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Areas of Interest

Riverine Society | Climate Governance | Households | The City | Islam and Nationalism | Bengali and Urdu Literature | German Idealism | Student Activism | Bangladesh, Pakistan, Bonn

Employment and Visiting Positions

2024-	Professor, Anthropology, Johns Hopkins University
	Affiliate faculty: Comparative Thought and Literature,
	Environmental Science & Studies, Women, Gender & Sexuality, Islamic Studies
2023-2025	Chair, Anthropology, Johns Hopkins University
2025	Visiting Faculty, "An Aesthetics for the End," School of Criticism & Theory, Cornell University
2017	Visiting Faculty, The Bengal Institute for Architecture, Landscapes, Settlements, Bangladesh
2013-2024	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

2025	Subvention Grant, Johns Hopkins University, to support republication of <i>Muslim</i>
	Becoming: Aspiration and Skepticism in Pakistan by Folio Books, Pakistan
2024	American Institute of Pakistan Studies International Travel Award to attend Thinkfest Pakistan 2024
2023	Victor Turner Writing Prize given by the Society for Humanistic Anthropology
2022	TOME Monograph Subvention Grant, Johns Hopkins University Library, to support open access publication of <i>In Quest of a Shared Planet: Negotiating Climate from the Global South</i> (2023)

2021	JHU Covid-19 Bridge Grant to complete research and facilitate publications
2020	American Institute of Pakistan Studies Grant for a workshop on "Pakistan and Partition through Bengali Eyes: Elias's <i>Khwabnama</i> "
2020	JHU Alexander Grass Humanities Institute Grant for a workshop on "Pakistan and Partition through Bengali Eyes: Elias's <i>Khwabnama</i> "
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	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
2015	JHU Catalyst Award to early career faculty to support training in GIS and network analysis for research on global climate governance
2013	American Institute of Pakistan Studies Book Prize for Muslim Becoming: Aspiration and Skepticism in Pakistan (2012)
2013	Morris Offit Course Development Grant, JHU Islamic Studies Working Group, to develop course "Islam between History and Anthropology" with Todd Shepard (History) offered in Spring 2015 and reoffered Spring 2019
2012	Mellon Foundation New Directions Fellowship to support training towards climate change related research in Bangladesh

Publications

Monographs and Books (Peer Reviewed)		
"The Year of the Revolution: Students and the 2024 July Uprising in Bangladesh"		
"The Senses of Climate: Provisioning and Prophesying in the Jamuna Chars"		
"Schelling and the Romantic Method"		
Editor, Dream's Navel: Reading a Bengali Modernist Classic Akhtaruzzaman Elias's		
Khwabnama" co-edited with Firdous Azim, University Press Ltd., Bangladesh		
In Quest of a Shared Planet: Negotiating Climate from the Global South. Fordham		
University Press		
River Life and the Upspring of Nature. Duke University Press		
Muslim Becoming: Aspiration and Skepticism in Pakistan. Duke University Press		
Muslim Becoming: Aspiration and Skepticism in Pakistan. Orient Black Swan (South Asia release)		
To be republished by Folio Books, Pakistan and in English and Bangla translation by		
University Press Ltd, Bangladesh		
Editor, Beyond Crisis: Reevaluating Pakistan. In Critical Asian Studies, Routledge, India		

Special Issues of Journals (Peer Reviewed)

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Firdous Azim, special issue of <i>Inter-Asia Cultural Studies</i> 25(4) 2023 Editor, "Cross-Time Relations: The Ordinariness of Science Fiction in Anthropology Film, and Literature," co-edited with Andrew Brandel, special section of <i>Anthropology and Humanism</i> , 48(1)	у,
Editor, "The Fate of Our Corruption," special issue of <i>Contributions to Indian Sociology</i> , 49(3)	
2010 Editor, "Number as Inventive Frontier," co-edited with Jane I. Guyer and Juan Obarrio, special issue of <i>Anthropological Theory</i> , 10(1-2)	
Articles and Book Chapters (Peer Reviewed)	
2025 "Servitude and Separateness in the Time of Pandemic: Female Domestic Workers Urban Households in Bangladesh," co-written with Namira Shameem and Anishta Khan, Journal of Bangladesh Studies, April	
"Exquisite Corpse: Aesthetics of the Dead in Akhtaruzzaman Elias' Khwabnama" I special issue of Journal of Inter-Asia Cultural Studies, 25(4)	n
2023 "Iqbal before the Mosque of Cordoba: Goethean Crossings," in "Steps to a Global Thought: Thinking from Elsewhere" eds. Bhrigupati Singh, Veena Das and Sudipta Kaviraj" special issue of <i>Sophia</i> 62: 533-553	
"Introduction to the Special Section, 'Cross-Time Relations: The Ordinariness of Science Fiction in Anthropology, Film, and Literature," co-written with Andrew Brandel, in <i>Anthropology and Humanism</i> 48(1): 136-145	
2023 "Radical Householding towards a Post-Capitalist World in Kim Stanley Robinson's New York 2140 and Lionel Shriver's The Mandibles: A Family, 2029-2047" in "Cros Time Relations: The Ordinariness of Science Fiction in Anthropology, Film, and Literature," special section of Anthropology and Humanism 48(1): 188-202	SS-
2021 "Marginal Lives and the Microsociology of Overhearing in the Jamuna Chars," in <i>Ethnos</i> 85(5): 927-948	
2021 "Kant and Anthropology," Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Anthropology	
"Living Paradox in Riverine Bangladesh: Whiteheadian Perspectives on Ganga Devand 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	
*Republished in <i>Terra Aqua: The Amphibious Lifeworlds of Coastal and Maritime South Asia</i> ed. Sudipta Sen and May Joseph. Routledge (2023)	
"The fate of our corruption: An introductory note" in "The Fate of Our Corruption special issue of <i>Contributions to Indian Sociology</i> , 49(3): 287-304	າ,"
2015 "River and the Corruption of Memory" in "The Fate of Our Corruption," special is of <i>Contributions to Indian Sociology</i> , 49(3): 389-409	sue
2015 "Of What Does Self-Knowing Consist? Perspectives from Bangladesh and Pakistan Annual Review of Anthropology 44: 457-475	n" in
2014 "Dogs and Humans and What Earth Can Be: Filaments of Muslim Ecological Thougan in Hau 4(3): 245-264	ght"

