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NAVEEDA KHAN

EMPLOYMENT

Present 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, 1995*
1992-1993 Staff Anthropologist, *Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC), Dhaka,
Bangladesh*
1992 Public Information Officer, *United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
(UNHCR), Dhaka, Bangladesh*

EDUCATION

2003 *Ph.D., Anthropology
Columbia University, New York*
1995 *M.A., Anthropology
New School for Social Research, New York*
1992 *B.A., History, cum laude
Vassar College, New York*

TIMELINE

2017

Published Paper and Book Chapter

“On Counting” contribution to Somatosphere Book Forum on Nayanika Mookherjee’s *Spectral Wounds: Sexual Violence, Public Memories, and the Bangladesh War of 1971*. Edited by Andrew Brandel. February 11, 2017

“Teaching Climate Change Otherwise” co-written with Swayam Bagaria (graduate student, JHU), *Teaching Climate Change in the Humanities* editors Stephanie LeMenager, Shane Hall and Stephen Siperstein. Routledge, 2017: 170-176

Invited Presentations

Participant, Wenner Gren Foundation Symposium on “Patchy Anthropocene: Frenzies and Afterlives of Violent Simplifications.” Organized by Anna Tsing, Nils Bubandt and Andrew Matthews. Scheduled for September 2017

“Madness as an Augur of Extinction” South Asia Studies, Columbia University, February 2017
“Towards a Romantic Anthropology: River Life and Climate Change in Bangladesh” Program in Critical Theory, University of California, Berkeley, January 2017

March 2017

“Some Trouble with Cows: Household Perspectives on Climate Change” South Asia Center, Stanford University Press, January 2017

Publications In Preparation and Under Review

Towards a Romantic Anthropology: River Life and Climate Change in Bangladesh. Manuscript in final stages of preparation to submit for review

“The Flow Form of Elections on the Sand Bars of the Jamuna River” solicited for *Generations: Emerging Thoughts on Bangladesh* editors Nusrat S. Chowdhury and Lotte Hoek. Submitted for review.

“When a River is an Earthquake” In preparation for Wenner Gren Foundation Symposium on “Patchy Anthropocene: Frenzies and Afterlives of Violent Simplifications”

“The Call to Islam and Early Warning Systems in Bangladesh: The Mutual Absorption of the Religious, the Political, and the Natural” In preparation

Listening in on the COPs: Climate Governance in the 21st Century. Manuscript in preparation

Fielding Photographs: An Anthropologist with a Camera in Riparian Bangladesh. Manuscript in preparation

Research Study and Travel

JHU Delegate, Conference of Parties (COP) 23, Bonn, Germany, November 2017

Accompany, assist and study the work of U.S. seismologists from Columbia University, Vanderbilt University and University of North Carolina on their research visit to Bangladesh. Scheduled for October 2017

Visiting Fellow, The Bengal Institute for Architecture, Landscapes, Settlements, Dhaka, Bangladesh. Scheduled for August 2017

Registered for Online Course on GeoSpatial Analysis in Anthropology, University of Florida, May-June 2017

Recognition

“By the Book Award” to Rochelle Tobias, Deborah Poole and myself by the JHU Office of Sustainability for our work in incorporating interdisciplinary environmental topics into coursework and discussions.

2016

Published Paper and Book Review

“Living Paradox in Riverine Bangladesh: Whiteheadian Perspectives on Khidr, the Prophet in Green” in “An Amphibious Anthropology: Contested Water in Contested Landscapes,” special issue of *Anthropologica* 58(2), 2016: 179-192

Review of *Climate Cultures* eds. Jessica Barnes and Michael Dove, *American Ethnologist*, 43(4), 2016: 761-763

Invited Presentations

March 2017

Presenter on the theme of “Material Environments of Islam” at the Sawyer Seminar “When the Fringe Dwarfs the Center: Vernacular Islam Beyond the Arab World” at Vanderbilt University, February 2016

Participant, Book Discussion on Nayanika Mookherjee’s *The Spectral Wound: Sexual Violence, Public Memories, and the Bangladesh War of 1971*, Johns Hopkins University, February 2016.
Organized by Andrew Brandel

Discussant, “Islam and the Modern State” Graduate Student Conference, Northwestern University, April 2016

