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## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

I am a human geographer working at the intersection of political ecology/economy, political geography, development studies, and the history and politics of South Asia. My research queries how the spatiality of state power shapes, and is shaped by, transnational and transregional processes such as drone war, transboundary rivers, and/or uneven capitalist development. Specific areas of research and teaching interest include:

- politics of water development
- drone war and imperialism
- infrastructures, uneven development, and state formation
- Marxism, postcolonial theory, theories of the state
- Pakistan and South Asia

## EDUCATION

- 2013. PhD Geography (Minor: History), University of Arizona
  - Dissertation: *The Geopolitics of Infrastructure: Development, Expertise, and Nation on the Indus Rivers* (Advisor: Dr. Paul Robbins). Reviewed [here](#).
- 2007. MSc Economics, Lahore University of Management Sciences (Lahore, Pakistan)
- 2004. BS Industrial Engineering (Minor: Economics), Georgia Institute of Technology

## EMPLOYMENT

- 2013 - present. Assistant Professor of Geography, Indiana University – Bloomington (IUB)
- 2007-2009. Exploration Economist, ENI Pakistan (Karachi, Pakistan).

# RESEARCH

## PEER REVIEWED JOURNALS

### *Published/In press/Accepted*

- **Akhter, M.** (2015). Dams as a climate change adaptation strategy: The geopolitical implications for Pakistan. *Strategic Analysis* 39(6): 744-748.
- **Akhter, M.** (2015). Infrastructure nation: State space, hegemony, and hydraulic regionalism in Pakistan. *Antipode* 47(4): 849-870.
- **Akhter, M.**, and Ormerod, K. (2015). The irrigation technozone: State power, expertise, and agrarian development in the U.S. West and British Punjab, 1880-1920. *Geoforum* 60: 123-132.
- **Akhter, M.** (2015). The hydropolitical Cold War: The Indus Waters Treaty and state formation in Pakistan. *Political Geography* 46 (3): 65-75.
- Shaw, I.G.R., and **Akhter, M.** (2014). The dronification of state violence. *Critical Asian Studies* 46(2): 211-234.
- Basu, P., Pawson, E., **Akhter, M.**, Palmer, D., & Mervine, V. M. (2014). Connecting high school and university teachers in national and international contexts *Journal of Geography in Higher Education* 38(1): 40-48.
- Shaw, I.G.R., and **Akhter, M.** (2012). The unbearable humanness of drone warfare in FATA, Pakistan. *Antipode* 44(4): 1490-1509.
- **Akhter, M.**, Ormerod, K., and Scott, C.A. (2010). Lost in translation: Resilience, social agency, and water planning in Tucson, Arizona. *Critical Planning* (17): 46-66.

### *In review*

- **Akhter, M.** Desiring the data state in the Indus Basin. Under review in the *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*. Minor revisions submitted: Oct 3, 2016.
- **Akhter, M.** Towards a geopolitical economy of drone warfare. Under review at *Progress in Human Geography*. Revised and resubmitted: July 16, 2016.

### *In preparation*

- Akhter, M. "Another Kalabagh" in Pakistan? Peripheralization, infrastructural memory, and the emergent politics of the New Silk Road. For submission to *Environment and Planning D*

- Akhter, M. Infrastructures of internationalism in the memoirs of “Dada” Amir Haider Khan. For submission to *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East*
- Akhter, M. Provincialize yourself: Rethinking “World Regional Geography” for an internationalist campus. For submission to *Professional Geographer*

## PUBLIC GEOGRAPHY

### *White Papers*

- Mustafa, D., **Akhter, M.**, and N. Nasrallah. (2013). Understanding Pakistan’s Water/Security Nexus. *Peaceworks* 88. Washington D.C.: United States Institute of Peace. [Peer reviewed]

