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Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATION

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#### University of California, Berkeley

Berkeley, California

Doctoral Candidate in History

expected May 2022

Dissertation: “Epistemic Entanglements: Cosmic and Natural Knowledge in Early Modern India (1600-1900).”

Advisor: Dr. Massimo Mazzotti

#### University of Washington

Seattle, Washington

M.A. in South Asia Studies

2017

Thesis 1: “‘Lifting the Veil’ of the *Hamzanāma*: Storytelling and Meaning-Making in Early Mughal India.”

Thesis 2: “The Pathan Who Taught Brahmins the *Ramāyana*: Munshi Rahman Khan and the Spiritual Economy of Indo-Surinamese Indenture.”

#### Mount Holyoke College

South Hadley, Massachusetts

B.A. in International Relations

2010

**Research & Teaching Interests:** History of Science & Technology, South Asian History, British Empire, Global Intellectual History, History of Gender & Sexuality, Postcolonial Studies, Islamic Studies

**Fieldwork Sites:** Pakistan, India, United Kingdom, France, and Germany

### PUBLICATIONS

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#### Journal Submission

“The Tale as a Technology of Empire: Storytelling and Statecraft in Early Mughal India,” forthcoming in the *ISIS: A Journal of the History of Science Society*.

#### Edited Volume Contributions

With Anurag Advani, “Sati-un-Nisa: A Female Physician in Mughal India,” *Women in Science Beyond Europe: A Sourcebook*, University College London Press, 2021.

(forthcoming) “Everyday Algorithms: Ritualization, Capital Management & Empire in a 17<sup>th</sup> Century Mughal Household” in *Early Modern Algorithms: The Art of Thinking* edited by Giovanna Cifoletti and Massimo Mazzotti, University of Oxford Press.

#### Book Review

*Writing Self, Writing Empire: Chandar Bhan Brahman and the Cultural World of the Indo-Persian State Secretary*, *Journal of Iranian Studies*, 2020.

## **Manuscripts in Preparation**

“Physicist of the People: Abdus Salam’s Policy Propositions for Pakistan and Postcolonial Science Education.”

“Exoticizing India: Major General Hardwicke and the Birth of the Zoological Society of London.”

“Between *‘Ilm* and *Fann*: Science, Craft and the Making of the Mughal Episteme.”

## **Web-Based Publications**

“The Sentimental Calendar: Emotions, Ecology and Embodied Science in Early Modern India.” *Islamic Occult Studies*, September 2021.

## **Other Publications**

“Writing Histories of Collaboration in the Age of Islamophobia.” *#DigitalRamadan: A Project of MPower Change*. New York, NY, April 15<sup>th</sup> 2021.

“History: What the Mughal Era Can Teach Us.” *Dawn Magazine: Pakistan’s Largest English Daily*, Karachi, Pakistan, August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020.

“Enabling Dissent, Defying Silence—In Memory of Sabeen Mahmud.” with Yaminay N. Chaudhri. *Kafila—Collective Explorations: Dissent, Debate, Create*, April 26<sup>th</sup> 2015.

## **GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

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*Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award*, University of California Berkeley, Berkeley, California, 2021.

*Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant*, National Science Foundation (\$12,500), 2021.

*Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Award*, United States Department of Education (\$75,000), 2020.

*International Dissertation Research Fellowship*, Social Science Research Council (\$26,600), 2020.

*Foreign Language and Area Studies Academic Year Award for Advanced Arabic*, Center for Middle Eastern Studies (\$15,000), 2019-2020.

*Critical Language Scholarship for Intermediate Arabic*, Jordan Language Academy, Amman Jordan, American Councils for Learned Societies, Summer 2019.

*Foreign Language and Area Studies Academic Year Award for Advanced Persian*, South Asia Center, Jackson School of International Studies (\$18,000), University of Washington, 2016-2017.

*Foreign Language and Area Studies Summer Award, Advanced Persian*, South Asia Center, Jackson School of International Studies (\$5000), University of Washington, Summer 2016.

*Foreign Language and Area Studies Summer Award, Persian*, Middle East Center, Jackson School of International Studies (\$5000), University of Washington, Summer 2016 (declined).