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): 571-594
2010	"Introduction" in <i>Beyond Crisis: Reevaluating Pakistan</i> , Routledge: 1-28
2010	"Mosque Construction, Or the Violence of the Ordinary" in <i>Beyond Crisis:</i>
	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 <i>Anthropological Theory</i> , 10(1-2): 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 <i>Borderlands</i> , 9(3)
	http://www.borderlands.net.au/issues/vol9no3.html
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
	* Republished in a curated collection on "Everyday Islam" in <i>Cultural Anthropology</i> (2014)
	https://journal.culanth.org/index.php/ca/catalog/category/everyday-islam
	* Republished in <i>Islam and Society in Pakistan: Anthropological Perspectives</i> , eds. Ali Khan and Magnus Marsden, Oxford University Press (2011)
	* 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 (2010)
2006	"Flaws in the Flow: Roads and their Modernity in Pakistan" in <i>Social Text</i> , 24(4): 87-113
2005	"Networks Actual and Potential: Think Tanks, War Games and the Creation of Contemporary American Politics" co-authored with Bhrigupati Singh, Deborah Poole and Richard Baxstrom in <i>Theory and Event</i> , 8(4)
Articles and Book Chapters (Editor Reviewed)	
	A Book Forum on Andrew Brandel's <i>Movina Words: Literature. Memory and</i>

Forthcoming	A Book Forum on Andrew Brandel's <i>Moving Words: Literature, Memory and</i>
	Migration in Berlin, American Anthropologist
Forthcoming	A Book Forum on Naveeda Khan's River Life and the Upspring of Nature, Hau: A
	Journal of Ethnographic Theory
2025	"Make What Price They Will: Reading Jane Guyer." Forum: Remembering Jane Guyer,
	Hau: Journal of Ethnographic Theory 15(2): 542-545
2025	A Book Forum on Scott MacLochlainn The Copy Generic, History and Anthropology
	36(1): 186-216