### *Commentary*

- **Akhter, M.** (2017). Scarcity and security in the Indus Basin in Pakistan. In Adeel, Z. and Wirsing, R. (eds). *Imagining Industan: Overcoming water insecurity in the Indus Basin*. Springer: New York. 21-33.
- **Akhter, M.** (2016). Water security in South Asia: Between state and society. *Georgetown Journal of Asian Affairs* 3(1): 37-41. Available [here](#).
- **Akhter, M.** (2015). Infrastructures of colonialism and resistance. *Tanqeed* (9): 81-85. Available [here](#).
- **Akhter, M.** (2014). Electrifying development. *Tanqeed* Available [here](#).
- **Akhter, M.** (2014). State, society and power: Towards a new political economy of Pakistan. *Economic and Political Weekly* 49(26/27): 49-50.
- **Akhter, M.** (2013). The geopolitics of dam design on the Indus. *Economic and Political Weekly* 48(19): 24-26
- **Akhter, M.** (2012). Floods are not (just) natural. *Tanqeed* (2) Available [here](#).
- **Akhter, M.** (2012). (April 26). Doctors’ strikes and democracy. *Dawn* Available [here](#).
- **Akhter, M.** (2012). (February 14). Indus and the ‘territorial trap’. *Dawn* Available [here](#).
- **Akhter, M.** (2012). The politics of sovereignty in Pakistan. *Economic and Political Weekly* 47(2): 17-19.
- **Akhter, M.** (2010). More on the sharing of the Indus Waters. *Economic and Political Weekly* 45(17): 99-100.

### *Pedagogical Materials*

- Smothers-Marcello, J., Osen, L., Gaur, M., Chatterjee, N., and **Akhter, M.** (2012). Water Resources case study: How do market forces shape the management and distribution of potable water? In Solem, M., Klein, P., Muñiz-Solari, O., and Ray, W., eds., AAG Center for Global Geography Education. Available from <http://globalgeography.aag.org>.

### **BOOK REVIEWS**

- **Akhter, M.** (2016). Book Review: Lifeblood: Oil, Freedom, and the Forces of Capital. (by Matt Huber, 2014, University of Minnesota Press). *Human Geography* 9(1): 99-101.
- **Akhter, M.** (2015). Book Review: Infrastructure Redux: Crisis, Progress in Industrial Pakistan and Beyond (by Nausheen Anwar, 2015, Palgrave Macmillan). *Contemporary South Asia* 23(4): 487-488.
- **Akhter, M.** (2015). Geographies of money, generosity, and organized disassembly. Book Review: Disassembly Required: A Field Guide to Actually Existing Capitalism (by Geoff Mann, 2013, AK Press). *Capitalism Nature Socialism* 26(2): 114-117.
- **Akhter, M.** (2015). Writing neoliberal waters. Book Review Essay: Where the Waters Divide: Neoliberalism, White Privilege, and Environmental Racism in Canada (by Michael Masarchenhas, 2014, Lexington Books) and Neoliberalism and Water: Complicating the Story of Reforms in Maharashtra (by Priya Sangameswaran, 2014, Orient Blackswan). *Dialectical Anthropology* 39(2): 233-238.
- **Akhter, M.** (2013). Writing the Mughal State as a spatial process. Book Review Essay: Mughal Warfare: Indian Frontiers and High Roads to Empire, 1500-1700 (by Jos Gommans, 2002, Routledge), Making Space: Sufis and Settlers in Early Modern India (by Nile Green, 2012, Oxford University Press) and State and Locality in Mughal India: Power Relations in Western India, c 1572-1730 (by Farhat Hasan, 2002, Cambridge University Press). *Economic and Political Weekly* 48(40): 31-36.
- **Akhter, M.** (2013). Book Review: The Politics of Immigration: Questions and Answers (by J. Guskin and D. Wilson, 2007, Monthly Review Press). *Transforming Anthropology* 21(1): 94-96.
- **Akhter, M.** (2012). The politics of Islam and democracy in Pakistan. Book Review Essay: Pakistan: Democracy, Terrorism and the Building of a Nation (by Iftikhar Malik, 2010, Olive

Branch Press) and The State of Islam: Culture and Cold War Politics in Pakistan (by Saadia Toor, 2011, Pluto Press). *Critical Asian Studies* 44(3): 499-504.