*Women's Leadership Award*, Mount Holyoke College (\$36,000 per annum), South Hadley, MA, 2006-2010.

## CONFERENCES

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“Everyday Algorithms: Ritualization, Capital Management and Empire in an Early Mughal Household.” Special Interest Group in Computing, Information and Society (SIGCIS) of the Society for Social Studies of Science (4S). September, 2021.

“Seasoning India: The Epistemic Modalities of Cosmic and Natural Knowledge in the Early Mughal Empire.” *Knowing the Cosmos* Panel, Islamic Occult Studies on the Rise Group. August, 2021.

“Telling Seasonal Time: The Epistemic Modalities of Cosmic and Natural Knowledge in Early Mughal India”. Medieval and Early Modern Studies Association Graduate Conference on *Resilience, Resistance and Renewal in the Early Modern World*, University of California Los Angeles. May, 2021.

“The Tale as a Technology of Empire: Storytelling and Statecraft in Early Mughal India”. History Graduate Symposium, University of California Berkeley. February, 2020.

“Revaluating the Colonial Gazetteer for the Study of South Asia's Medieval Pasts”. Berkeley-Stanford British Studies Reading Group Conference. May, 2019.

“The Rise of a New City, A Call to a New Prayer: Sufi Networks in the Making of Medieval Kashmir's Knowledge Economy”. Science & Technology Studies Graduate Symposium, Center for Science, Technology, Medicine and Society, University of California Berkeley. May, 2019.

“Lifting the Veil of the *Hamzanāma*: Marvelous Storytelling, Meaning-Making and Empire in Early Mughal India”. Graduate Student Conference of *South Asian Religions*. University of Toronto. October, 2017.

“Story-telling and Empire in Mughal India.” South Asia Conference of the Pacific Northwest. Portland, OR. February, 2016.

## INVITED TALKS

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“Astronomy in the Mughal Era.” Guest Lecture for Kainaati Chai, Hampshire College, Amherst, Massachusetts, 2021.

“History of the Sciences.” Guest Lecture for The Muqaddimah, Progressive Pakistani Academics Collective, Lahore, Pakistan, 2020.

“A Measured Empire: Science, Technology and Spatial Change in Colonial India.” Guest Lecture for Science and Society: The Emergence of Modern Science, University of California Berkeley, Berkeley, California, 2020.

“The Making of Avicenna’s World: Continuities and Crises in Islamic Science.” Guest Lecture for Science and Society: The Emergence of Modern Science, University of California Berkeley, Berkeley, California, 2020.

“The Making of Avicenna’s World: Continuities and Crises in Islamic Science.” Guest Lecture for Science and Society: The Emergence of Modern Science, University of California Berkeley, Berkeley, California, 2019.

“How to Write a Winning History Essay.” Guest Lecture for Middle Eastern History, University of California Berkeley, Berkeley, California, 2019.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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“Science and Society: The Emergence of Modern Science,” Graduate Student Instructor, Dr. Massimo Mazzotti, University of California Berkeley, Berkeley, California, Fall 2020.

“Science and Society: The Emergence of Modern Science,” Graduate Student Instructor, Dr. Massimo Mazzotti, University of California Berkeley, Berkeley, California, Fall 2019.

“World History”, Graduate Student Instructor, Dr. Emily Gottreich, University of California Berkeley, Berkeley, California, Spring 2019.

“Middle Eastern History”, Graduate Student Instructor, Dr. Archana Prakash, University of California Berkeley, Berkeley, California, Fall 2018.

**“State and Nation-Building in Pakistan: Critical Perspectives”, Adjunct Faculty, SZABIST, Karachi, Pakistan, Spring 2015.**

This research and writing-intensive History course offered a critical and compelling introduction to the history of Pakistan from the early 20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> centuries, interrogating the history of nationalism, ethnonationalist movements, religion, and the military state.

**“Silk Roads: Pathways of Trade, Crossroads of Culture,” Lecturer in Liberal Arts, Indus Valley School of Art and Architecture, Karachi, Pakistan, Spring 2015.**

This course surveyed the social, cultural, and material history of the Silk Roads, considering the exchange of ideas, commodities, the spread of religions and knowledge between different communities and polities that span the Silk Roads.