Organized Event

The Critical Climate Thinking Speaker Series. Co-organized with Rochelle Tobias (GRLL, JHU) and Deborah Poole (Anthropology, JHU). Funded by The Alexander Grass Humanities Institute, Johns Hopkins University (2016-2017)

Research Travel

JHU Delegate, Conference of Parties (COP) 22, Marrakech, Morocco, November 2017

Mentoring Effort

With permission of the Dean of Undergraduate Studies, JHU, mentored an advanced graduate student towards planning and co-teaching an upper level undergraduate course titled “The Romantic Legacy of Anthropology”

2015

Award

The Johns Hopkins Catalyst Award, to early career faculty to support new research on GIS and Remote Sensing on Riparian Life in Bangladesh

Published Papers and Special Issues of Journals

Editor, “The Fate of Our Corruption,” special issue of *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, 49(3), 2015

“Corruption: A Conceptual Note.” In *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, 49(3), 2015: 287-304

“River and the Corruption of Memory.” In *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, 49(3), 2015: 389-409

“Of What Does Self-Knowing Consist? Perspectives from Bangladesh and Pakistan” in *Annual Review of Anthropology* 44, 2015: 457-475

“Fragile En-souling: Reading William Connolly in Pakistan and Bangladesh” in *Theory and Event* 18(3), 2015

Editor, Book Forum on Bhri Gupta Singh’s *Poverty and the Quest for Life*, March 3, 2015

<http://somatosphere.net/2015/03/book-forum-bhri-gupta-singhs-poverty-and-the-quest-for-life.html>

Invited Presentations

March 2017

Presenter, “Religious and Climate Change in Comparative Regional Perspective” Center for Latin American and Latino Studies, American University, July 2015

“Living Paradox in Riverine Bangladesh: Whiteheadian Perspectives on Khidr, the Prophet in Green” in the Claremont Conference on Whitehead and Ecology, June 2015

Presenter, “Rethinking Race and the Anthropocene” University of Oregon, May 2015

Presenter, “In Nature’s Wake: The Art and Politics of Environmental Crisis.” Lannan Symposium, Georgetown University, March 2015

“The Call to Islam and Early Warning Systems in Bangladesh: The Mutual Absorption of the Religious, the Political, and the Natural” and “The Flow Forms of Elections on the Sand Bars of the Jamuna River” at the University of California, Santa Cruz Cultural Studies Program and the Program for Emerging Worlds, January 2015

Organized Event

Workshop “Climate Change and its Challenges to the Scholarly Habitus,” Museum d’histoire naturelle – Paris, Co-organized with Rochelle Tobias (GRLL, JHU) and Romain Simenel (IRD, PALOC, Paris) December 2015, on the occasion of the Conference of Parties (COP) 21

Research Travel

Served as JHU delegate to COP21, Paris, France.

2014

Published Papers, Book Chapter, Reviews and Interview

“Dogs and Humans and What Earth Can Be: Filaments of Muslim Ecological Thought” in *Hau* 4(3), 2014: 245-264

“Insect Trails Across my Field Notes” *The Yearbook of Comparative Literature*. Vol. 58, 2012: 169-173 (published 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, 2014, 288-299

Review of Faisal Devji’s *The Muslim Zion*” in *American Historical Review*, 119, 2014: 1663-1664

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), 2014: 544-546

“Of Children and *Jinns*: An Inquiry into an Unexpected Friendship During Uncertain Times” *Cultural Anthropology* 21(6), May 2006, pp. 234-264

Republished in a curated collection on *Everyday Islam* in *Cultural Anthropology*
http://www.culanth.org/curated_collections/19-everyday-islam 2014

“Interview” on a curated collection on Everyday Islam, *Cultural Anthropology* December 2014
http://www.culanth.org/curated_collections/19-everyday-islam

Refereed Sessions

“Impersonal and Islam” Co-organized with Setrag Manoukian at the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC, November 2014

“The Call to Islam and Early Warning Systems in Bangladesh: The Mutual Absorption of the Religious, the Political, and the Natural” in “Impersonal and Islam” at AAA, Washington DC, November 2014

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“A Roundtable Discussion on Bhriupati Singh’s *Poverty and the Quest for Life.*” Organized at the AAA, Washington DC, November 2014

“Cow Kisses, Come, Burps and Farts” in “Animal, Mineral, Vegetable” at the South Asia Feminist Pre-conference organized by Priti Ramamurthy and Naisargi Dave, Madison, November 2014.