2024	"Potencies of a Transected Sovereignty: Reflections on 'What is Critical Pakistan Studies?' in "Critical Forum: What is Critical Pakistan Studies," <i>Critical Pakistan Studies</i> 1(1), May, 4-13
2023	"The Many Faces of the Padma River in <i>Jago Hua Severa</i> and <i>Padma Nodir Majhi</i> " in <i>The Great Padma: The Epic River that Made the Bengal Delta,</i> ed. Kazi Khaleed Ashraf. Oro Editions
2022	"Climate Change as a Vocation" in "Parties to the Globe: Anthropological Perspectives on Climate Change Governance," eds. James J. A. Blair and Cynthia Isenhour, Hot Spots Series, <i>Cultural Anthropology</i> https://culanth.org/fieldsights/climate-change-as-vocation
2022	"Commentary on Land and Water Special Collection" co-written with Kunal Joshi. <i>Geoforum</i> , 131: 232-233 https://doi.org/10.1016/j.geoforum.2021.11.015
2022	"The Problem with Children in Politics: The Documentary Evidence of Climate Activism," co-written with Charles Nuermberger, <i>Anthropology in Action</i> https://doi.org/10.3167/aia.2022.290304
2021	"Between the Mood and the Juice: The Pleasures of Conversing with Rochelle Tobias" Modern Language Notes (MLN), German Issue, 136(3): 503-516
2019	"At Play with the Giants: Between the Patchy Anthropocene and Romantic Geology" in <i>Current Anthropology,</i> 60 (Supplement 20): S333-S341
2019	"What Remains? Thinking with Moffat, Kapila, Siddique, and Mookherjee" Afterward to Special Section "The Past for Pakistan" ed. Chris Moffat. In <i>Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East</i> , 39(1): 223-225
2018	"Islam in Shadows" contribution to "New Directions on Science and Islam" in SSRC Immanent Frame https://tif.ssrc.org/2018/10/04/islam-in-shadows/
2018	"From Rivers to Deltas: Some Conceptual and Methodological Routes" in <i>DELTA METHODS-Reflections on Researching Hydrosocial Lifeworlds,</i> ed. Franz Krause, Kölner Arbeitspapiere zur Ethnologie, University of Cologne, 18-21 https://kups.ub.uni-koeln.de/8961/
2017	"Teaching Climate Change Otherwise" co-written with Swayam Bagaria in <i>Teaching Climate Change in the Humanities</i> , eds. Stephanie LeMenager, Shane Hall and Stephen Siperstein, Routledge: 170-17
2017	"On Counting" contribution to Book Forum on Nayanika Mookherjee's <i>Spectral Wounds: Sexual Violence, Public Memories, and the Bangladesh War of 1971</i> , ed. Andrew Brandel, in <i>Somatosphere</i> https://somatosphere.com/forumpost/on-counting/
2016	Book Review of <i>Climate Cultures</i> eds. Jessica Barnes and Michael Dove in <i>American Ethnologist</i> , 43(4): 761-763
2016	"Expenditure" in "Theorizing the Contemporary," <i>Cultural Anthropology</i> website, July https://culanth.org/fieldsights/915-expenditure * Republished "Expenditure" for <i>Anthropocene Unseen: A Lexicon</i> , eds. Cymene Howe and Anand Pandian, Punctum Books (2020)

	https://punctumbooks.com/titles/anthropocene-unseen-a-lexicon/
2015	Editor, Book Forum-Bhrigupati Singh's Poverty and the Quest for Life, March,
	http://somatosphere.net/2015/03/book-forum-bhrigupati-singhs-poverty-and-the-
	<u>quest-for-life.html</u>
2015	"Fragile En-souling: Reading William Connolly in Pakistan and Bangladesh" in <i>Theory</i>
	and Event, 18(3)
2014	"Insect Trails Across my Field Notes" in <i>The Yearbook of Comparative Literature</i> , 58:
	169-173
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
2014	Book Review of Faisal Devji's The Muslim Zion in American Historical Review, 119:
	1663-1664
2014	Book 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 Iftikhar Dadi's Modernism and the Art of
	Muslim South Asia in Criticism: A Quarterly for Literature and the Arts, 55(2)
2013	"The Question of the Political: Thinking with Matthew Hull" Book Comment on
	Matthew Hull's Government of Paper: The Materiality of Bureaucracy in Urban
	Pakistan in Hau: Journal of Ethnographic Theory, 3(3): 411-15.
2012	Book Review of Alyssa Ayres' Speaking Like a State: Language and Nationalism in
	Pakistan in Journal of Linguistic Anthropology, 22(1): 132-134
2009	"Maulana Yusuf Ludhianvi on the Limits of Legitimate Religious Difference" in <i>Islam</i>
	in South Asia in Practice ed. Barbara Metcalf, Princeton University Press: 438-446
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

Public Facing Work

In Prep	Introduction, "An Aesthetics for the End: A Curation of Student Writings" American Ethnological Society (AES) website
Present	Blog with Bareesh Chowdhury and Shrobona Shafique Dipti, Bangladesh Dossier, The University in Turmoil: Global Perspectives, <i>b2o: Boundary 2 Online</i> , https://www.boundary2.org/the-university-in-turmoil-global-perspectives-dossier/
Present	Consultant, "More Terms for the Universe," Henry Luce Foundation Grant, headed by Mona Oraby, Howard University
Present	Affiliate, Universities Network for Climate Change (UNCC), International Center for Climate Change and Development (ICCCAD), Bangladesh
2015-Present	JHU and AAA Delegate to the Conference of Parties, UNFCCC
2025	"A Conversation with Dr. Naveeda Khan," South Asia Institute, University of Texas,
	Austin, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PMj5e-MiEEU
2025	"Riverine and Climate Discourses in Chars of Bangladesh: A Conversation with
	Naveeda Khan, Doing Sociology, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ykRHat_IXhM
2024	Blog, Field Dispatches from an Uprising: The July Movement in Bangladesh