## **WORKSHOPS**

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### **Organized**

**Islam and Science in Afro-Eurasia: Future Directions Workshop, November 2020.**

I conceived, designed, and co-organized a two-day workshop titled Islam and Science in Afro-Eurasia: Future Directions that brought together nearly 50 scholars across the fields of History, History of Science Anthropology and Near Eastern Studies. My principal responsibilities included envisioning and writing the workshop proposal as well as

moderating a key session on non-elite actors and local science and technology in Africa and Asia, with leading scholars.

**Early Modern Algorithms Research Cluster, 2020-2021.**

A research initiative between researchers at UC Berkeley and EHESS, Paris to historicize and interrogate the algorithm in its many early modern manifestations across Eurasia. Each of us is contributing a chapter for an edited volume on the subject.

**Attended**

Introduction to Oral History Workshop, Oral History Center, UC Berkeley, 2021.

John Greaves' Marginalia Workshop, Stanford University, 2021.

Quantitative History Webinar Series, Asia Global Institute, University of Hong Kong, 2021.

Reading Safavid Occult-Scientific Miscellanies, 2021.

Islamic Occult Studies On the Rise (IOSOTR) International Research Group, 2021.

**SERVICE**

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**University of California Berkeley, Berkeley, California**

Graduate Student Researcher, Dr. Massimo Mazzotti, Center for Science, Technology, Medicine and Society, 2018-2021.

Lead Organizer and Writer, Histories of South Asia Working Group, Townsend Center for the Humanities, 2018-2020.

Co-organizer, Black Lives Matter Solidarity Campaign, Department of History, 2020.

Editorial Assistant, Dr. Mary Elizabeth Berry, Department of History, 2019.

Equity Officer, Committee for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, Department of History, Spring 2018.

**University of Washington Seattle, Seattle, Washington**

Research Assistant, Dr. Christian Novetzke, South Asia Center, Jackson School of International Studies, 2017.

Lead Organizer, Jawarharlal Nehru University International Protest Day, 2017.

Graduate Student Assistant, South Asia Center, Jackson School of International Studies, 2015-2017.

**Habib University, Karachi, Pakistan**

Member, Committee on Health, Safety and Security, 2014.

Founding Manager, Office of Global Engagement, 2014-2015.

Consultant and Grants Writer, Strategic Initiatives, 2013-2014.

Planning Associate and Lead Curriculum Specialist, 2011.

Planning Assistant and Lead Curriculum Specialist, 2010-2011.

**Karachi Institute of Technology and Entrepreneurship, Karachi, Pakistan**

Consultant and Grants Writer, Academic Planning and Global Engagement, 2013-2014.

Manager, Academic Planning, Grants Writing and Communications, 2012.

**Abdus Salam Documentary Film, Kailoola Productions, Seattle, Washington**

Consultant, Storyboarding and Oral History Interviews, 2014.

Grants Writer, 2014.

**Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusetts**

President, Mount Holyoke College Debating Society, 2009.

Lead Organizer, “Pakistan: A War Against Civil Society”, 2007.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Historical Association  
History of Science Society  
Society for Social Studies of Science  
Association for Asian Studies  
American Academy of Religion  
Medieval Academy of America  
World History Association  
Society for the History of Technology  
Social Science History Association  
Western Association of Women Historians  
Women’s History Network

**LANGUAGES**

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**Native Fluency:** English, Urdu

**Advanced Research Proficiency:** Persian (Farsi, Dari), Medieval Hindavi (Braj Bhasha)

**Advanced Translation Ability:** Arabic

**Intermediate Translation Ability:** Russian, Tajik, Pashto, French

## REFERENCES

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Dr. Massimo Mazzotti, Professor of History, University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, California

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Dr. Munis D. Faruqi, Sarah Kailath Chair of Indian Studies, University of California Berkeley, Berkeley, California

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Dr. Christian L. Novetzke, Professor of International Studies, University of Washington Seattle, Washington

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Dr. Daniel J. Sheffield, Assistant Professor of Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey

[djs5@princeton.edu](mailto:djs5@princeton.edu)

Dr. Anand A. Yang, Professor of History, University of Washington, Seattle

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