“Neighboring Madness” in “In Other Place” organized by Chad Haines at the South Asia Conference, Madison, November 2014.

Discussant, “Science, Imagination, Improvisation in South Asia” organized by Bharat Venkat at the South Asia Conference, Madison, November 2014.

Invited Presentations

“From Aspiration to Ensoulment: From the Politics of Muslim Becoming to the Politics of Climate Change” in “*The Fragility of Things: A Symposium in honor of Bill Connolly,*” 25 April, 2014.

“The Call to Islam and Early Warning Systems in Bangladesh: The Mutual Absorption of the Religious, the Political, and the Natural” on panel “The Impersonal in Islam” at the Institute of Islamic Studies Sixty Years of Excellence Conference, McGill University, March 14-15, 2014.

“The Dystopic in Fights over Land in the Belly of the River” workshop “Futures Imperfect: Utopias and Dystopias in South Asia” at Brandeis University, March 7-8, 2014.

“The Fluvial System in the Making of a Science of Morality” workshop “Science Studies as Area Studies” at Duke University, 28 February, 2014.

“The Scandal of Seasonality: Household Perspectives on Climate Change” at the Watson Institute, Brown University, November 2014

“The Call to Islam and Early Warning Systems in Bangladesh: The Mutual Absorption of the Religious, the Political, and the Natural” DHAR India Studies Program, Indiana University, Bloomington, September 2014

“From Aspiration to Ensoulment: From the Politics of Muslim Becoming to the Politics of Climate Change” and “The Call to Islam and Early Warning Systems in Bangladesh: The Mutual Absorption of the Religious, the Political, and the Natural.” at Arrhaus University and Copenhagen University, 9-11 April, 2014

“The Flow Forms of Elections on the Sand Bars of the Jamuna River” Department of Sociology and Anthropology at North Carolina State University, 21 February 2014

2013

Awards and Grants

The American Institute of Pakistan Studies Book Prize for *Muslim Becoming: Aspiration and Skepticism in Pakistan* (2012)

Morris Offit Course Development Grant, Islamic Studies Working Group, Johns Hopkins University, to develop a new course “Islam between History and Anthropology” with Todd Sheppard (History), offered in Spring 2015. To be re-offered in Fall 2018

Published Review

March 2017

“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), Spring 2013

Refereed Sessions

“A Roundtable Discussion on Naveeda Khan’s *Muslim Becoming: Aspiration and Skepticism in Pakistan*,” organized by Veena Das and Andrew Brandel. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, November 2013

Discussant, “Scarcity, Adequacy, Excess: Watery Values and The Materiality of Politics” organized by Maira Hayat and Andrea Ballestero, Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, November 2013

Invited Presentations

“Dogs and Humans and What Silt Wants to Be” Monday Colloquium, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago, 7 October, 2013

“Dogs and Humans and What Silts Wants to Be: The Claims and Limits of the Non-Human in the Jamuna” Department of Anthropology, University of Virginia, 1 February 2013

“Witnessing and the Corruption of Memory: The River in the Lives of Titash’s Fishermen and Jamuna’s Farmers” presentation to graduate students of the departments of Anthropology, Environmental Sciences and the South Asia Program, The University of Virginia, 31 January 2013.

New Competencies

Took courses at JHU Krieger and Whiting Schools in Geography and Environmental Sciences, Earth and Planetary Systems and German Naturphilosophie as part of The Andrew Mellon New Directions Fellowship.

2012

Award

The Andrew Mellon New Directions Fellowship, to fund new training towards carrying out climate change related research in Bangladesh, 2012-2017

Published Books, Reviews and Interview

Muslim Becoming: Aspiration and Skepticism in Pakistan. Duke University Press, June 2012

Muslim Becoming: Aspiration and Skepticism in Pakistan. Orient Black Swan, September 2012 (South Asia release)

Review of Alyssa Ayres’ *Speaking Like a State: Language and Nationalism in Pakistan* in *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology*, 22(1), June 2012: 132-134

“Becoming Muslim” by Christine Stutz, for the Magazine of Johns Hopkins Arts and Sciences, 10(1), Fall 2012

<http://krieger.jhu.edu/magazine/2012/11/becoming-muslim/>

Refereed Sessions

March 2017

“Politics and the Eventedness of Nature,” invited session co-organized with Deborah Poole, Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, November 2012.

