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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley

2016 - 2023

Ph.D. in English, Designated Emphasis in Critical Theory

New York University

2010 - 2014

B.A. in English and American Literature

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Notre Dame

July 2023 - present

Assistant Professor of Global Anglophone Literature, *Department of English*

Affiliated Faculty, *Gender Studies Program*

Faculty Fellow, *Liu Institute for Asia and Asian Studies*

BOOK PROJECT

ajeeb aesthetics: exploring strangeness through contemporary pakistani culture

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

"Housing Queerness in *A Case of Exploding Mangoes*." *Studies in the Novel* [forthcoming]

"Ajeeb." *Philological Encounters*, Brill. [forthcoming]

Alvi, Asad; Patel, Geeta; Khan, Mehak, et al. "Urdu Feminist Writing: New Approaches." *Words Without Borders*. 2020.

CREATIVE PUBLICATIONS

FICTION

"Jinns / جنس". Tasavvur, 2022. <https://tasavvurnama.com/jinns/>.

TRANSLATION

"Nazm." Poetic Renditions, Column 5, in *Lakeer: A Journal of Writing and Art*.

<https://lakeermag.com/prcolumn5/>.

INVITED LECTURES

"Reading Unnameable Desires in Contemporary Pakistani Film." Southern Asia Seminar, University of Chicago. January 2025.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Co-convener, "Traveling Theory." Modernist Studies Association. Chicago, November 2024.

"Ajaib-Ghar." Workshop on South Asian Untranslatables." Williams College, April 2024.

"Strange Bodies." American Comparative Literature Association. Montreal, March 2024.

- "Qandeel's Afterlives: Self-Making Through Memes in Pakistani Public Culture." *Memetics and Mimesis: The Memosphere and the Public Sphere*. Dartmouth University, February 2024.
- "Locating the Ajeeb in South Asia." Annual Conference on South Asia. University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 2023.
- "Ajeeb." South Asian Untranslatables, American Comparative Literature Association. Chicago, March 2023.
- "Reframing the Pakistani Woman." Annual Conference on South Asia. University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 2022.
- "Repeopling War: Jamil Jan Kochai's Resistance to Abstraction." American Comparative Literature Association. Online. June 2022.
- "*Cake, Churails*, and the Case for Interpretive Texts." *Placing Pakistan: Space, Time, and the Everyday*. University of Pennsylvania. Online. February 2022.
- "'Baby Please Don't Do It Again': An Aesthetics of Discomfort in Pakistani Social Media." *Interrogating South Asia*. University of California, Irvine, October 2019.
- "'The story won't tell': (Feminist) narratological approaches to videogames." Berkeley-Stanford Graduate Student Conference: Mimesis and Mutation. University of California, Berkeley, April 2018.

TEACHING

University of Notre Dame

ENGL 40970 Feeling Strange: Gender, Sexuality and the Global South	Spring 2025
ENGL 20291 Quarter Century Crisis: The Global Novel Today	Spring 2025
ENGL 30190 History of the Global Novel [co-taught with Liam Kruger]	Fall 2024
ENGL 90980 Gender, Sexuality, and the Global South	Fall 2024
ENGL 13186 Cities	Spring 2024
ENGL 40970 Feeling Strange: Gender, Sexuality and the Global South	Fall 2023
ENGL 13186 Essaying: from Montaigne to ChatGPT	Fall 2023

University of California, Berkeley

Lead Instructor

COMLIT R1B The Game of Life	Spring 2021
ENGL R1A Exiles and Everyday Life	Spring 2020
ENGL R1B (Im)personal Essays	Fall 2019

Teaching Assistant

HUM 10 Comedy and Violence	Fall 2022
LS 40E Learning from Disney	Spring 2022
ENGL 175 Literature and Disability	Spring 2022
ENGL 45C Literature in English from Mid-19th through 20th Century	Fall 2024

AWARDS AND HONORS

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, <i>UC Berkeley Graduate Division</i>	Spring 2023
Simpson Fellowship, <i>New Literary Project, Berkeley CA</i>	Spring 2023
Koshland Fellowship for Mentoring Reading and Composition Instructors, <i>UC Berkeley Graduate Division</i>	2022 - 23
Art, Ecology, and Other Earthly Matters Fellowship, <i>UC Berkeley Graduate Division</i>	Spring 2021
Remote Instruction Fellowship, <i>UC Berkeley Graduate Division</i>	Winter 2020
Interrogating South Asia Working Group, <i>University of California Humanities Research</i>	2019-20

*Initiative Grant*Magistretti Fellowship in Asian Languages, Culture, History and Society, *UC Berkeley**Graduate Division*

Fall 2016

Dean Archibald L. Bouton Award for Research in English, *New York University*

Spring 2014

Founder's Day Award, *New York University*

Spring 2014

Contemporary Literature Series Fellowship, *New York University*

2012-14

SERVICE

University of Notre Dame

Graduate Studies Committee

Fall 2024 - present

Literatures of Annihilation, Exile, and Resistance Writers Series, *Board Member*

Fall 2024 - present

Global Anglophone Area Group, *Co-Chair*

Fall 2023 - present

University of California, Berkeley

Graduate Program Committee, *Graduate Student Representative*

2020 - 2023

Pakistan Writers Series, Institute for South Asian Studies (ISAS), *Founder*

2020 - 2023

Transnational and Ethnic American Studies Working Group, *Co-Chair*

2018 - 2021

Graduate Professionalization Committee, English Graduate Association, *Co-Chair*

Fall 2016

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Faculty Success Program, National Center for Faculty Diversity and Development,

Fall 2024 - Spring

Participant

2025

LANGUAGES

English | Urdu | Punjabi

OTHER PROJECTSTassavur Magazine, *Founding Editor*

2022 - present

Dear Reader (iOS Game), *Literary Curator*

2019 - 2021

REFERENCES

Available upon request