill, February
- 2004 Discussant in “Future/Tense: Time and Politics,” JHU Anthropology Graduate Student Conference, February

REFEREED PANELS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 “The Aesthetic Forms and Dystopic Conjurations of Loss and Damage” in panel “Revisiting ‘The Network Inside Out:’ Form, Substance, and Practice across Institutions” organized by Jessica O’Reilly and Anna Weichselbraun, American Anthropological Association, San Jose, November
- 2018 Discussant in panel “Anthropology and Wonder” organized by Laura Ogden and Andrea Ballestero, American Anthropological Association, San Jose, November
- 2018 Chair and Organizer of panel “Bangladesh and the Untimely” at the South Asia Conference, Madison, October
- 2018 “The Untimeliness of Dreaming Elyas’s Khoabnama (Book of Dreams) and Ghosh’s Char Qasim (Qasim’s Char)” in panel “Bangladesh and the Untimely” at the South Asia Conference, Madison, October
- 2018 Chair and Discussant, “Bangladesh Studies Beyond Development: Empty Signifier or Aid Lab?” at the Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference, Washington DC, March

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- 2015 “Living Paradox in Riverine Bangladesh: Whiteheadian Perspectives on Khidr, the Prophet in Green” in the Claremont Conference on Whitehead and Ecology, June
- 2014 “Impersonal and Islam” panel co-organized with Setrag Manoukian at the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC, November
- 2014 “The Call to Islam and Early Warning Systems in Bangladesh: The Mutual Absorption of the Religious, the Political, and the Natural” in “Impersonal and Islam” at American Anthropological Association, Washington DC, November
- 2014 Discussion on Bhri Gupta Singh’s *Poverty and the Quest for Life*, roundtable organized at the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC, November
- 2014 “Cow Kisses, Come, Burps and Farts” in “Animal, Mineral, Vegetable” at the South Asia Feminist Pre-conference organized by Priti Ramamurthy and Naisargi Dave, Madison, November
- 2014 “Neighboring Madness” in “In Other Place” organized by Chad Haines at the South Asia Conference, Madison, November
- 2014 Discussant, “Science, Imagination, Improvisation in South Asia” organized by Bharat Venkat at the South Asia Conference, Madison, November
- 2013 Discussion on Naveeda Khan’s *Muslim Becoming: Aspiration and Skepticism in Pakistan*, roundtable organized by Veena Das and Andrew Brandel. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, November
- 2013 Discussant, “Scarcity, Adequacy, Excess: Watery Values and The Materiality of Politics” organized by Maira Hayat and Andrea Ballesterio, Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, November
- 2012 “Politics and the Eventedness of Nature,” American Ethnological Society and Association for Political and Legal Anthropology invited panel co-organized with Deborah Poole, Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, November
- 2012 “The Flow Form of Elections on the Sand Bars of the Jamuna River” in invited panel “Politics and the Eventedness of Nature,” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, November
- 2012 “Corruption and the Everyday,” organized panel in Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, October
- 2012 “Witnessing and the Corruption of Memory: The River in Tagore and Ghatak,” in “Corruption and the Everyday,” Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, October
- 2012 “Sensing the Turbulent World: Perspectives on Producing Development and Climate Change Knowledge” organized panel in Initiative on Climate Adaptation Research and Understanding through the Social Sciences (ICARUS III) Conference, New York, May
- 2012 “Listening in on the COPs: Climate Change Knowledge in Three Scales” in panel “Sensing the Turbulent World: Perspectives on Producing Development and Climate Change Knowledge,” Initiative on Climate Adaptation Research and Understanding through the Social Sciences (ICARUS III) Conference, New York, May
- 2012 “Riparians Ponder the Death of the River” in panel “Making Moral, Political and Existential Worlds in South Asia” organized by Sarah Lamb, Annual Meeting of the Society for Cultural Anthropology, Providence, May
- 2011 “Becoming Dog: Living on/as Transitional States of Matter” in panel “Thinking NatureCulture through Transitional States of Matter,” organized by Stuart