“The Flow Form of Elections on the Sand Bars of the Jamuna River,” American Ethnological Society and Association for Political and Legal Anthropology invited session “Politics and the Eventedness of Nature,” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, November 2012

“Corruption and the Everyday,” The Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, October 2012.

“Witnessing and the Corruption of Memory: The River in Tagore and Ghatak,” session “Corruption and the Everyday,” The Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, October 2012

“Listening in on the COPs: Climate Change Knowledge in Three Scales,” session “Sensing the Turbulent World: Perspectives on Producing Development and Climate Change Knowledge,” Initiative on Climate Adaptation Research and Understanding through the Social Sciences (ICARUS III) Conference, New York, May 2012

“Riparians Ponder the Death of the River,” session “Making Moral, Political and Existential Worlds in South Asia” organized by Sarah Lamb, Annual Meeting of the Society for Cultural Anthropology, Providence, May 2012

Invited Presentations

“Of Men and Dogs or What Silt Wants to Be” workshop “Emotional Elements” organized by Katrin Pahl, Women, Gender, Sexuality, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, November 2012

Research Presentation, Department of Anthropology, Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK, 26/27 November 2012

“The City as the Sacred within Oneself: Reading *Shahabnama*,” conference “The Sacred and the City: Religious Imagination and Everyday Enchantments in the South Asian City,” organized by Thomas Blom Hansen, Center for South Asia, Stanford University, October 2012

“Beyond Exception: Aversive Thinking and Recent Constitutional Exercises in Bangladesh and Pakistan,” conference “Emergent Scholarship on Pakistan,” organized by Kamran Asdar Ali, South Asia Institute, University of Texas-Austin, September 2012

“The Frontier of the Soul and the Bengali Muslim,” Center for India and South Asia Seminar Series, University of California, Los Angeles, June 2012

“Sensing the Turbulent World: Perspectives on Producing Development and Climate Change Knowledge,” Initiative on Climate Adaptation Research and Understanding through the Social Sciences (ICARUS III) Conference, New York, May 2012.

“The Spatial Determinants of Living on Moving Land,” Boas Speaker Series, Anthropology Department, Columbia University, New York, April 2012

“Steps To a Muslim Ecological Consciousness,” “Islam in Asia” seminar series, Asia Center, Harvard University, Boston, March 2012

Public lecture, American Institute of Bangladesh Studies, Dhaka, Bangladesh, January 2012

Organized Events

Islamic Studies and the Literary Imagination, co-organized with Niloofar Haeri, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, November 2012.

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Research Travel

9 months of participant observation and fieldwork on silt islands in Bangladesh (2011-2012)

2011

Research Grants

Post-PhD Research Grant, The Wenner-Gren Foundation, to fund research in Bangladesh

Research Fellowship, American Institute for Bangladesh Studies, to fund research in Bangladesh

Published Papers

“Geddes in India: Town Planning, Plant Sentience, Cooperative Evolution” *Environment and Planning (D)* 29(5), 2011: 840-856

“The Acoustics of Muslim Striving: Loudspeaker Use in Ritual Practice in Pakistan” *Comparative Studies on Society and History (CSSH)*, 53(3), July 2011: 571-594

Refereed Sessions

“Becoming Dog: Living on/as Transitional States of Matter,” session “Thinking NatureCulture through Transitional States of Matter,” organized by Stuart McLean, Annual Meeting of the Society for Cultural Anthropology, Santa Fe, May 2011

Invited Presentation

“We Want the Death of the River: Steps Towards an Ambivalent Muslim Ecological Consciousness,” conference “Islam in Modern South Asia” organized by Robin Jeffrey, National University of Singapore, Singapore, August 2011

“What Counts as Community Based Adaptation?” conference “Water, Waves and Weather: Climate Change and the Future of South Asia” sponsored by the BRAC Development Institute and the American Institute of Bangladesh Studies in Dhaka, Bangladesh, July 2011

“If Land Moves: The Spatial Challenges of Living on Silt Islands on the Jamuna,” *Mongolbarer Shabha*, Forum for Architecture, Dhaka, Bangladesh, July 2011

“The Status of ‘Nature’ in the Anthropocene: Some Genealogical and Anthropological Reflections,” Center for Environmental and Geographical Information Systems, Dhaka, Bangladesh, July 2011