- **Akhter, M.** (2012). Book Review: Water: Asia's New Battleground (by Brahma Chellaney, 2011, Georgetown University Press). Published online by *Antipode* at: <http://antipodefoundation.org/book-reviews/>
- Scott, C.A., and **Akhter, M.** (2010). Book Review: Taming the Anarchy: Groundwater Governance in South Asia (by T. Shah, 2009, RFF Press). *Human Ecology* 38(4): 581-582.

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2015. Antipode Foundation International Workshop Grant: \$12,000 (w/ Ishan Ashutosh, Olimpia Rosenthal, and Anu Sabhlok).
- 2015. IUB School of Global and International Studies Summer Institute Grant: \$50,000 (w/ Hamid Ekbia)
- 2015. IUB New Frontiers in the Arts & Humanities - New Currents Award: \$13,269. (w/ Olimpia Rosenthal and Ishan Ashutosh)
- 2015. IUB College Arts & Humanities Institute Conference Grant: \$9,000. (w/ Olimpia Rosenthal and Ishan Ashutosh)
- 2015. IUB College of Arts and Sciences Ostrom Grant: \$3500. (w/ Olimpia Rosenthal and Ishan Ashutosh).
- 2014. IUB Online Course Development Fellowship: \$13,000
- 2014. IUB Sustainability Course Development Fellowship (with Darren Ficklin): \$6,000
- 2011. U of Arizona Social and Behavioral Science Research Institute Dissertation Grant: \$800
- 2010. SSRC Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship: \$5,000
- 2010. Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute Pre-Dissertation Grant: \$600

## EXTERNAL INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

- October, 2016. Panel on Water and Globalization. Department of Humanities and Social Sciences. Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. Terre Haute IN, USA.
- June, 2016. Institute for Critical Social Inquiry Seminar "Why Marx Today?", convened by Gayatri Spivak. The New School. New York NY, USA.

- June, 2016. Infrastructures of internationalism: The politics of mobility in the memoirs of Amir Haider Khan. *Conference on Cities and Citizenship*. Singapore University of Technology and Design. Singapore.
- May, 2016. The Indus as infrastructural fix: A critical regionalist perspective on the New Silk Road. *SSRC InterAsian Connections V: Seoul*. Social Science Research Council InterAsia. Seoul, Korea.
- April, 2016. The Indus as infrastructural fix: A Pakistani perspective on the New Silk Road. *Annual University of Michigan Pakistan Conference*. Ann Arbor MI, USA.
- March, 2016. Indus unraveled: Forging hegemony through national infrastructure in Pakistan. Department of Geography, University of California – Berkeley. Berkeley CA, USA.
- March, 2016. Techno-geographies of the Global South: Analyzing and narrating the emergent spaces of uneven development. Department of Geography, University of Toronto. Toronto ON, Canada.
- March, 2016. Desiring the data state: Technocratic nationalism in Pakistan. The Center for Asian Research, York University. Toronto ON, Canada.
- Feb, 2016. The Indus as infrastructural fix: A regionalist perspective on the New Silk Road. Department of Anthropology, Georgetown University. Washington, D.C., USA.
- October, 2015. The long hydraulic partition: Towards a political orography in the Indus Basin. *Junior Scholars Conference on Pakistan*. American Institute of Pakistan Studies. Madison WI, USA.
- September, 2015. Water security and scarcity in the Pakistani Indus. *Imagining Industan: Overcoming water insecurity in the Indus Basin*. Authors' Workshop. Hamilton ON, Canada. [unable to attend - participation via Skype]
- August, 2015. The geopolitical economy of large infrastructures. *Infrastructures: Provocations towards an interdisciplinary dialogue*. Conference hosted by the National University of Singapore. Singapore. [unable to attend - participation via Skype]
- May, 2015. Scarcity and security on the Indus. *Environmental Cooperation Across Borders*. Conference hosted by the Charles Wilson Chair in Pakistan Studies at the University of Texas. Austin TX, USA. [unable to attend - participation via Skype]
- Feb, 2015. The long hydraulic partition: Securing water and remaking national space in India and Pakistan. *Pakistan: Beyond the Security State*. Institute of International Studies, the Institute of