2024	https://www.naveedakhan.org/blog/categories/field-dispatches Article, "What Really is 'Chattra Janata'?" in "The Great Wave" special edition of <i>The Daily Star Magazine</i> , October
	https://thegreatwave.thedailystar.net/news/what-really-is-chhatra-janata
2024	Participant, Public Discussion, "Water: Climate, River Life, and Spiritual Forms in South Asia," The Institute for Religion, Culture and Public Life, Columbia University, September
2024	Article, "Reading Akhteruzzaman Elias after an uprising" co-written with Firdous Azim and Naeem Mohaiemen, <i>The Daily Star</i> , September
2024	Editor, "data/Big Data in the Field" blog collection, American Ethnological Society (AES) website
	https://americanethnologist.org/online-content/collections/data-big-data-in-the-field/
2023	Radio Interview, Weekend Edition Saturday, December
	https://www.npr.org/2023/12/09/1218386076/remembering-saleemul-huq-the-
	man-who-changed-the-conversation-about-climate-chan
2023	Radio Interview, This Green Earth, November
	https://www.kpcw.org/show/this-green-earth/2023-11-21/author-shares-an-in-
	depth-ethnographic-perspective-on-climate-change
2023	Radio Interview, Morning Edition, November
	https://www.npr.org/2023/11/30/1216298922/many-countries-are-frustrated-that-
	the-u-s-isnt-doing-more-to-combat-climate-cha
2023	Podcast, Grok Science, November
	https://grokscience.wordpress.com/2023/11/22/global-environment/
2023	Interview, University Press Week organized by the Association of University Presses
	to discuss In Quest of a Shared Planet: Negotiating Climate from the Global South,
	November
2023	Podcast, <i>In Quest of a Shared Planet</i> with Phelan Center, London School of
	Economics, November
	https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/2023/11/13/the-ballpark-podcast-extra-innings-in-
2022	quest-of-a-shared-planet-with-dr-naveeda-khan/
2023	Commentary, "Loss and Damage as a Common Climate Cause" on Project Syndicate, Nov 27
	https://www.project-syndicate.org/columnist/naveeda-khan-1
	*Republished by EJ Insight, Eco-Business, Taipei Times, The Times Kuwait, AsiaNews
	Network, QOSHE, The Independent, The Nepali Times, Entebbe News.
2023	Opinion, "How did Bangladesh and the U.S. come to be at the same negotiating table
	on climate change?" in The Daily Star (national daily of Bangladesh), Nov 27
	https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/focus/news/how-did-the-us-and-bangladesh-
	come-be-the-same-negotiating-table-climate-change-3479821
2023	Podcast, In Quest of a Shared Planet with Alize Arican, host of New Books Network
	https://newbooksnetwork.com/in-quest-of-a-shared-planet, October

2023	Conversation, "Be more attentive to the workings of nature around us and through us" in <i>The Daily Star</i> (national daily of Bangladesh), July 24
	https://www.thedailystar.net/opinion/focus/news/be-more-attentive-the-workings-
	nature-around-us-and-through-us-3376951
2023	Blog Post "It Comes Down to Activists and Accountants" Fordham University Press
	Blog, June, https://www.fordhampress.com/2023/06/23/it-comes-down-to-activists-
	and-accountants/
2023	Book Discussion, <i>In Quest of a Shared Planet: Negotiating Climate from the Global South</i> Red Emma's Bookstore, May
2023	Blog Post "Legal Personhood of Rivers and the Failure of Imagination: A World Water
	Day Guest Post" Duke University Press Blog, March,
	https://dukeupress.wordpress.com/2023/03/22/legal-personhood-of-rivers-and-the-
	failure-of-imagination-a-world-water-day-guest-post-by-naveeda-khan/
2023	"By the Jamuna: A Photographic Meditation," Jamini, an Arts Journal, Bangladesh,
	https://jaminiarts.com/alongside-the-jamuna-a-photographic-mediation/
2022	Interviewed for "How Legendary Creatures Transitioned from Sea to Sky" by Rachel
	Lense for <i>The Science Writer</i> Jan 18,
	https://www.thesciencewriter.org/uncharted/understanding-legendary-unknown
2021	Presenter, "Guide to COP26," at Rachel Carson Center, Glasgow,
2021	"Embrace the Change" by Rachel Wallach on my course Picturing Climate Change,
	https://hub.jhu.edu/2021/06/21/krieger-virtual-in-person-hybrid/
2020	Editor, "Covid-19 and Student Focused Concerns" blog collection co-edited with Veena Das for <i>American Ethnological Society</i> 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 blog collection "Covid-10 and Student Focused Concerns"
	https://americanethnologist.org/online-content/collections/covid-19-and-student-
	focused-concerns-threats-and-possibilities/covid-19-and-climate-change-in-the-
	lives-of-students/
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
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,
	http://www.anthropology-news.org/index.php/2018/06/05/aaa-goes-to-the-
2010	conference-of-the-parties/
2018	American Anthropological Association (AAA) Delegate, COP Intercessional Meetings,
2010	Bonn, Germany, May. Kept a blog: https://blog.americananthro.org/category/cop23/ https://blog.americananthro.org/category/cop23/ 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
	Columbia Offiversity, New Tork City