“Death in the Time of Climate Change: Some Perspectives from Riparian Bangladesh,” ICARUS II Conference on “Climate Vulnerability and Adaptation,” Ann Arbor, Michigan, May 2011

“Speaking Universally: Tracks between Iqbal’s Philosophy and Historical Anthropology,” W. H. Rivers Workshop on “Anthropology and Philosophy: Affinities and Antagonisms,” co-organized by A. Kleinman, M. Jackson, B. Singh and V. Das, Harvard University, Cambridge, April 2011

“Death in the Time of Climate Change: Some Perspectives from Riparian Bangladesh,” DOGEE Seminar Series, the Department of Geography and Environmental Engineering, Johns Hopkins University, March 2011

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2010

Research Grant

Franklin Research Grant, American Philosophical Association, to fund preliminary research in Bangladesh

Published Papers, Book and Special Issues of Journals

Editor, *Beyond Crisis: Reevaluating Pakistan*, in *Critical Asian Studies*, Routledge, 2010

“Introduction” *Beyond Crisis: Reevaluating Pakistan*, Routledge, 2010, pp.1-28

“Mosque Construction, Or the Violence of the Ordinary” *Beyond Crisis: Reevaluating Pakistan*, Routledge, 2010, pp. 482-518

Co-editor with Jane I. Guyer and Juan Obarrio of “Number as Inventive Frontier,” special issue of *Anthropological Theory* 10(1-2), May 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 *Anthropological Theory*, 10(1-2) May 2010: 36-61

“Nineteen: A Story” in “Number as Inventive Frontier,” special issue of *Anthropological Theory*, May 2010: 112-122

“Images that come Unbidden: Some Thoughts on the Danish Cartoon Controversy” special issue of *Borderlands on Religion and Sexuality*, 9(3), 2010

<http://www.borderlands.net.au/issues/vol9no3.html>

Refereed Sessions

“The Quality of Green of Al-Khizr,” session “The Society of the Living and the Dead,” organized by Stuart McLean, Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, December 2010

Discussant, session “Living with Uncertainty,” co-organized by Don Selby and Sameena Mulla, Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Philadelphia, December 2010

“The Braid: The Politics of River Training in Bangladesh,” session “Debating Technology: The State and Infrastructure in South Asia,” organized by Sharika Thiranagama, The Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, October 2010

Invited Presentations

Book Launch of *Beyond Crisis* ed. Naveeda Khan, Lahore, Pakistan sponsored by the American Institute of Pakistan Studies, December 2010

“Riotous Images and the Proliferation of Sin: Another Look at the Danish Cartoon Controversy,” Pathways Working Group of the BRAC Development Institute, Dhaka, August 2010

“Crisis and Beyond: Re-evaluating Pakistan” a book discussion on *Beyond Crisis* ed. Naveeda Khan, organizer Biju Mathews, Left Forum, May 2010

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2009

Published Paper

“Maulana Yusuf Ludhianvi on the Limits of Legitimate Religious Difference” in *Islam in South Asia in Practice* ed. Barbara Metcalf, Princeton University Press, 2009, pp. 438-446

Invited Presentations

“Beyond Exception? Aversive Thinking within Constitutionalism in South Asia,” plenary session “Law, Violence and Exception,” Law and Social Sciences Research Network Conference, Pune, India, December 2010.

“Political Theology of Dog Becoming: Islam and Everyday Life in Riparian Bangladesh,” conference “Transcending Binaries: A Conference on the Politics of Islam in South Asia,” BRAC Development Institute, Dhaka, Bangladesh, December 2010

“Parts to Whole: The Anthropology of Climate Change,” the *Futures Seminar*, Department of Anthropology, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, November 2010

“Historical Anthropology and Productive Directions in the Study of Religion,” the *Futures Seminar*, Department of History, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, December 2010

“Riotous Images and the Proliferation of Sin: Another Look at the Danish Cartoon Controversy,” conference *Religion/Sexuality: Politics/Affect*, Women, Gender, Sexuality, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, September 2009

“Nineteen: A Story,” conference *Beauty in the Worlds of Islam*, organized by Syed Akbar Hyder, South Asia Institute, University of Texas-Austin, April 2009

“What Happens to Sound over the Loudspeaker? Ruminations on the Azan in Postcolonial Pakistan,” Institute of Islamic Studies, McGill University, Montreal, March 2009