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- McLean, Annual Meeting of the Society for Cultural Anthropology, Santa Fe, May
- 2010 “The Quality of Green of Al-Khizr” in panel “The Society of the Living and the Dead,” organized by Stuart McLean, Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, December
- 2010 Discussant in panel “Living with Uncertainty,” co-organized by Don Selby and Sameena Mulla, Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, December
- 2010 “The Braid: The Politics of River Training in Bangladesh” in panel “Debating Technology: The State and Infrastructure in South Asia,” organized by Sharika Thiranagama, Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, October
- 2007 “The Speech of Generals” in the panel “South Asia Studies in Anthropology,” co-organized by Akhil Gupta and Veena Das, Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC, November
- 2006 “Inheriting Islam: The Call to Prayer and the Ordinary Voice of Tradition” in panel “From Cyber to the Grave: Making and Marking Muslim Space,” organized by Anna Bigelow, Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion, Washington DC, November
- 2006 “The Martyrdom of Mosques: Imagery and Iconoclasm in Modern Pakistan” in panel “Public and Counter-public in South Asia,” co-organized by Sarah Lamb and Diane Mines, Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, November
- 2006 “Life and Words: A Roundtable Discussion with Veena Das,” organized invited panel, Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, November
- 2004 “Children and Jinns: An Inquiry into an Unusual Friendship during Uncertain Times in Pakistan” in panel “Trans-versing the Public and the Private,” organized by Ruby Lal, Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, October

PUBLIC OUTREACH

- Present Affiliate, Universities Network for Climate Change (UNCC), International Center for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD), Bangladesh
- 2020 Interview, JHU Islamic Studies
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7To-uYJAu0c&t=303s>
- 2020 “Anthropology of Uncertainty” Conversation with Hasan Azad
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oQZqCegRtFE>
- 2020 Presenter, “Social Sciences Meet the Faculty Panel” JHU Admissions, November
- 2020 Moderator, “Human Rights, Climate Refugees,” Aronson Center Speaker Series, JHU, October
- 2019 AAA Delegate, COP 25, Madrid, November
- 2018 JHU and AAA Delegate, COP24, Katowice, November
- 2018 American Anthropological Association (AAA) Delegate, COP Intercessional Meetings, Bonn, Germany, May. Kept a blog:
<https://blog.americananthro.org/category/cop23/>
- 2018 Keynote Speaker, “Climate Change in Bangladesh” in the South Asian Millennials Conference on Empowering Young Leaders to Shape the Future of South Asia” Columbia University, New York City, February
- 2017 Presenter “River Life and Climate Change in Bangladesh” Saturday University, Seattle Art Museum, December
- 2017 Conversation with Dominic Boyer and Cymene Howe for their podcast series, *Cultures of Energies*, Center for Energy & Environmental Research in the Human

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- Sciences at Rice University, October
<https://podtail.com/podcast/cultures-of-energy/ep-89-naveeda-khan/>
- 2017 Co-organized and chaired “A Teach-In on the Rohingya Refugee Crisis,” sponsored by the JHU Department of Anthropology, Center for Islamic Studies and the Alexander Grass Humanities Institute, October
<https://www.jhunewsletter.com/article/2017/10/49098>
- 2017 JHU Delegate, COP 23, Bonn, November
- 2016 JHU Delegate, COP 22, Marrakech, November
- 2015 JHU Delegate, COP 21, Paris, November
- 2012 “Becoming Muslim” Interview by Christine Stutz, for the *Magazine of Johns Hopkins Arts and Sciences*, 10(1)
<http://krieger.jhu.edu/magazine/2012/11/becoming-muslim/>
- 2011 “If Land Moves: The Spatial Challenges of Living on Silt Islands on the Jamuna,” Mongolbarer Shabha, Forum for Architecture, Dhaka, Bangladesh, July
- 2011 “The Status of ‘Nature’ in the Anthropocene: Some Genealogical and Anthropological Reflections,” Center for Environmental and Geographical Information Systems, Dhaka, Bangladesh, July
- 2010 Book discussion on *Crisis and Beyond: Re-evaluating Pakistan* ed. Naveeda Khan, organized Biju Mathews, Left Forum, New York, May
- 2010 Book launch of *Beyond Crisis* ed. Naveeda Khan, sponsored by the American Institute of Pakistan Studies, Lahore, Pakistan, December
- 2005 Video interview with Shuddhabrata Sengupta, Sarai-CSDS (with pdf) on the occasion of conference Contested Commons, Trespassing Publics, SARAI, New Delhi, January <http://pad.ma/MN/info>
<http://www.sarai.net/publications/occasional/contested-commons-trespassing-publics-a-public-record/interview.pdf>