2017	Presenter, "River Life and Climate Change in Bangladesh" Saturday University, Seattle Art Museum
2017	Podcast, <i>Cultures of Energies</i> , Center for Energy & Environmental Research in the Human Sciences at Rice University, with Dominic Boyer and Cymene Howe 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 https://www.jhunewsletter.com/article/2017/10/49098

Organized Events

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2025	"JHU Anthro $@50$ " to commemorate the 50^{th} year of the founding of anthropology at
	Johns Hopkins University, https://www.jhuanthro50.com/
2026	Workshop on "Anthropology and the Human Voice," Washington DC, February
2023	AGHI/IS sponsored Panel Discussion "Convergences: Climate Change, Health,
	Litigation" at Johns Hopkins University, November
2023	Roundtable, "Elias' Khwabnama, the Coming Community, and the Missing Peasant,"
	"New Directions in Bangladesh Studies" Pre-Conference Symposium, Annual
	Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October
2023	American Ethnological Society Spring Conference on "Indeterminacy," Princeton
	University, March
	https://americanethnologist.org/meetings/spring-conference/aes-2023-
	<u>indeterminacy/</u>
2022	Sawyer Seminar Book Symposium on Veena Das' Slum Acts, Johns Hopkins
	University, September
2022	Workshop on Akhtaruzzaman Elias' Khwabnama, Sylhet, Bangladesh, August
2022	Sawyer Online Climate Workshops "Climate Change and Institutional Imagination
	(2/11), "Forest Life, Scientific Practice, Climate Politics (3/11), "For the Sake of the
	Climate: Meditations on Retooling the Economy" (4/29) co-organized with Magnus
	O. Agnesar Sigurdsson and Perry Maddox
2021	Sawyer Online Workshops "Black Beyond Data" (9/17), "The Current Economy: A
	Book Discussion with Canay Ozden-Schilling" (10/15), "Primary Sources:
2020	Computational Intelligence, and Discovering Connections between Fields" (12/8)
2020	Livestream "In Media Res: U.S. Elections and Politics" organized on behalf of
	American Ethnological Society, for <i>Raising Our Voices:</i> AAA Virtual Event,
2020	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fWs7laKAJtc&t=108s
2020	Sawyer Online Workshop "Concepts and Data" co-organized with Veena Das, Johns Hanking University, October
2020	Hopkins University, October
2020	Online Discussion "Governance at Johns Hopkins: A Look Back" with Cathy DeAngelis
2020	and Bill Leslie, organized on behalf of Homewood Faculty Assembly
2020	Sawyer Online Panel Discussion, "Spyware and Predictive Policing: The Merging of
	Historic and Big Data," September

2020	Sawyer Panel Discussion, "The Data Environment and the New University," coorganized with Dr. Shreeharsh Kelkar (UC Berkeley), Johns Hopkins University, February
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	Conference of Party (COP23) side event "National Mechanism on Loss and Damage," sponsored to support International Center for Climate Change and Development (ICCAAD), Kanzler Hotel, Bonn

Invited Talks and Discussions

2026	Invited to give Munro Lectures, University of Edinburgh, May
2025	"Revolution and the Foreclosure of Memory" Thinking of, with, about and from Asia,
	Department of Anthropology, Columbia University, March
2024	"Famine and the Dawning of Hunger: The Bengal Famine of 1947 in Amarendro
	Ghosh's Char Qashem" Colloquium, Center for Modern Indian Studies, Georg-
	August-Universität Göttingen, December
2024	"Ensouling Hunger: Religious Perspectives on Everyday Food Insecurity in the Jamuna
	Chars" Public Lecture, "Religion and Politics Cluster," University of Münster, December
2024	Workshop on "Intro to <i>Householding on a Warming Planet</i> ", Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Münster, December
2024	Participant, Panel Discussion, "A New Bangladesh? Perspectives on Constitutional
	Transition" in the Law and Democracy Network, Bonavero Institute of Human Rights,
	Oxford University, November
2024	Participant, "Thinking from Bangladesh, Building Towards Justice: Celebration of 10
	Years of the Suber & Malini Chowdhury for Bangladesh Studies," University of
2024	California, Berkeley, October
2024	Participant, Panel Discussion, "Bangladesh's July Revolution" in the School of Foreign Services, Georgetown University, October
2024	Participant, Panel Discussion, "Muslimistan: Exploring Islam in Post-Uprising
	Bangladesh and Beyond," Organized by Shoncharon.Com, October
2024	Participant, "Honoring the Legacy of Robert L. Hardgrave, Jr.," South Asia Institute,
	University of Texas, Austin, September
2024	Participant, Leros Humanism Seminar, Organizers: Neni Panourgia, Stathis Gourgouris
	and Aamir Mufti, Leros, Greece, June
2024	"Mythological Description" co-written with Piergiogio Donatelli, Veena Das and Kunal
	Joshi for workshop "Description: The Implicit Normativity in Language and Norms of Life," organized by the "Norms of Life" International Research Network at CNRS,
	Johns Hopkins University, April

