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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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2023- **University of Toronto**  
Assistant Professor, Social Justice Education  
Cross-appointment, Anthropology  
Affiliated Faculty, Asian Institute

### *Visiting Appointments*

2024-25 **Princeton University**  
Fung Global Fellow  
Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies (PIIRS)

2022-23 **Yale University**  
Postdoctoral Associate  
Program in Agrarian Studies, MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies

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## EDUCATION

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2022 **University of Toronto**  
Ph.D. in Anthropology  
Collaborative Specialization: South Asian Studies  
Advisor: Tania Murray Li

- Awarded the S. S. Pirzada Prize for best dissertation on Pakistan (UC Berkeley)
- Awarded the ICAS (International Convention of Asia Scholars) Book Prize 2023 – Best Dissertation in the Social Sciences

2013 **University of Oxford**  
M. Phil. (with Distinction) in Social Anthropology

2011 **University of Toronto**  
B.A. (with High Distinction) in Equity Studies & Women & Gender Studies

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## PUBLICATIONS

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### **Books**

In Progress *Theory from the Trenches*

## Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2023 “Between Militants and ‘Mafia’: Interrupting Dispossession in Rural Pakistan.” *Ethnography* 24 (4): 559–79.
- 2023 “Conjugated Universalism: From Rural Pakistan to ‘Worker-Peasant Rule.’” *Cultural Anthropology* 38 (3): 334-360.
- 2023 “(Landlord)Theory from the South: Empire and Estates on a Punjabi Frontier.” *Journal of Agrarian Change* 23 (2): 266-285.
- 2022 “Worldly Marxism: Rethinking Revolution from Pakistan’s Peripheries.” *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East* 42 (2): 489-504. (joint first author with Noaman G. Ali).
- 2022 “The Sufi and the Sickle: Theorizing Mystical Marxism in Rural Pakistan.” *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 64 (2): 300-334.
- One of the four [most downloaded](#) articles in the journal for 2022
  - Winner of the President’s Graduate Writing Award, Society for Humanistic Anthropology, American Anthropological Association.
  - "صوفی تے دائری" [Sufi te Datri]. Punjabi Translation by Maqsood Saqib. *Puncham* April-June: 126–51 (Part 1). July-September: 205-220 (Part 2).

## In Progress/Under Review

“From Decaffeinated Decolonization to Worldly Marxism: Reading Walter Rodney in Rural Pakistan.” For special issue: “Radical Histories of Decolonization.” *Radical History Review*. (with Noaman G. Ali).

## Review Essays

- 2021 “The Rancierian Revolutionary? Bhagat Singh and the Politics of the Dead in Modern India.” *European Journal of Sociology* 61 (3): 490-499.
- 2016 “Pakistan, the Landed State.” *Economic & Political Weekly* 51 (52): 63-67.

## Public Scholarship

### Essays & Op-eds

- 2024 “Walter Rodney’s Radical Legacy.” *Boston Review*, January 24<sup>th</sup> (with Noaman G. Ali).
- Republished in *Boston Review*, Winter 2024 (print issue).
- 2022 “Engineering Disaster.” *Red Pepper*, Winter 2022 (print issue): 14-16.

- 2022 “Flooding Has Devastated Pakistan – and Britain’s Imperial Legacy Has Made it Worse.” *The Guardian*, August 31<sup>st</sup>.
- 2017 "Pierre Bourdieu and Antonio Gramsci." *Cultural Anthropology: Fieldsights*, February 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 2011 "Holding our Universities Accountable: The Case for Divestment." *Rabble.ca*, March 16<sup>th</sup>.
- 2012 “Review: The State of Islam: Culture and Cold War Politics in Pakistan by Saadia Toor." *Ceasefire Magazine*, November 8<sup>th</sup>.

### *Interviews*

- 2022 “Empire and its Enemies: A Conversation with Priyamvada Gopal.” *Jamhoor*, August 8<sup>th</sup>. (with Hadia Akhtar Khan).
- “Résistance Anticoloniale en Asie du Sud: Conversation avec Priyamvada Gopal.” French Translation by Célia Cappelle. *Alternatives Sud* 30 (2023): 95-105.
- 2021 “Caste, Race and the Left in Post-War Britain.” *Jamhoor*, April 28<sup>th</sup>. (with Divyani Motla and Arsalan Samdani).
- 2019 “Theorizing Pakistan in Diaspora: The Pakistan Forum.” *Jamhoor*, July 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- 2018 “The Spectre of the ‘Urban Naxal’: An Interview with Sanjay Kak.” *Jamhoor*, Oct 8<sup>th</sup>.
- 2012 "Interview with Cornel West on Occupy, Obama and Marx." *Counterpunch*, November 30<sup>th</sup>. (with Parmbir Gill)
- 2012 Interviewed (by Alex Ballingall) for “CLASSE Politics Lands at Oxford University.” *Macleans*, June 29<sup>th</sup>.