MENTORING

- 2019 Participated in American Institute of Indian Studies run Dissertation to Book Workshop at the South Asia Conference in Madison, October
- 2017 With funding from the American Institute of Bangladesh Studies organized and ran a publishing workshop for young scholars and academics in Bangladesh, August
- 2016 With permission of the Dean of Undergraduate Studies, JHU, mentored an advanced graduate student towards planning and co-teaching an upper level undergraduate course titled “The Romantic Legacy of Anthropology”

SERVICE

Service to Department:

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| Present | Director of Undergraduate Studies |
| 2016-2018 | Mentor to Junior Faculty, Michael Degani |
| All years | Admissions Committee |
| 2014-2017 | Director of Graduate Studies |
| 2012-2014 | Co-organizer, Department Colloquia |

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2008-2010 Co-organizer, Department Colloquia
2006-2008 Organizer, Department Colloquia
2010-2011 Director of Undergraduate Studies
2003-2006 Founding Organizer, Dissertation Proposal Writing Workshop (now a graduate course)

Service to University

Present Convener, Homewood Faculty Assembly Interdivisional Committee
Present Member, Working Committee, Library Re-Design
Present Member, Executive Board, Islamic Studies
2018-2020 Member, Homewood Institutional Review Board
2009-2015 Member, Executive Board, Environment, Energy, Sustainability and Health Institute (E2SHI)
2017 Guest Speaker, Academics United, JHU student action against the Muslim ban
2011-2017 Member, Executive Board, International Studies
2015-2017 Member, Committee on the Status of Women
2015-2017 Member, Homewood Graduate Board
2015-2017 Member, Doctor of Philosophy Board
2014-2017 Member, Faculty Board, JHU Academic Press
2012-2016 Member, University-wide Faculty Advisory Committee on International Activities (FACIA)
2013 Guest Speaker, Shia-Sunni Dialogue, organized by the Johns Hopkins University Muslim Association, April
2012-2014 Islamic Studies Working Group
Occasional Ad Hoc Committee Member, Tenure Promotion Cases
Occasional Proposal Reviewer, Woodrow Wilson Undergraduate Research Program
Occasional Reviewer for Dean's Teaching Fellowships
2007-2011 Board Member, Evolution, Cognition & Culture Project

Service to Discipline

Present Elected counselor to the Board of the American Ethnological Society
Present Chair, Sharon Stephens Book Prize Committee, American Ethnological Society
Present Jury Member for the Ananda Coomaraswamy Book Prize, Association for Asian Studies
Present Associate, The Bengal Institute for Architecture, Landscapes, Settlements, Bangladesh
Present Member, Editorial Board, South Asia in Motion, Series published by Stanford University Press
Present Trustee, American Institute of Bangladesh Studies
Present Reviewer, American Philosophical Society
2014-Present Reviewer, Social Science Research Council
2017-2019 Reviewer, American Council for Learned Societies
2007-2009 Reviewer for Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation and Post-Phd Fellowships
Occasional Tenure Review for Other Universities, 3 to date
Occasional Reviewer for Current Anthropology, Ethnos, CSSAAME, Asian Anthropology, Hau: A Journal of Ethnographic Theory, Cultural Anthropology, American Ethnologist, Comparative Studies in Society and History, Journal of Linguistic Anthropology, Anthropological Quarterly, Anthropology Today, Sites: A Journal of Social Anthropology and Cultural Studies, Palgrave Macmillan, Criticism: Journal of Literature and Arts, Oxford University Press (Pakistan Division), and Duke University Press