South Asian Studies, and the Berkeley Pakistan Initiative at the University of California. Berkeley CA, USA.

- October, 2014. Infrastructure nation: State space, hegemony, and hydraulic regionalism in Pakistan. Department of Geography and Geosciences, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign [Co-sponsored by Social Dimensions of Environmental Policy and the Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies]. Urbana-Champaign IL, USA.
- November, 2013. The politics of measurement: Telemetry and trust in Pakistan's river system. Department of Geography, Syracuse University. Syracuse NY, USA.
- September, 2013. Water Security and Conflict Prevention Trust organization meeting. United States Institute of Peace. Washington D.C., USA.
- July, 2012. Policy implications of the Baglihar Decision. *Foreman Christian College Public Policy Speaker Series*. Lahore, Pakistan.
- July, 2012. Hydropolitics of the Indus Water Treaty: Baglihar and beyond. *Conference on Water Politics of Punjab*. Hosted by Workers Party Pakistan. Lahore, Pakistan.

#### **CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP/PANEL PRESENTATIONS**

- October, 2016. Desiring the data state in the Indus Basin. *Interdisciplinary Workshop on Water, Technology, and the Nation-State*. School of Environment, Education, and Development. The University of Manchester. Manchester, United Kingdom.
- April, 2015. Infrastructure nationalism: State space, hegemony, and hydraulic regionalism in Pakistan. *Conference of the AAG*. Chicago IL, USA.
- April, 2015. Panelist for "Postcolonial and Posthumanist Geographies". *Conference of the AAG*. Chicago IL, USA.
- March, 2015. The long hydraulic partition: Securing water and remaking national space in India and Pakistan. *Association for Asian Studies Annual Conference*. Chicago IL, USA.
- October, 2014. Imaginative geographies of downstream: Pakistan, India, and the Indus. *Imagining Alternative Modernities: Interventions from the Balkans and South Asia*. Ohio State University Sawyer Seminar Conference. Columbus OH, USA.
- April, 2014. Invited panelist for "Author Meets Critics: Geoff Mann's Disassembly required: A field guide to actually existing capitalism". Conference of the AAG. Tampa FL, USA.

- April, 2014. Cold War infrastructures: Financing and contesting the Indus Basin Plan, 1960-1970. *Association of American Geographers Annual Conference*. Tampa FL, USA.
- April, 2014. State, capital, and expertise: Financing and contesting the Indus Basin Plan, 1960-1970. *Conference on The Political Economy of Social Transformation in Pakistan*. Sarah Lawrence College. Bronxville NY, USA.
- March 2014. The long techno-hydraulic partition: Making and remaking national space in India and Pakistan. *Infrastructural worlds: A workshop on ethnographic studies of the built environment*. Duke University. Durham NC, USA.
- October, 2013. Who's downstream now? Engineering nationalism in Pakistan. *Annual Conference on South Asia*. Madison WI, USA.
- September, 2013. Developing the river, securing the nation: The passive revolution in 1960s Pakistan. *Rethinking Marxism International Conference*. University of Massachusetts. Amherst MA, USA.
- April, 2013. Constructing and contesting the Pakistani nation: the Indus Basin Project, 1960-1974. *Association of American Geographers Annual Conference*. Los Angeles CA, USA.
- November, 2012. The Geopolitics of downstream: The Baglihar Decision and the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960. *Critical Geography Conference*. Chapel Hill NC, USA.
- March, 2012. Center for Global Geography Education Workshop on *Internationalizing Geography Education: A Focus on India and South Asia*. Association of American Geographers and The Indian Institute of Geographical Studies. Bangalore, India.
- October, 2011. Understanding the contradictions of the Indus Water Treaty of 1960. *Annual Conference on South Asia*. Madison WI, USA.
- May, 2011. The engineer as law: Water and expertise in Pakistan. *Annual Conference of the University of Ottawa Graduate Students in Law Association: Law, Place, and Space*. Ottawa ON, Canada.
- April, 2011. Contentious cartographies of water development: Delegitimizing the Indus Water Treaty of 1960. *Association of American Geographers Annual Conference: Law, State, and Space panel*. Seattle WA, USA.
- April, 2010. States and rivers: A historical-geographical analysis of the Indus waterscape. *Association of American Geographers Annual Conference: Mini-Conference on South Asia*. Washington D.C., USA.