Organized Event

Workshop on Public Numbers, co-organized with Jane Guyer and Juan Obarrio, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, November 2009

2008

Conference Grants

The Wenner-Gren Foundation, jointly applied with Jane Guyer and Juan Obarrio to fund conference “Number as Inventive Frontier”

National Science Foundation, jointly applied with Jane Guyer and Juan Obarrioto fund conference “Number as Inventive Frontier”

Published Paper, Book Chapter and Blog Commentary

“The Martyrdom of Mosques: Imagery and Iconoclasm in Modern Pakistan” in *Enchantments of Modernity* ed. Saurabh Dube, Routledge, 2008, pp. 372-401

March 2017

“The Speech of Generals: Some Meditations on Pakistan” refereed and posted on the SSRC Forum *Pakistan in Crisis* January 2, 2008
<http://www.ssrc.org/pakistancrisis>

Refereed Sessions

“The Speech of Generals,” session “South Asia Studies in Anthropology,” co-organized by Akhil Gupta and Veena Das, Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC, November 2007

Invited Presentations

“Iqbal’s Significance for Pakistan: Mythmaking and the Secular,” conference *State Management of Religion in Pakistan*, organized by Humeira Iqtidar, Cambridge University, Cambridge, October 2008

“Savage Gardens: The Mythmaking Potential of Patrick Geddes,” Department of South Asian Languages and Literature, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, February 2008.

“Passage of a Promise: Muslim Perfectionism and Sectarianism in Pakistan,” School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Washington DC, February 2008.

Organized Event

Number as Inventive Frontier, co-organized with Jane Guyer and Juan Obarrio, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, May 2008

2007

Invited Presentation

“Iqbal and the Lineaments of Muslim Perfectionism in Pakistan,” Stanford Humanities Center, March 2007

2006

Conference Grants

American Institute of Pakistan Studies, to fund conference *Beyond Crisis: A Critical Second Look at Pakistan*

The Office of the Dean of Academic Affairs, Johns Hopkins University, to fund conference *Beyond Crisis: A Critical Second Look at Pakistan*

Published Papers and Book Chapter

“Of Children and *Jinns*: An Inquiry into an Unexpected Friendship During Uncertain Times” *Cultural Anthropology* 21(6), May 2006, pp. 234-264

Republished in a curated collection on *Everyday Islam* in *Cultural Anthropology*
http://www.culanth.org/curated_collections/19-everyday-islam 2014

March 2017

Republished in *Islam and Society in Pakistan: Anthropological Perspectives*, eds. Ali Khan and Magnus Marsden, Oxford, 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

“Flaws in the Flow: Roads and their Modernity in Pakistan” *Social Text* 24(4): Winter 2006, pp. 87-113

Refereed Sessions

“Inheriting Islam: The Call to Prayer and the Ordinary Voice of Tradition,” session “From Cyber to the Grave: Making and Marking Muslim Space,” organized by Anna Bigelow, Annual Conference of the American Academy of Religion, Washington DC, November 2006

“The Martyrdom of Mosques: Imagery and Iconoclasm in Modern Pakistan,” session “Public and Counter-public in South Asia,” co-organized by Sarah Lamb and Diane Mines, Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, November 2006

Organized “*Life and Words: A Roundtable Discussion with Veena Das*,” invited session, Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, November 2006

Invited Presentations

“The Figure of the Mulla or the Calamity of Speech,” public forum *Pakistan at the Crossroads*, Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida, October 2006

2005

Research Grant

Franklin Research Grant, American Philosophical Association, to fund research for book manuscript *Muslim Becoming*, Summer 2005

Published Papers

“Networks Actual and Potential: Think Tanks, War Games and the Creation of Contemporary American Politics” co-authored with Bhri Gupta Singh, Deborah Poole and Richard Baxstrom, *Theory and Event*, 8(4), September 2005

“Trespasses of the State: Ministering the Copyright to Theological Dilemmas” *Bare Acts*, Sarai Reader 5, (CSDS, Delhi, 2005), pp. 178-188

http://www.sarai.net/publications/readers/05-bare-acts/01_naveeda.pdf

Online Presence

Video Interview with Shuddhabrata Sengupta, *Sarai-CSDS* (with pdf) on the occasion of conference *Contested Commons, Trespassing Publics*, SARAI, New Delhi, January 2005