2024	"What Words and Sentences say in Climate Change Discourse" for workshop on "Description: The Implicit Normativity in Language and Norms of Life" organized by the "Norms of Life" International Research Network at CNRS, Johns Hopkins University, April
2024	"Quantities of Household, Qualities of Householding: River Life in Bangladesh" in Environmental Humanities Research Initiative, convenor Jennifer Gosetti-Ferencei, April
2024	Presenter, Panel "How to Govern the Climate" Conference "Brave New Worlds: Who Decides? Research, Risk, and Responsibility" DeLange Conference, Rice University, February
2024	Presenter, South Asia Seminar Series, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, February
2024	Book Launch, In Quest of a Shared Planet: Negotiating Climate from the Global South at Thinkfest, Lahore, January
2024	"An Anthropologist Among Historians," Talk at University of Punjab, Lahore, January
2023	"From the Jamuna Chars in Bangladesh to UN-Led Climate Negotiations: An Author Recounts Her Journal Across the Many Scales of Climate Impacts and Action" South Asia Book Talk at Georgetown University, October
2023	"Jewish Primitivism: A Book Discussion with Samuel Spinner," Johns Hopkins University, October
2023	Book Talk <i>River Life and the Upspring of Nature</i> , the Center for Global Islamic Studies, Lehigh University, September
2023	"Iqbal before the Mosque of Cordoba: Goethean Crossings" Talk, MESAAS, Columbia University, March
2023	Book Talk, River Life and the Upspring of Nature University of Zurich, March
2023	"Householding in the Time of Food Insecurity: Amarendro Ghosh's <i>Char Kashem,</i> " "Thinking the Future From Elsewhere" at Collegium Helveticum, Zurich, March
2023	Book Talk, <i>River Life and the Upspring of Nature</i> , Anthropology Seminar, Vanderbilt University, March
2023	"In Quest of a Shared Planet: Negotiating Climate From the Global South" at
	"Organizations and Sustainability" at the Stanford School of Business, January
2022	"River Life and the Ticker of Time," RCGD Winter Speaker Series "Water Ways: New Social Science, Science Studies, and Environmental Approaches to Water," University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, April 18
2022	Discussant, Vernacular Rights Culture: The Politics of Origins, Human Rights, and Gendered Struggles for Justice by Sumi Madhok, Center for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, March 11
2022	Discussant, <i>Threatening Dystopia: The Global Politics of Climate Change in Bangladesh</i> by Kasia Paprocki, NYU Center for Global Asia, February 25
2021	"What is Loss and Damage?" in "COP 26, the View from Bangladesh, Panama and from within the UNFCCC," University of Edinburgh, Nov
2021	Discussant, <i>Postcolonial Bergson</i> 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 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," Chowdhury 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	Discussant, Mubbashir Rizvi's The Ethics of Staying, Georgetown University, October
2018	Presenter, "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

Refereed Panels and Presentations

2024	"Blood Imagery in the Quota Reform Movement in Bangladesh: Flirtations with Right
	Wing Aesthetics?" in Pre-conference Symposium, "Right-Wing Aesthetic Grammars," co-organizers Radhika Govindrajan and ethiraj dattatreyan, South Asia Conference,
	Madison, October
2023	Organizer, Roundtable on Andrew Brandel's <i>Moving Words: Literature, Memory and Migration in Berlin</i> at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, November
2023	Participant, Panel "Enacting Climate Knowledge and Politics in Global Climate Institutions" American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, November
2023	Participant, Roundtable on <i>River Life and the Upspring of Nature</i> American Anthropological Association Annual meeting, November
2023	Participant, Roundtable <i>River Life and the Upspring of Nature,</i> Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, October
2021	Discussant, "Who is Responsible? Relationality in Climate Politics" American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting

2021	Discussant, "Theory as Ethics" AES Distinguished Lecture by Carole McGranahan, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting
2021	Discussant, "Regimes of Truth and Social Responsibility at the Intersection of Global Religions and the Climate Crisis," Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association
2018	"The Aesthetic Forms and Dystopic Conjurings 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, Panel "Anthropology and Wonder" organized by Laura Ogden and Andrea Ballestero, American Anthropological Association, San Jose, November
2018	Chair and Organizer, 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 "Bangladesh and the Untimely" at the Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October
2018	Chair and Discussant, "Bangladesh Studies Beyond Development: Empty Signifier or Aid Lab?" Association of Asian Studies Annual Conference, Washington DC, March

Mentoring

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2025	Eminent Scholar Mentor to Assistant Professor Ming Xie, UMBC, Emergency Disaster
	and Health Science Department
2024	Faculty Discussant "Mutant Anthropologies Graduate Student Workshop" at Rice
	University, Houston, February
2024	Senior Faculty Discussant "Junior Faculty Writing Workshop" at Lahore University of
	the Management Sciences, Lahore, January
2019	Participated in American Institute of Indian Studies run Dissertation to Book
	Workshop at the South Asia Conference in Madison, October
2017	Publishing Workshop for Young Scholars and Academics in Bangladesh, American
	Institute of Bangladesh Studies, August