- March, 2010. Hydraulic infrastructure of the Indus waterscape: A historical-geographical perspective. *American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference*. Portland OR, USA.
- October, 2009. The spatial distribution of wheat yields in transnational Punjab. *Association of Pacific Coast Geographers Annual Meeting*. San Diego CA, USA.

## **TEACHING**

### **STUDENT RESEARCH COMMITTEES**

#### *Ph.D. Supervisor*

- Aijaz Ahmad. Ph.D. Geography and English. (in progress)
- Edgar Espinoza. Ph.D. Geography. (in progress)
- Landon Yoder, Ph.D. Geography. (co-Supervisor ) (in progress)

#### *Ph.D. Committee Participation*

- Frank Marshalek. Ph.D. Geography, 2016.
- Amy Savener. Ph.D. Geography, 2016.
- Kate Bishop. Ph.D. Geography and Anthropology, 2015.
- Mark Chatarpal. Ph.D. Anthropology. (in progress).
- Alexis Saba. Ph.D. Education. (in progress)
- Beth Ciaravolo. Ph.D. Geography. (in progress)
- Nian Liu. Ph.D. Geography.(in progress)

#### *MA Committee Participation*

- Curtis Pomilla. MA. Geography, 2015.
- Jimmy Andrade. MA. Geography (in progress).
- Daniel Johnston. MA. Geography (in progress).

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

#### *Indiana University – Bloomington*

- GEOG 417/517: Geography of Development
- GEOG 463/563: Political Geographies of South Asia

- GEOG 453/553: Water and Society
- GEOG 347: Water Security and Sustainability (w/ Darren Ficklin)
- GEOG 311: Political Geography
- GEOG 208: Environment and Society
- GEOG 120: World Regions

*University of Arizona*

- GEOG 455: Geopolitics of South Asia
- GEOG 373: Political Geography
- GEOG 367: Population Geography
- NATS 101: Introduction to Physical Geography

*Beaconhouse National University (Lahore, Pakistan)*

- SLA 400: History and Political Economy of Punjab
- SLA 102: Pakistan Studies

**INDEPENDENT READINGS SUPERVISED**

- 2016, Fall. Political geography of Pakistan. With Sikander Shah (Law and Democracy)
- 2015, Fall. Political ecology of water. With Landon Yoder (Geography)
- 2015, Fall. Marxist theory and methods. With Michael Montesano (Comparative Literature) and Monica Morrison (Philosophy)
- 2015, Summer. Agrarian political economy of South Asia. With Abdul Aijaz (Geography)
- 2014, Spring. Political geography of migration in the US. With Nian Liu (Geography)

