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PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

University of British Columbia

Assistant Professor, Persianate Islamic Cultures of South Asia

2019 - present

Yale University

Singh Visiting Fellow, South Asian Studies Council

2018 - 2019

EDUCATION

University of California Los Angeles

Ph.D. in History

2018

Jawaharlal Nehru University

M.Phil. in Modern Indian History

2010

Delhi University

M.A. in History

2008

B.A. in History

2006

PUBLICATIONS

Monograph:

Life after Conquest: Afghan Pathways in Early Colonial North India (ca. 1774 – 1857)

(in progress)

Article:

“On the Road: A Novice Munshi and the Secretarial Culture of Inter-Imperial North India,”

The Indian Economic and Social History Review, December 2020.

Review Essay:

“Disentangling Persianate Selfhood from Methodological Nationalism,” *History and Theory*

61, no. 2, 2022.

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Persian: Advanced

(Dehkhoda Language Institute, 2015/ Advanced Summer Language Program, APTLII, 2012)

Urdu and Hindi: Fluent

(Advanced Summer Language Program, AIIS, 2011)

Marathi: Advanced

(Summer Language Program and Moḍī script, AIIS, 2015)

Pashto: Reading proficiency

(Indiana University Summer Language Workshop, 2020, 2021)

Arabic: Introductory

French: Introductory

SELECTED GRANTS AND HONORS

UBC Dean of Arts Faculty Research Grant	2022 – 2023
SSHRC Insight Development Grant (45,000 CAD)	2021 – 2024
Balzan Seminar Research Funds, Princeton University	2020 – 2025
UBC Asian Studies Faculty Travel Grant	2020
UCLA Dissertation Year Fellowship	2017 – 2018
AIIS “Metcalf Fellow in Indian History” Research Fellowship	2015 – 2016

INVITED SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS

“Afghan History before Afghanistan”

Islam in Afghanistan and Central Asia Speaker Series

Franklin & Marshall College, USA

“Afghans in the Persianate Age”

July, 2021

Alireza Ahmadian Lectures in Iranian and Persianate Studies

The University of British Columbia, Canada

“Women and *Qanun* under Early Colonial Rule” December, 2019
University of Pennsylvania South Asia Colloquium
The University of Pennsylvania, USA

“Claiming the Royal Gift: *Qanun* under the Company Sarkar” April, 2019
Yale South Asia Colloquium,
Yale University, USA

INVITED WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

“The Service Worlds of Farrukhabad” June 2023
The Study of the Formation, Maintenance, and Failure of States in Muslim Societies
Balzan Seminar, Italy

“Independent Soldiering under the Company Sarkar” August 2022
Indian Landscapes Workshop
Brown University, USA

“An Introduction to the Parasnis Daftar” October, 2019
University of Exeter Workshop entitled *Archives in South Asia*,
“Forms of Law in the Early Modern Persianate World” EU Project
University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA

“Documenting Loss and Vitality in Inter-imperial North India (ca.1780-1830)” June, 2017
Workshop entitled *Professions in Motion: Culture, Power, and the Politics of Mobility in Eighteenth-Century India*,
Oxford University, UK

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES

“New Wine in Old Bottles: The Final Call for a Muslim Emperor in India” 2023
Annual Conference on South Asia,
University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA

Roundtable book panel 2023
Perilous Intimacies: Debating Hindu-Muslim Friendship after Empire
Annual Conference on South Asia,
University of Wisconsin-Madison

“Mercenary Memoirs: The Written World of Military Service in Afghan North India” 2019
Association of Asian Studies Conference,
Denver, USA