Service

Service to Department

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Present	Co-convenor with Rebecca Brown (History of Art), Task Force on South Asia
	Studies at Hopkins
Present	Mentor to Junior Faculty, Sabine Mohammed and Associate Faculty, Sujung Kim
Present	Co-organizer, Department Colloquia
2023-2025	Chair, Department of Anthropology, Johns Hopkins University
2021-2022	Chair, Search Committee, Inter-Asian Anthropology Open Rank Position
2019-2023	Director of Undergraduate Studies
All years	Admission Committee
2016-2018	Mentor to Junior Faculty, Michael Degani

Service to University

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Present	Member, Executive Board, Islamic Studies Program
Present	Faculty Mentor, Bangladeshi American Students Association (BASA)
2023-2025	Member, Executive Board, American Association of University Professors (AAUP)
2021-2022	Member, Working Committee, Library Re-Design
2021	Member, Search Committee, Global Anglophone Literature, English Department
	Convener, Homewood Faculty Assembly Interdivisional Committee
2018-2020	Member, Homewood Institutional Review Board
2020	Presenter, "Social Sciences Meet the Faculty Panel" JHU Admissions, November
2020	Moderator, "Human Rights, Climate Refugees," Aronson Center Speaker Series,
	JHU, October
2017	Guest Speaker, Academics United, JHU student action against the Muslim ban
2015-2017	Member, Committee on the Status of Women
2015-2017	Member, Homewood Graduate Board
2015-2017	Member, Doctor of Philosophy Board
2013-2017	Member, Faculty Board, JHU Academic Press
Occasional	Ad Hoc Committee Member, Tenure Promotion Cases
Occasional	Proposal Reviewer, Woodrow Wilson Undergraduate Research Program
Occasional	Reviewer for Dean's Teaching Fellowships
Service to Discipline	
Present	Affiliate Faculty, The Bengal Institute for Architecture, Landscapes, Settlements,
	Bangladesh
Present	Member, Editorial Board, South Asia in Motion, Series published by Stanford
	University Press
Present	Member, Editorial Board, Power Currents: Asian Media in the World, published by
	University of Pittsburgh Press
Present	Trustee, American Institute of Bangladesh Studies
2017-Present	Reviewer, American Council for Learned Societies
2021-2023	Co-Editor, New Departures in Anthropology, Series, with Michael Lambek and
	Laura Bear, Cambridge University Press
2021	Chair, Sharon Stephens Book Prize Committee, American Ethnological Society
2019-2023	Elected counselor to the Board of the American Ethnological Society
2019-2021	Selection Committee, International Dissertation Research Fellowship Competition,
	Social Science Research Council
2019-2020	Jury Member for the Ananda Coomaraswamy Book Prize, Association for Asian
	Studies
2014-2019	Reviewer, Social Science Research Council
2007-2009	Reviewer for Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation and Post-Phd Fellowships
Occasional	Tenure Reviewer 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

Occasional Reviewer, Johns Hopkins Catalyst Grant

Occasional Reviewer, Blue Water Baltimore

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" Inaugural Chair in Tamil Studies, University of Toronto, Scarsborough

Sylvain Perdigon, 2011 (2nd Reader)

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

Associate 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" Associate Teaching Professor, Anthropology, Georgetown University

Neena Mahadev, 2013 (2nd Reader)

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

Assistant Professor, Yale-NUS College, Singapore

J. Andrew Bush, 2013 (2nd Reader)

"A Threadbare Prayer Mat: Sufi Poetry and the Textures of Everyday Life in Kurdistan" Assistant Professor, Anthropology, Bard College

Chitra Venkataramani, 2015 (3rd Reader)

"Drawn into Life: Mapping, Ecological Vision, and Development in Mumbai"
Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, National University of Singapore, Singapore

Andrew Brandel, 2016 (2nd Reader) "City of Letters: Literary Life in Berlin"
Associate Instructional Professor of the Social Sciences at the University of Chicago

Serra Hakyamez, 2016 (3rd Reader)

"Lives and Times of Militancy: Terrorism Trials, State Violence and Kurdish Political Prisoners in Post 1980 Turkey"

Assistant Professor, Anthropology and Global Studies, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

Aditi Saraf, 2016 (2nd Reader)

"Ellipses of Exchange: Freedom, Mobility and the Moral Economy in Kashmir" Assistant Teaching Professor, Cultural Anthropology, Utrecht University

Pooja Satyogi, 2016 (2nd Reader)

"Intimate Public Spaces: Policing 'Domestic Cruelty' in Women's Cells, Delhi" Faculty, Ambedkar University, Delhi, India

