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## **ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

**St. John's University, New York**  
Associate Professor of History,  
September 2022 – present

Assistant Professor of History,  
July 2016 – August 2022

**Rider University, New Jersey,**  
Assistant Professor of History,  
September 2015 – June 2016

**Wheaton College, Massachusetts,**  
Visiting Assistant Professor of History,  
September 2014 – June 2015

## **EDUCATION**

**Tufts University, Medford, MA**  
Ph.D. in South Asian History, 2014

**Jamia Millia University, New Delhi, India**  
M.A. in Medieval Indian History, 1996

**Jamia Millia University, New Delhi, India**  
B.A. (Honors) in History, 1994

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Book**

*Kashmir in the Aftermath of Partition*, Cambridge University Press, 2021.

- Awarded John F Richards Book Prize, American Historical Association, 2022.
- Awarded Berkshire Women Historians Book Prize, 2022.
- Shortlisted for the South Asian Studies Association of Australia's President's Book Prize, 2022.

## **Peer-Reviewed Chapters & Articles**

**Partitioned Homeland: Redefining Self-determination in Pakistan-Administered Kashmir.** In Sarah Ansari, Ian Talbot & Udit Sen (eds.), *Routledge Handbook on Partition*. Routledge, (forthcoming 2027).

**Kashmir and the Limits of the Nation-State Model: Towards Layered and Shared Sovereignty.** *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*, by invitation, (forthcoming 2026).

**Land Question in Kashmir: Limitations of the Settler-Colonial Framework.** In Sugata Bose & Ayesha Jalal (eds.), *Empire, Nation, Federation: South Asian Freedom in Global Perspective*. Routledge, 2025, pp. 151–176.

**British Kashmiri Workers: Solidarity Networks and Dreams for ‘Home’ and Freedom.** In Cabeiri Robinson, Mona Bhan & Haley Duschinski (eds.), *Palgrave’s New Directions in Kashmir Studies*. Palgrave, 2023, pp. 231–245.

**Artificial Borders: Kashmiri Belonging in the Aftermath of Partition.** *Asian Affairs* 53 (2), 2022, pp. 395–415. DOI: 10.1080/03068374.2022.2096313

**Kashmiri Imaginings of Freedom in the Global Arenas.** In Ayesha Jalal & Sugata Bose (eds.), *Kashmir and the Future of South Asia*. Bloomsbury, 2021, pp. 116–138.

**Mapping Kashmiri Visions of Freedom: The Past and the Present.** In Chitralekha Zutshi (ed.), *New Perspectives on Kashmir: History, Representation, and Politics*. Cambridge University Press, 2017, pp. 89–110.

### **Reference Works / Encyclopedia Entries**

**State Subject Question in Kashmir.** *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Asian History*, 27 February 2024. <https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190277727.013.776>

**Indira Gandhi.** In Candice Goucher (ed.), *Women Who Changed the World: Their Lives, Challenges, and Accomplishments through History*. ABC-CLIO, 2021, pp. 387–395.

**Benazir Bhutto.** In Candice Goucher (ed.), *Women Who Changed the World: Their Lives, Challenges, and Accomplishments through History*. ABC-CLIO, 2021, pp. 151–160.

**Sri Lankan Migrants in Staten Island.** In Reed Ueda (ed.), *America’s Changing Neighborhoods: An Encyclopedia of New Faces of Diversity and Ethnicity*. ABC-CLIO, 2017, pp. 1062–1066.

### **Book Reviews**

Stephen M. Lyon’s “Political Kinship in Pakistan,” *Contemporary South Asia*, Vol 29, Issue 3, 2021, <https://doi.org/10.1080/09584935.2021.1958097>

Radhika Gupta, “Freedom in Captivity: Negotiations and Belonging Along Kashmir’s Frontier, *Asian Affairs*, 54 (4): 2023, 798–800. <https://doi.org/10.1080/03068374.2023.2279457>

Feroz Hassan Khan, “Subcontinent Adrift: Strategic Futures of South Asia” *Pacific Affairs*, 2024, Volume 97 – No. 3, April 2024

Review of Lubna Kanwal’s, “The Role of Punjab in Pakistan’s Politics: 1947-88” in *Dissertation*

*Reviews*, January 25, 2016.

<http://dissertationreviews.org/punjab-in-pakistans-politics/>

## **ORAL HISTORY & COMMUNITY-BASED RESEARCH**

### **Gender, Labor, and Migration: Community-Engaged Oral Histories of South Asian Immigrant Women in New York**

Presidential Grant, Russell Sage Foundation (2024–2026)

- Led community-engaged oral history research, with student assistance, collecting and curating interviews with low-wage South Asian immigrant women in collaboration with Sapna NYC, Asiyah Women's Center, and Adhikaar.

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

Vincentian Research Fellow, Vincentian Center for Church and Society, St. John's University, September 2024- September 2026.

Academic Center for Equity and Inclusion (ACEI) Inclusive Teaching Fellow, St. John's University, Fall 2023 & Spring 2024.

Critical Race and Ethnic Studies (CRES) Curriculum Fellow, Spring and Fall, 2022.

Summer Support of Research, St. John's University, 2022. CRES Community Research Partnership Grant, 2022.

Summer Support of Research, St. John's University, 2017.

Dean's Dissertation Fellowship, Center for Humanities, Tufts University, 2012-2013.

American Institute of Pakistan Studies Fellowship, 2011-2012.

Tufts Global Leadership Program Research Grant, 2011-2012.