**READING GROUPS ORGANIZED**

- 2015, Fall. Karl Marx, *Grundrisse*. (6 faculty and students)
- 2015, Spring. Frantz Fanon. *Black Skin White Masks, A Dying Colonialism and The Wretched of the Earth* (5 faculty and graduate students)
- 2014, Fall. Karl Marx, *Capital*, Vol. 2. (5 faculty and graduate students)
- 2014, Summer. Antonio Gramsci, *Selections from the Prison Notebooks*. (10 faculty and graduate students)

- 2014, Spring. Karl Marx, *Grundrisse*. (12 faculty and graduate students)
- 2013, Fall. Karl Marx, *Capital*, Vol.1. (12 faculty and graduate students)

## TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS

- 2016, September. IU Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning (CITL) workshop: “Switching perspectives and encouraging intellectual diversity: Moving students beyond ‘Me’”
- 2016, August. IU CITL workshop: “Teaching with Cases Online”.
- 2016, June. IU CITL workshop: “Introduction to Teaching with Cases.”
- 2014, June. IU CITL Development Institute: “Backward Course Design”.
- 2014, April. IU CITL workshop: “The Potential of Primary Sources: Engaging Undergraduates in Archives and Special Collections Research.”

## SERVICE

### NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

#### *Conferences organized*

- December, 2015. *Comparative Subalternities*. Gurgaon/New Delhi, India (w/ Ishan Ashutosh, Olimpia Rosenthal, Andres Guzman, and Anu Sabhlok).  
<http://www.comparativesubalternities.com>
- July, 2015. *Reconfiguring Global Space: The Geography, Politics, and Ethics of Drone Warfare*. Bloomington IN. (w/ Hamid Ekbia). [www.dronewarinstitute.org](http://www.dronewarinstitute.org)
- April, 2015. *Race, Place, and Capital in Postcolonial Studies: An Inter-disciplinary Tricontinental Symposium*. Bloomington IN. (w/ Olimpia Rosenthal and Ishan Ashutosh). [www.raceplaceandcapital.com](http://www.raceplaceandcapital.com)

#### *Conference sessions/panels organized*

- March, 2016. State, resistance, landscape: A panel discussion with James C. Scott. Organized as part of J.C. Scott’s Patten Lectureship at Indiana University.
- April, 2016. What is to be done with World Regional Geography? Panel at the *Annual Conference of the AAG*. San Francisco, CA. (with Conor Harrison).

- June, 2015. Roads, rails, canals and cables: Physical infrastructures in Marx. *Marx's Capital: The Basement Tapes*. The 2015 Institute on Culture and Society and the Marxist Literary Group. Washington D.C., USA.
- July, 2014. Organized and introduced a forum on “Political economy of Pakistan” in *Economic and Political Weekly* 49(26/27): 49-57.
- April, 2014. Doing Marxist geography: The relevance of Capital, Vol.1. *Annual Conference of the AAG*. Tampa FL.
- April, 2014. Technological power and expert authority in and beyond the state. *Annual Conference of the AAG*. Tampa FL. (with Claude Peloquin).
- March, 2014. Geographies of infrastructure: Struggle, planning, and national space. (3-part session). *Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference*. University of Kentucky. Lexington KY. (with Kerri Jean Ormerod)
- April 2013. Technoscience, nature, and the state in the postcolony. *Annual Conference of the AAG*. Los Angeles CA. (with Claude Peloquin)

#### *Invited discussant*

- April, 2016. Objects of security at war. 3-part session at *Annual Conference of the AAG*. San Francisco, CA.

