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EDUCATION

- 2021 (projected) PhD, Anthropology, University of California-Santa Barbara
Dissertation title: "Muslim Heritage and Belonging in Leh Town, India"
Advisor: Dr. Mary Hancock
- 2015 MA, Anthropology, University of California-Santa Barbara
- 2013 BA, Anthropology and French, St. John's University, Jamaica, NY, *summa cum laude*

PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 "Introducing Ethnography in an Introduction Course," UCSB Grad Student Teaching Symposium (Santa Barbara, CA)
- 2018 "Creating Beautiful Heritage: The Leh Town Beautification Project and Ladakhi Muslim Spatial Expression," Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology (Philadelphia, PA)
"Islam in Shangri-La," UCSB Department of Anthropology Accepted Students Weekend Grad Slam (Santa Barbara, CA)
"Tales from the Field" invited roundtable, ANTH129: Ethnographic Research Methods
- 2017 "Islam in Shangri-La: Ladakhi Muslim Claims on the Multireligious City," Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (Washington, D.C.)
"Tales from the Field" invited roundtable, ANTH129: Ethnographic Research Methods
- 2016 "'Our House, Our Space': Muslim-American Spatial Production in Santa Barbara, California," Graduate Conference on Religion at UCLA (Los Angeles, CA)
- 2015 "Coffee under the Monastery: Authenticity and Religious Space in Ladakh," Annual Meeting of the Society for the Anthropology of Religion (San Diego, CA)
"Aspiring Towards Greatness: (Re)Presenting Muslim Identity in the American Urban Environment," UCSB Grad Slam (Santa Barbara, CA)
- 2013 "Churches-turned-Apartments and Gentrification in Bedford-Stuyvesant," Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Anthropology Association (College Park, MD)
- 2011–2012 "Food and Thought: The Effectiveness of NGO-Sponsored Youth Groups on Agricultural Community HIV/AIDS Awareness in Malawi," Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (Montreal, Quebec); Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Anthropology Association (Bridgewater, MA)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of California, Santa Barbara
Teaching Associate (Instructor of Record)

ANTH 2 (Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, Dept. of Anthropology, Summer 2018)
ANTH 197LS (Digital Religion and Ethnography, Dept. of Anthropology, Spring 2016)

Teaching Assistant

ANTH 2, Lead TA (Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, Dept. of Anthropology, 2014-2019)

EARTH7 (Dinosaurs, Dept. of Earth Sciences, 2014)

St. John's University, NY

Global Language and Culture Center, Tutor

French I-IV, FRE3870/3880 (Advanced French Language and Composition, 2012-2013)

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

- 2019 UC Berkeley Urdu Language Program in Pakistan (BULPIP) Fellowship, funded for study at LUMS, Lahore, Pakistan
UCSB Public Humanities Fellowship
- 2017 UCSB Department of Anthropology Sociocultural Graduate Student Research Grant, funded for preliminary research in Ladakh, India
UCSB Interdisciplinary Humanities Center Graduate Collaborative Project Award, funded for the 2018 Borderlands Graduate Student Conference
- 2016 FLAS Fellowship, Urdu language study at UW-Madison South Asian Summer Language Institute; University of Washington
- 2015 UCSB Crossroads Fellowship: "Conflict and Accommodation in the Global Borderlands"
UCSB Department of Anthropology Sociocultural Graduate Student Research Grant, funded for preliminary research in Ladakh, India
- 2014 UCSB Department of Anthropology Sociocultural Graduate Student Research Grant, funded for preliminary research in Ladakh, India
FLAS Fellowship, Urdu language study at UW-Madison South Asian Summer Language Institute; UW-Madison
- 2013 UCSB Graduate Opportunity Fellowship
- 2012 John Holohan Spirit and Dedication Award
- 2011 St. John's GAAP Summer Research Grant, funded for research in Lilongwe, Malawi
- 2010 Jeannette K. Watson Fellowship

SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Treasurer and Membership Secretary, International Association of Ladakh Studies (2019-present)

Operations Officer: Borderlands Graduate Student Conference, UCSB (April 2018)

Co-Convener: AGSA Anthropology Department Graduate Student Symposium, UCSB (May 2016)

Finance Officer: "Forging Faith(s) in Global Borderlands" Graduate Conference, UCSB (March 2016)

Co-Convener: "Spirits of the City: Refabulations, Mobilities, Underscapes" Graduate Conference, UCSB (May 2015)

Graduate Research Assistant: Urban Religions UC Multicampus Research Group (2013-2015)

Member: American Anthropology Association; International Association of Ladakh Studies; Society for the Anthropology of Religion; Society for Applied Anthropology

RESEARCH INTERESTS

heritage, interreligious and multireligious spatial practice, Islam, urban aspiration, spatial production, urban religions, Ladakh, American religious practice, digital space

LANGUAGES

French (advanced); Hindi and Urdu (conversational); Ladakhi (basic)