<http://pad.ma/MN/info>

<http://www.sarai.net/publications/occasional/contested-commons-trespassing-publics-a-public-record/interview.pdf>

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Invited Presentations

What is it to Build a Mosque or the Violence of the Ordinary,” conference *Invisible Histories: The Politics of Placing the Past*,” organized by Vazira Zamindar, International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World, Amsterdam, September 2005

“Flaws in the Flow: Roads and their Modernity in Pakistan,” conference *Of Mediums and Motored Ways: The Social Lives of Transit Networks*, organized by Lisa Mitchell, University of Washington, Seattle, May 2005

“Trespasses of the State: Ministering the Copyright to Theological Dilemmas,” conference *Religion and Globalization II: Newness and Tradition*, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, April 2005

“Trespasses of the State: Ministering the Copyright to Theological Dilemmas,” conference, *Contested Commons, Trespassing Publics*, SARAI, New Delhi, January 2005

Organized Events

Religion and Globalization II: Newness and Tradition, co-organized with Jane Guyer, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, April 2005

2004

Refereed Session

“Children and *Jinns*: An Inquiry into an Unusual Friendship during Uncertain Times in Pakistan”, session “Trans-versing the Public and the Private,” organized by Ruby Lal, The Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, October 2004

Invited Presentation

"Networks Actual and Potential: A Discussion on Think Tanks, War Games, and the Creation of Contemporary American Politics," public presentation of the Info-Politics Subgroup, The Coming Community, Anthropology, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, October 2004

"Children and *Jinns*: An Inquiry into an Unusual Friendship during Uncertain Times in Pakistan," Department of Anthropology, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, April 2004.

"The Martyrdom of Mosques: The Politics of Time in Pakistan," Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, April 2004.

"Embodying the *Mulla*: Parody and Play in Everyday Life," Department of Anthropology, University of North-Carolina, Chapel Hill, February 2004

Discussant, *Future/Tense: Time and Politics*, Graduate Student Conference, Anthropology, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, February 2004

SERVICE

Service to Department

Mentor to Junior Faculty: Professor Michael Degani

Admissions Committee, all years.

Director of Graduate Studies, 2014-2017

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Organizer, Seminar Series, Anthropology, Johns Hopkins University 2006-2008; co-organizer 2008-2010, 2012, 2014.

Graduate Student Advisor, Anthropology, Johns Hopkins University, 2007-2010.

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Anthropology, Johns Hopkins University, 2010-2011.

Founding Organizer, Dissertation Proposal Writing Workshop (now a graduate course), Department of Anthropology, Johns Hopkins University, 2003-2006.

Service to University

Member, Board of Directors, Environment, Energy, Sustainability and Health Institute (E2SHI), present.

Member, Board of Directors, International Studies, present

Member, Board of Directors, Islamic Studies Center, present

Member, Committee on the Status of Women, present

Member, Homewood Graduate Board, present

Member, Doctor of Philosophy Board, present

Member, Faculty Board, Johns Hopkins University Press. 2014-2017

Member, University-wide Faculty Advisory Committee on International Activities (FACIA), 2012-2016

Guest Speaker, Academics United, JHU student action against the Muslim ban, 2017

Guest Speaker, Shia-Sunni Dialogue, organized by the Johns Hopkins University Muslim Association, April 5, 2013.

Islamic Studies Working Group, Johns Hopkins University, 2012-2014.

Proposal Reviewer, Woodrow Wilson Undergraduate Research Program, Johns Hopkins University.

Reviewer for Dean's Teaching Fellowships, Johns Hopkins University, 2007-2009.

Board Member, Evolution, Cognition & Culture Project, Johns Hopkins University, 2007-2011.

Service to Discipline

Associate, The Bengal Institute for Architecture, Landscapes, Settlements, Bangladesh

Member, Editorial Board, *South Asia in Motion*, Series published by Stanford University Press

Occasional Reviewer for *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* and Oxford University Press (Pakistan Division)

Trustee, American Institute of Bangladesh Studies, present

Reviewer for Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation and Post-Phd Fellowships, 2007-2009, American Philosophical Society and SSRC 2014-present. ACLU

Tenure Review for Other Universities

TEACHING AND ADVISING

PhD Committees

Simone Taubenberger 2008

March 2017

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