#### *Scholarly Referee/Reviewer*

- African Journal of Political Science and International Relations
- Antipode
- Brill Publishers
- Capitalism Nature Socialism
- Contemporary South Asia
- Environmental History
- Geoforum
- Human Ecology
- Hydrology and Earth Systems Sciences
- International Journal of Water Resources Development
- International Political Sociology

- Journal of Historical Geography
- Journal of South Asian Development
- Oxford University Press (textbook division)
- Progress in Development Studies
- Security Dialogue
- Space and Polity
- Water History
- Water International

#### *Grant Referee/Reviewer*

- Social Science Research Council: Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship
- National Institute of Water Resources/United States Geological Survey: National Competitive Grant Program

#### *Media engagements*

- 2015. Invited interview on Interchange (WFHB) to discuss the conference on drone war at Indiana University that I co-organized. Available as podcast:  
<http://wfhb.org/news/interchange-drones-at-liberty-part-one/>
- 2015. Invited interview on Interchange (WFHB) to discuss my paper on drone war in *Critical Asian Studies*. Available as podcast:  
<http://wfhb.org/news/interchange-terror-skies-the-drone-as-judge-and-jury/>
- 2013. Invited discussant on policy forum regarding water/security nexus in Pakistan. United States Institute of Peace. Washington, D.C.
- 2012. *The News on Sunday*, interviewed in “Political Economy” section regarding transboundary waters issues in Pakistan. (March 11).

### *Research interviews*

- 2016, July. Indus basin water security issues. Interviewed by Usmaan Farouqi, University of Massachusetts – Amherst, USA.
- 2015, October. Indus Basin water security issues. Interviewed by Jessica Williams, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
- 2015, July. Indus Basin water security issues. Interviewed by Kristina Roic, McMaster University, Canada

### *Professional Associations*

- American Institute of Pakistan Studies
- Association for Asian Studies
- Association of American Geographers

## **DEPARTMENTAL AND CAMPUS SERVICE**

### *Indiana University – Bloomington*

- Cross-Campus Affiliations
  - 2016-2017, International Affairs Committee of Bloomington Faculty Council
  - 2013 - . Core Faculty, Dhar India Studies Program
    - 2016 – 2018, Member of Executive Committee, Dhar India Studies Program
  - 2016 - . Affiliated Faculty, Islamic Studies Program
  - 2016 - . Affiliated Faculty, Cultural Studies Program
  - 2014 - . Affiliated Faculty, Critical Race and Postcolonial Studies PhD Minor
  - 2013 - . Affiliated Faculty, Integrated Program in the Environment
- Departmental service
  - 2013 - . Head, Geography Colloquium Committee
  - 2013. Member, Department of Geography’s Political Geography Search Committee
- Faculty Advising for Student Organizations
  - 2014 - . Faculty Advisor to the Pakistan Student Association
  - 2014 - . Faculty Advisor to the Geography Graduate Students Association
- Invited guest lectures/participant for campus events

- March, 2016. *Drones, dams, and uneven development: Historical and emerging technogeographies of the Global South*. Invited opening talk for the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS) Graduate Student Conference.
- March, 2016. Invited participant for the Ambiguous Geographies Conference, organized by the IUB Center for the Study for Global Change.
- September, 2014. Invited panelist for Roundtable on the 2014 Indian Elections. Dhar India Studies Fall Lecture Studies.
- 2014. Participant in IUB Sustainability Community of Practice Seminar
- April, 2015. Lecture on drone warfare for INTL 424: War and Peace. (Instructor: Dr. Hamid Ekbia).
- April, 2015. Lecture on “Urbanization and Globalization in India”, for “Introduction to India: Social Justice & Responsibility”, through the Office of the Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Multicultural Affairs (Instructor: Dr. Kevin Brown).
- 2014, 2015, 2016. Lecture on water politics of Pakistan for P404: Environmental Justice. (Instructor: Dr. Stephanie Kane).
- Other campus involvement
  - 2016-2017, IUB Patten Lectureship, successful nomination of Dr. Michael Watts (w/ Dr. Rebecca Lave).
  - 2014. Participant in IUB Sustainability Community of Practice Seminar
  - 2014. Co-organizer of film screening and lecture for Food Themester

#### *University of Arizona*

- 2012 - 2013. Co-President of the Southern Arizona Geographers’ Association
- 2010 - 2011. Co-Editor of *you are here: the journal of creative geography*