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TEACHING AND ADVISING

PhD Committees

Simone Taubenberger 2008 (2nd Reader)

“Exam Time: Educational Distress, Psychological Intervention, and the Middle Classes in Post-Liberalization Delhi”

Researcher at The Center for Qualitative Research, Massachusetts

Sidharthan Maunaguru, 2010 (2nd Reader)

“Brokering Transnational Marriages: Displacements, Circulations, Futures”

Post-doctoral Fellow, University of Edinburgh

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology at National University of Singapore, Singapore

Sylvain Perdigon, 2011 (2nd Reader)

“Between the Womb and the Hour: Ethics and Semiotics of Relatedness in Palestinian Refugee Camps in Tyre, Lebanon”

Assistant Professor, American University, Beirut, Lebanon.

Hester Betlem, 2012 (3rd Reader)

“When Custom is a Crime: Law, Life and the Goddess in Rural South India.”

Independent Consultant

Amrita Ibrahim, 2013 (3rd Reader)

“Truth on Our Lips, India in Our Hearts: Television, News and Public Performance in Delhi”

College Fellow, Anthropology, Harvard University

Teaching Faculty, Anthropology, Georgetown University

Neena Mahadev, 2013 (2nd Reader)

“Buddhist Nationalism and Christian Evangelism: Re-articulations of Conflict and Belonging in Postwar Sri Lanka”

Postdoctoral Fellow, Max Plank Institute, Germany

Assistant Professor, National University of Singapore, Singapore

Andrew Bush, 2013 (2nd Reader)

“A Threadbare Prayer Mat: Sufi Poetry and the Textures of Everyday Life in Kurdistan”

Postdoctoral Fellow, New York University, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Chitra Venkataramani, 2015 (3rd Reader)

“Drawn into Life: Mapping, Ecological Vision, and Development in Mumbai”

South Asian Studies Fellow, Harvard University

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore, Singapore

Andrew Brandel, 2016 (2nd Reader)

“City of Letters: Literary Life in Berlin”

Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen, Vienna, Austria

Lecturer on Social Studies, Harvard University

Serra Hakyamez, 2016 (3rd Reader)

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“Lives and Times of Militancy: Terrorism Trials, State Violence and Kurdish Political Prisoners in Post1980 Turkey”

Postdoctoral Fellow, The Crown Center, Brandies University
Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

Aditi Saraf, 2016 (2nd Reader)

“Ellipses of Exchange: Freedom, Mobility and the Moral Economy in Kashmir”

Postdoctoral Fellow, ERC Grant Project: Remoteness & Connectivity: Highland Asia in the World

Pooja Satyogi, 2016 (2nd Reader)

“Intimate Public Spaces: Policing ‘Domestic Cruelty’ in Women’s Cells, Delhi”

Faculty, Political Science, Lady Sri Ram College, Delhi, India
Faculty, Ambedkar University, Delhi, India

Caroline Block 2017 (2nd Reader)

“Rabbis, Rabbas, and Maharats: Aspiration, Innovation and Orthodoxy in American Women’s Talmud Programs.

Currently in Law School, Cornell University

Bridget Kustin 2017 (Chair)

“Islamic (Micro)Finance and the Possibility of Social Justice”

Postdoctoral Researcher, Said Business School, Oxford University

Juan Felipe Moreno 2017 (3rd Reader)

“Living in Times of Fumigation: The Aero-Chemical State in Southwestern Columbia”

Postdoctoral Fellow, Beckman Center for the History of Chemistry, Chemical Heritage Foundation

Maya Ratnam 2017 (2nd Reader)

“Dwelling in the Forest: Nature, Society and Power in Tribal Central India”

Writing Fellow, Ashoka University, New Delhi, India

Megha Sehdev 2017 (3rd Reader)

“Interim Artifacts of Law: Interruption and Absorption in Indian Domestic Violence Cases”

Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Anthropology, McGill University

Fouad Halboni, 2018 (3rd Reader)

“Between Promise and Disappointment: Coptic Youth Movements and the Sectarian Question After the Egyptian Revolution”

Victor Kumar, 2019 (Chair)

“Poetics, Creativity and the Embeddedness of American Acupuncture”

Visiting Assistant Professor, Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana

Mariam Banahi, 2020 (2nd Reader)

“Between War and the World: Afghans, Borders, and the ‘Crisis’ of Migration in Hamburg”

Program Manager and Mellon/ACLS Public Fellow, Refugees International, Washington D.C.