### *TV Appearances*

TRT World: Roundtable  
Al Jazeera: The Stream

### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

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- 2023 The ICAS (International Convention of Asia Scholars) Book Prize — Best Dissertation in the Social Sciences (EUR 1300)
- 2023 The Institute for South Asia Studies, University of California Berkeley S. S. Pirzada Dissertation Prize on Pakistan (US\$1250)

2020	Society for Humanistic Anthropology, American Anthropological Association President's Award for Graduate Student Writing
2013	University of Oxford Distinction
2011	University of Toronto High Distinction
2010-2011	Faculty of Arts and Science, University of Toronto Dean's List Scholar

## **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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### **External Grants and Fellowships**

2024-25	Princeton University, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies (PIIRS), Fung Global Fellowship (US\$135,000)
2023-25	University of Chicago, The Institute on the Formation of Knowledge Postdoctoral Fellowship (declined) (US\$65,000/year)
2022-23	Yale University, MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies Postdoctoral Fellowship (US\$60,000)
2022-23	University of Toronto, Jackman Humanities Institute, New Media and Public Humanities Fellowship (declined) (CA\$56,000)
2019-20	Province of Ontario Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) (CA\$15,000)
2017-18	Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research Dissertation Fieldwork Grant (US\$20,000)
2017-18	International Development Research Centre (IDRC) Doctoral Research Award (CA\$20,000)
2016	Development Studies Association (DSA) Award for Outstanding Doctoral and Early-Career Researchers
2014-2018	Province of Ontario Ontario Trillium Scholarship (declined) (CA\$160,000)
2013	Freedonia Foundation Activist-Research Grant (CA\$5000)

### **University Grants and Fellowships**

2023-26	University of Toronto, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE),
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	Faculty Start-Up Grant (CA\$15,000)
2020-21	University of Toronto, Jackman Humanities Institute, Chancellor Jackman Graduate Fellowship in the Humanities (CA\$31,000)
2020	University of Toronto, Ethnography Lab Summer Ethnographic Writing Bursary (CA\$6000)
2018	University of Toronto, School of Graduate Studies, Ranjit Kumar Graduate Fellowship (CA\$4000)
2017	University of Toronto, School of Graduate Studies, Research Travel Grant, (CA\$4000)
2016	University of Toronto, Faculty of Arts & Science, SELECT Languages Grant (CA\$4600)
2016	University of Toronto, Department of Anthropology, Pilot Research Award (CA\$4000)
2015-2019	University of Toronto, Department of Anthropology, Entrance Scholarship (CA\$20,000)
2015-2019	University of Toronto Graduate Student Fellowship (CA\$140,000)
2012	University of Oxford, St Antony's College, Carr & Stahl Travel Fund
2011	University of Toronto, University College C.L. Burton Scholarship
2011	University of Toronto, University College Christine Elmslie Fellowship
2010	University of Toronto, University College International Student Grant, (CA\$6000)

## **TALKS, CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS**

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### **Invited**

2024	University of Toronto, Women & Gender Studies Institute, Unfinished Revolutions, April 13 <sup>th</sup> .
	University of California, Berkeley, The Institute for South Asia Studies, The S. S. Pirzada Lecture on Pakistan, April 11 <sup>th</sup> .

- University of Chicago, International Institute of Research in Paris, March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Dartmouth College, Conversations on South Asia Series (with Ali Raza and Durba Ghosh), Feb 6<sup>th</sup>
- 2023 University of Toronto, Department of Social Justice Education, May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Yale University, Agrarian Studies Colloquium, April 28<sup>th</sup>.
- University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Center for South Asian Studies, March 31<sup>st</sup>.
- York University, Department of Social Science, March 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Simon Fraser University, School for International Studies, March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- University of Oregon, Department of Global Studies, February 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Nanyang Technological University (Singapore), Sociology Programme, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- 2022 Yale University, South Asian Studies Council, April 29-30<sup>th</sup>.
- 2021 University of Toronto, Centre for Ethics, December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Brown University, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, June 23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>.
- University of Toronto, Jackman Humanities Institute, January 14<sup>th</sup>.
- 2020 American Anthropological Association (AAA), Society for Humanistic Anthropology (SHA) award ceremony, November 8<sup>th</sup>.
- 2013 University of Oxford, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies (OCIS) Colloquium, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Conferences, Workshops & Guest Lectures**

- 2024 “Theory from the Trenches.” Work-in-Progress Seminar Series, Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto, Feb 9
- Guest Lecture, University of Toronto, ANT6031H: Anthropological Theories of Transformation, February 7.
- 2023 “Beyond City and Country: The Politics of Universalism in Rural Pakistan.” Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Oct 21<sup>st</sup>.