Caroline Block 2017 (2nd Reader)

"Rabbis, Rabbas, and Maharats: Aspiration, Innovation and Orthodoxy in American Women's Talmud Programs"

Retrained as lawyer

Bridget Kustin 2017 (Chair)

"Islamic (Micro)Finance and the Possibility of Social Justice"

Senior Research Fellow and Director, Ownership Project 2.0, Saïd Business School, Oxford University

Juan Felipe Moreno 2017 (3rd Reader)

"Living in Times of Fumigation: The Aero-Chemical State in Southwestern Columbia" Teaching Faculty, Environmental Analysis, Pitzer College

Maya Ratnam 2017 (2nd Reader)

"Dwelling in the Forest: Nature, Society and Power in Tribal Central India" Faculty, Social Sciences, Ahmedabad University

Megha Sharma Sehdev 2017 (3rd Reader)

"Interim Artifacts of Law: Interruption and Absorption in Indian Domestic Violence Cases" Lecturer, Condordia University, deceased

Fouad Halbouni, 2018 (3rd Reader)

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

EUME Postdoctoral Fellow, Forum Transregionale Studien, Berlin

Victor Kumar, 2019 (Chair)

"Poetics, Creativity and the Embeddedness of American Acupuncture" 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" Assistant Director, First Generation Office, Dartmouth University

Swayam Bagaria 2020 (2nd Reader)

"Immortal Bodies: Between Widow Burning and Hinduism"

Assistant Professor of Hindu Studies, Divinity School, Harvard University

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"

Social Worker, Think Ahead, UK

Ghazal Asif 2021 (Chair)

"Marvi's Sisters: Hindu Belonging and the Muslim State in Pakistan."

Assistant Professor, Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), Lahore

Sruti Chaganti 2021 (2nd Reader)

"Genealogies of the Juridical: Land, Law, Property"

Practicing barrister, Pune, India

Miki Chase 2022 (2nd Reader)

"Ideality and Impossibility in the Contemporary Practice of the Jain Fast Until Death"

Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Burge Abiral 2023 (3 rd Reader)

President's Postdoctoral Scholar, The Ohio State University

Tom Thornton 2023 (Chair)

"Maximum Christianity: Making Religious Life in Alabama Prisons"

Marios Falaris 2024 (2nd Reader)

"Inhabiting Masculinities: Kinship, Friendship, and Unemployment Under Military Occupation in Kashmir"

Postdoctoral Fellow, KSAS Society of Fellows in the Humanities, JHU

Sumin Myung 2024 (Chair)

"Crafting Forests, Claiming Futures: Forest Sciences and the Politics of Anthropogenic Forests in South Korea"

Faculty, Anthropology, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

Talia Katz 2025 (Third Reader)

"A Healing Stage: Violence, Self-Knowledge, and Therapeutic Theater in Israel"

Assistant Professor, Israel Studies, SUNY Binghamton

Benita Menezes 2025 (Second Reader)

"The Politics of Dispossession: Land Law, Kinship Conflicts, and Collective Action in Rural India" Writing Fellow, Johns Hopkins University

Dissertation Committee/Advisor

Heba Islam (Chair)

Perry Maddox (Chair)

Yida Jiao (Chair)

Jiwon Kim (Chair)

Sina Mirza (Chair)

Siwon Lee (Chair)

Kunal Joshi (2nd Reader)

Sophie D'Anieri (2nd Reader)

Sasha Kramer (2nd Reader)

Kaushal Bodwal (2nd Reader)

Anna Wherry (3rd Reader)

Sojung Kim (3rd Reader)

Youjoung Kim (3rd Reader)

Jonas Stark Johnson (3rd Reader)

Omotayo Adekunle Adenugba (3rd Reader)

Hosanna Fukuzawa (temporary advisor)

Courses Taught

Anthropological History, Concepts and Methods

600 Schelling and Anthropology

600 Proseminar: Evolution/History/Time

600 Defining Region

600 Methods

600 Proposal Writing

400/600: Households and Crises

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 (x5)

100 Photography in Anthropology

Anthropology of Religion and the Everyday

600 Political Theology

600 Anthropology of Religion

600 Rumors, Conspiracy Theories and Disinformation

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)

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 Households and Crises

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

300 The Political Culture of Bangladesh

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

31 Graduate Reading Courses taught; 12 Undergraduate Theses supervised;

11 Undergraduate Directed Research supervised

External examiner in dissertation committees in JHU (Environmental Engineering, Political Science, English, Earth and Planetary Sciences, Art History, Near Eastern Studies) and at international universities in Pakistan, Bangladesh, India, United Kingdom and Denmark

Affiliations

American Anthropological Association American Ethnological Society Association for Asian Studies American Association of Bangladesh Studies American Association of Pakistan Studies

The Bengal Institute for Architecture, Landscapes, Settlements International Center for Climate Change and Development

Languages

Urdu/Hindi, Bengali, beginning German