Swayam Bagaria 2020 (2nd Reader)

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“Immortal Bodies: Between Widow Burning and Hinduism”
College Fellow, Arts and Sciences, University of Virginia, Charlottesville

Onder Celik 2020 (3rd Reader)
“Life Underground: Hunting for Armenian Treasure in the Post-Genocide Landscape”
EUME Fellow of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, Forum Transregionale Studien, Berlin

Emma McGlennon 2020 (Chair)
“Working for Another World: Geographies of Labor, Aspiration, and Kinship in the Northwest African Corridor”

Ghazal Asif 2021 (Chair)
“Marvi’s Sisters: Hindu Belonging and the Muslim State in Pakistan.”
Assistant Professor, Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS)

Dissertation Committee/Advisor

Tom Thornton (Chair)
Sumin Myung (Chair)
Heba Islam (Chair)
Sruti Chaganti (2nd Reader)
Benita Menezes (2nd Reader)
Mikaela Chase (2nd Reader)
Marios Falaris (2nd Reader)
Kunal Josh (2nd Reader)
Talia Katz (3rd Reader)
Burge Abiral (3rd Reader)
Youyoung Kim (3rd Reader)

Courses Taught

Anthropological Concepts and Methods

600 Proseminar: Evolution/History/Time
600 Defining Region
600 Methods
600 Proposal Writing
400/600 Proseminar: Does History Make You Sick?
400/600 Romantic Anthropology
400/600 Concepts: Reading Hindu and Islamic Texts (x2)
400 Logic of Anthropological Inquiry
300 Methods: Getting to Know Hopkins
300 Romantic Legacy of Anthropology
200 Ethnographies: Everyday Religion and Ethics
100 Invitation to Anthropology (x4)
100 Photography in Anthropology

Anthropology of Religion and the Everyday

600 Belief
600 Anthropology of the Everyday
400/600 Concepts: Reading Hindu and Islamic Texts
300 Modernity of Religion
300 Magic/Science/Religion (x2)
300 Film/Fate/Law
300 Anthropology of the Senses (x2)

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300 Back to the Future
200 Religion and Secularism

Environment and Nature

600 Death and Extinction
600 The Machine in Nature
600 Nature in Romantic Thought
600 Death of Nature?
400/600 Householding on a Warming Earth
300 The City in South Asia
300 Jr/Sr Seminar The Animal in Anthropology
300/600 Evolution, Ecology, Becoming
200 Picturizing Climate Change
100 Climate Change and Everyday Life
100 Freshman Seminar: Climate Change: Treaties and Policies

Islam and South Asia

400/600 Concepts: How to Read Hindu and Islamic Texts
300 Readings in Islam
300 The Political Culture of Pakistan
300 Islam between History and Anthropology
300 Sex, Law and Islam
300 The Occult in South Asia
200 Modern South Asia: Bangladesh/Pakistan

28 Graduate Reading Courses taught

9 Undergraduate Theses supervised

9 Undergraduate Directed Research supervised

External examiner in dissertation committees in JHU (Environmental Engineering, Political Science, English, Earth and Planetary Sciences, Art History) and at three international universities (India, Denmark)

AFFILIATIONS

American Association University Professors
American Anthropological Association
American Ethnological Society
Asian Studies Association
Bengal Institute for Architecture, Landscapes, Settlements
Culture and Agriculture
Demand for Climate Justice network
International Center for Climate Change and Development
Society of Cultural Anthropology

LANGUAGES

Urdu/Hindi, Bengali