Dean's Summer Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Tufts University, 2010.

Tufts Research Grant, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Tufts University, 2010.

## **INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PAPERS**

“Land Question in Kashmir: Limitations of the Settler Colonial Framework,”

Invited Speaker, “South Asia Seminar Series,” Emory University, Atlanta, GA

November 11, 2024

“Partitioned Homeland: Reimagining Kashmiri Self-Determination,”

Invited Panelist “Dialectics of Control: An Inter-Asian Perspective, Chinese University of Hong Kong, May 23-24, 2024.

“War of Succession: Partition and Decolonization,”

Discussant, Columbia University, New York, NY, April 28, 2023.

“Voices From the Margins: South Asian Immigrants in New York,”

Panelist, St. John's University, Community Research Partnerships Grant Program, Queens, NY, April 26, 2023

“Kashmiri Self-Determination: Past and Present”

Panelist at the Empire, Nation, Federation: South Asia's Freedom In Global Perspective, Harvard-Tufts Conference on the 75th Anniversary of Independence and Partition, Cambridge, MA, April 7-April 9, 2023

“Transnationalism and Solidarity Networks among the British Kashmiri Diaspora”  
Home, Homeland, and Belonging Workshop, Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study, Amsterdam. 14 July 2022.

“New Books in South Asia Panel”  
Panelist at the Law Society Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, July 15, 2022.

“Kashmir: Home and Homeland in the Aftermath of Partition”  
Home, Homeland, and Belonging Project, co-sponsored by Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University; Queens Mary University of London; University of California, Los Angeles; Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study, Amsterdam, 26 January 2022.

“Citizenship, Belonging and Partition of India”  
Invited Panelist at the Symposium organized by the Institute of Humanities and Global Cultures, University of Virginia & The Royal Society of Asian Affairs, Charlottesville, VA, April 9, 2021.

“Kashmiri Diaspora and Imaginings of Freedom”  
Association for Asian Studies, March 21-26, 2021

“Kashmir in the Aftermath of Partition”  
Book launch discussion at the New York Center for Global Asia, New York University, NY, February 12, 2021.

“Dynamics of Cities in Asian Studies”  
Presented a Paper at the New England Association for Asian Studies Conference, October 17, 2020.

“Movement”  
Presented a Paper at the New York Conference for Asian Studies, SUNY, New Paltz, New York, October 4-5, 2019.

“Kashmir Beyond Annexation”  
Participated in a discussion at the Center of South Asian and Indian Ocean Studies at Tufts University, Medford, MA, September 24, 2019.

“Peace in Asia: Past, Present and Possible”  
Presented a Paper at the Mid-Atlantic Association for Asian Studies Conference, Elizabethtown College, PA, November 3-4, 2018.

“The Hidden Narratives of Partition”  
Invited Panelist at the South Asian Millennials Conference, Columbia University, New York, February 2-3, 2018.

“Family, Immigration, and History: Grade 10 Citizen Archivists in the Digital Age,” Invited Panelist at a workshop sponsored by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, St. John’s University, July 24-28, 2018.

“Freedom’s Open Wound”  
Invited Panelist at an international conference organized by Tufts University, October 6-7, 2017.

“Nation Building and Conflict Resolution in Asia,”  
Invited Panelist at an international conference organized by the College of William and Mary in Washington, D.C, October 21, 2016.

“The Forgotten Conflict of Kashmir”  
Invited talk at Simmons College, Boston, Massachusetts, April 21, 2016.

“Kashmir in the Aftermath of Decolonization”

New York Conference on Asian Studies, Vassar College, New York, October 16- 17, 2015.

“Kashmiri Understandings of Freedom: Ancient Texts and Islamic Universalism”

New England Association for Asian Studies Academic Conference, University of Connecticut, October 4, 2014.

“The Malala Phenomenon”

Invited Panelist at the New York University (NYU) Steinhardt International Education Event, September 19, 2014.

“Meanings of Freedom in Princely State of Jammu and Kashmir,”

Center for Humanities, Tufts University, April 2, 2013.

## **TEACHING**

### **Undergraduate Courses**

Decolonization in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century

Democracy in South Asia

Globalization in the Indian Ocean Arena

Contemporary South Asia

History of Colonial South Asia

Islam and Politics in South Asia.

The Emergence of Global Society

History of Resistance in South Asia

Migrations from South Asia

### **Graduate Courses**

Colonialism in South Asia

## **SERVICE TO THE FIELD**

John F. Richards Book Prize Committee, American Historical Association, 2025–2027.

Manuscript and grant reviewer for journals, presses, and foundations including Humanities and Social Sciences Communications (Springer Nature), South Asian History and Culture (Taylor & Francis), Diaspora: A Journal of Transnational Studies (University of Toronto Press), Pacific Affairs (University of British Columbia), Yale University Press, Cambridge University Press, Routledge, Palgrave Macmillan, Manohar Publishers, and the Russell Sage Foundation.

## **ACADEMIC & INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE**

**Mentor**, Mission Mentoring Program, Mission Initiatives (Spring 2026–Spring 2027).

**Inclusive Teaching Fellow**, Academic Center for Equity & Inclusion (ACEI) (Fall 2023–Spring 2024).

**Member**, Personnel and Budget Committee (Fall 2024–Present).

**Member**, Undergraduate Education Policy Committee, Department Level (September 2019–September 2025).

**Member**, Liberal Arts Faculty Council, College Level (September 2016–September 2020; September 2023–Present).

## **LANGUAGES**

Urdu / Hindi  
Kashmiri