American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS) Dissertation-to-Book Workshop, Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Oct 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>.

“Conjugated Universalism: From Rural Pakistan to ‘Worker-Peasant Rule.’” University of Amsterdam and the International Institute of Social History, Conference on “Decolonizing the Revolution for Our Times”, June 15<sup>th</sup>.

“Walter Rodney in Rural Pakistan: Decolonization and Worldly Marxism.” Bringing Imperialism Back In: For an Anthropology of Empire in the 21st Century (online workshop), May 25–26.

“Conjugated Universalism: From Rural Pakistan to ‘Worker-Peasant Rule.’” Historical Materialism Athens, Panteion University, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

2022 Guest Lecture, American University of Cairo, SOC4025: Religion in a Global World, October 27.

“Conjugating Universalisms: Mystical Marxism in Rural Pakistan.” Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 20<sup>th</sup>.

2021 “Hegemony Across the Hill-Rural-Urban Divides: Imperialism and Chiefdom on a Punjabi Frontier.” American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Conference, Baltimore, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

“(Landlord)Theory from the South: Empire, Estates and Race on a Punjabi Frontier.” Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Discussant: Jan Breman.

2019 “The Mystical Marxist: A Dialectic Disturbed and a Revolution Reimagined in Rural Pakistan.” American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Conference, Vancouver, November 24<sup>th</sup>.

Invited Discussant for Gavin Smith’s paper, “Reflections on the Changing Sphere of Social Reproduction and Class struggle: Cases from Peru and Spain.” University of Toronto, Department of Anthropology, November 1<sup>st</sup>.

“Sufi Marx: The Communists of South Punjab.” American Ethnological Society (AES) Annual Conference, Washington University in St Louis, March 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>.

Invited Discussant for Waqas Butt’s paper “On the intimacies of caste and waste in urban Pakistan.” University of Toronto, Department of Anthropology March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

2017 “Dispossession, Interrupted: Towards a Dialectic of Accumulation “from above” and “from below” in Pakistani Punjab.” American Ethnological Society (AES), Stanford University, March 30<sup>th</sup>-April 1<sup>st</sup>.

- 2016 “Dispossession Interrupted: Accumulation, Articulation, and Agrarian Politic in Pakistan Punjab.” Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), Pakistan, Conference on “State, Society and Democracy in the Postcolony.”
- “Dispossession, Interrupted: Accumulation, Articulation, and Agrarian Politics in Pakistan Punjab.” Development Studies Association (DSA), Oxford University, September 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>.
- 2014 “Class and Moral Economies Under Neoliberal Globalization: A Peasant Confrontation with the State in Pakistani Punjab.” University of Toronto, York University and Ryerson University, Conference on “Pakistan Beyond Tremors and Terror: Critical Engagements with Political, Economic and Cultural Change,” May 29<sup>th</sup>.
- “Class and Moral Economies Under Neoliberal Globalization: A Peasant Confrontation with the State in Pakistani Punjab.” Historical Materialism Toronto, York University, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **University of Toronto**

#### *Graduate Courses*

Revolutionary Praxis in the Peripheries  
Imperialism and Decolonization: Asian Perspectives

#### *Undergraduate Courses*

Being Human in South Asia (200-level)  
Core Concepts in Social & Cultural Anthropology (200-level)

#### *MA and PhD Committees*

Gurkiran Kaur, EdD in Social Justice Education, Supervisor  
Natasha Gilani, EdD Student in Social Justice Education, Supervisor  
Elaine Yu, PhD in Social Justice Education, Supervisor  
Sara Rasikh, MA in Social Justice Education, Supervisor

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

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### **Department**

- 2015-17 Coordinator, Graduate Professionalization & Advancement Committee, Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto.
- 2023-4 Workload Policy Committee, Social Justice Education, University of Toronto



## **University**

- 2015-19 Graduate Associate, Centre for Critical Development Studies, University of Toronto, Scarborough
- 2024 Advisory Committee for the Appointment of a Chair, Department of Social Justice Education, University of Toronto

## **Academy**

- Manuscript Reviews *Historical Materialism, Rural Sociology, Focaal: Journal of Global and Historical Anthropology*
- Grant Reviews Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation (2024)

## **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

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- 2017-Present Founding Editor, *Jamhoor* ([www.jamhoor.org](http://www.jamhoor.org))

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

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- American Anthropological Association (AAA)  
American Ethnological Society (AES)  
Society for Humanistic Anthropology (SHA)  
Society for Cultural Anthropology (SCA)

## **LANGUAGES**

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- Urdu (fluent reading, writing, speaking)  
Siraiki (elementary)