- “Persian Language Epistolography in the Eighteenth-Century Maratha Polity” 2017
Seventeenth International Conference on Maharashtra: Language and Power,
University of Chicago Center, India
- “Military Service, Worldly Writing and the Passing of Indo-Afghan Politics” 2016
Annual Conference on South Asia,
University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA
- “Parasnis Letters: Official and Sub-official Epistolography in the Maratha Empire” 2016
Conference titled *Persianate Cultures of Documentation*,
Iranian Institute, University of Vienna, Austria
- “Scholarly Sociability in Late Eighteenth Century Rampur” 2016
European Conference on South Asian Studies,
University of Warsaw, Poland
- “Maratha Expansion and its Persianate Mirrors” 2016
Sixteenth International Conference on Maharashtra: Society and Culture,
Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, India
- “Marathas on the Move: Ali Ibrahim Khan’s *Tārīkh-i-Bhāv Jhankū*” 2015
South Asia Graduate Student Conference XII,
University of Chicago, USA

CHAIR/ MODERATOR

- “The Persianate Understanding of Japan” by Nile Green 2024
UBC, Alireza Ahmadian Lecture Series
- “Islamic Texts and Networks” 2022
Middle East and Islamic Consortium of British Columbia Student Conference,
UBC-V, Canada.

WORKSHOP/ CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

- Co-organizer, Interdisciplinary Histories Research Cluster Workshop 2019
Lineages of the Present in Early Modern South Asia
University of British Columbia, Canada
- Co-organizer and Presenter Yale InterAsia Workshop 2019
Mediators at the Edges of Empire
Yale University, USA

Co-organizer and Discussant, Yale Modern South Asia Workshop 2019
Yale University, USA

Co-organizer, The 3rd Annual Graduate Interdisciplinary Conference on South Asia 2018
University of California, Los Angeles, USA

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Discussant, Manufacturing Consent in Indian Media, Media and Misinformation Series
October, 2023

Co-host, Ottoman History Podcast, Episode 442.
December, 2019

TEACHING FIELDS

Islamicate South Asia, History of Colonialism, Early Modern Islamic Empires, History of
Gender and Sexuality, Social History of Music in India

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of British Columbia

Lecture Courses

Muslims in Modern South Asia
India in the Age of Revolutions
Mughal India
Afghan History

Undergraduate/ Graduate Seminar

India in the Persianate World

Yale University

Undergraduate/ Graduate Seminar

Islam in Modern South Asia (ca. 1757-1950)
India in the Age of Revolutions (ca.1707-1857)

STUDENT MENTORSHIP

Advisor, Mahnoor Ishtiyag Lone, M.A., Asian Studies, UBC (2023 completed):

“The Religion of Love (Mazhab-e 'Ishq) in the Time of Colonialism: Contradictory Articulations of Vernacular Literary Style in Eighteenth Century India”

Committee member, Archa N. Girija. Ph.D., History Department, UBC (2023, completed):
“Changing Perspectives on Indian Ocean Cityscapes: The Port City of Calicut in the Early Modern Period”

Committee member, Laura Jones, M.A., Asian Studies, UBC (2023 completed): “From Ancient Origins to Poetic Revelations: Exploring Perceptions of Yoga in Early Islamicate and Sanskrit Literatures in India, 200-1500 CE”

Committee member, Fiana Kawane, Ph.D., English Department, UBC (2022- present):
“Islamicate Lyric and Modern American Poetry”

Committee member, Arafat Safdar, M.A., Asian Studies, UBC (2020 completed):
“Criminalizing the Natives: A Study of the Criminal Tribes Act, 1871”

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

Member, Faculty Mentorship Group for Afghan graduate students at UBC via Scholars at Risk (2022 – present)

SERVICE TO THE ASIAN STUDIES DEPARTMENT, UBC

Co-organizer, Alireza Ahmadian Lectures in Iranian and Persianate Studies (2024 – ongoing)

Member, Merit Committee (2023-2024)

Member, Faculty Awards Committee (2022-23, Winter 1)

Member, Committee on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (2021-2022)

Member, Search Committee, Persian Language and Culture Instructor (2019-2020)

SERVICE TO THE FIELD

Peer reviewer, *Iranian Studies*, July 2024

Peer reviewer, *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Asian History*, October 2022

Peer reviewer, *Modern Intellectual History*, October 2022

Peer reviewer, *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, August 2022

Peer reviewer, *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, November 2019