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WORK EXPERIENCE

COPY EDITOR, FACT-CHECKER, REST OF WORLD (Remote) **May 2021 – Current**

- Copy-edits and fact-checks features and news reports.

FREELANCE FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT (Lahore, Pakistan) **Jul. 2014 – Current**
CLIENTS: The Guardian, TIME, The Atlantic, The Washington Post, and NBC News, etc.

- Pitched and wrote more than 100 articles from Pakistan on terrorism, public health, Chinese companies, climate change, and violence against women.
- As part of a multi-year Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting grant in Pakistan, investigated Chinese projects in Pakistan under Xi Jinping's trillion-dollar Belt & Road Initiative.
- Published migration reporting in the 2018 anthology *Uncertain Journeys: Labour Migration from South Asia*.
- Also reported as a foreign correspondent from Myanmar, Jordan, the Philippines, Nepal, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Cambodia, Malaysia on topics like the Rohingya refugee crisis, LGBTQ rights in South Asia, and the 2015 Nepal earthquake.

MANAGING EDITOR, PAKISTAN LEFT REVIEW (Remote) **Jan. 2020 – Current**

- Coordinated with a global team to recruit new writers, fact-check articles, and edit original analysis and reporting on contemporary Pakistani politics. Created the publication's first Instagram account to reach younger audiences.

WEB EDITOR, ADWEEK (Remote) **Feb. 2021 – May 2021**

- Edited 10-12 articles a day on media, business, tech, finance, and digital marketing for an audience of 6 million.

SOCIAL MEDIA PRODUCER, VOX (Remote/Contract) **Mar. 2021 – July 2021**

- Scheduled and optimized evening and weekend social media content across Twitter and Facebook, reaching 2.6 million Facebook fans and 1 million Twitter followers.

INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION (Lahore, Pakistan) **Mar. 2020 – Jun. 2020**
Report Author, Lead Researcher

- Designed research report analyzing how Pakistani media outlets covered migration. Collated and analyzed hundreds of Urdu and English print, television, and digital news items and interviewed dozens of journalists in Pakistan and the Middle East about migration in Urdu and English.

MOTHER JONES MAGAZINE (San Francisco) **Mar. 2017 – Jul. 2017**
Social Media Fellow & Fact-Checker

- Fact-checked major print and web stories on U.S. politics, science, food, and psychology.
- Reported enterprise stories on the Trump administration, domestic U.S. politics, and Guantanamo.
- Drafted, scheduled, managed, and optimized all posts for Mother Jones' Twitter and Facebook account, reaching 1.5 million Facebook fans and nearly 862,000 Twitter followers.

TIME MAGAZINE (Hong Kong) **Jan. 2015 – May 2015**
Breaking News Fellow

- Wrote and published 3-5 breaking news articles per day on TIME.com, in addition to enterprise stories on topics like drone litigation inside Pakistan and the Rohingya refugee crisis during the 2015 Nepal earthquake.

WHEREVER MAGAZINE (Travel Magazine), Remote
Associate Editor

Dec. 2014 – Dec. 2016

- Commissioned, edited, and fact-checked travel writing from a pool of freelancers around the world.

DHAKA TRIBUNE (Dhaka, Bangladesh)
Features Writer

Aug. 2014 – Nov. 2014

- Reported on religious minorities and LGBTQ coverage for Bangladesh's fastest-growing English-language daily newspaper. Uploaded articles and media to DhakaTribune.com and maintained the social media presence as an editor for the newspaper's Weekend Tribune Facebook page.

KATHMANDU POST (Kathmandu, Nepal)
Features Writer

Aug. 2014 – Nov. 2014

- Published weekly stories in Nepal's leading English-language newspaper ranging from Islamic madrassas on the Nepal-India border to the status of Rohingya refugees in Kathmandu.

KINDER INSTITUTE FOR URBAN RESEARCH (Houston)
Web Developer

April 2011 – May 2012

- Designed new website for one of Houston's leading think tanks, including all multimedia elements. Managed the institute's social media presence on Twitter and Facebook.

CHAO CENTER FOR ASIAN STUDIES, Rice University (Houston)
Web Editor & Social Media Editor

May 2010 – April 2011

Web Editor & Social Media Editor

- Oversaw the overhaul of the website, introduced a new design, and edited Asia-related content pulled from scholars' work across different academic disciplines. Created graphics in Adobe Photoshop and managed and expanded the center's social media presence.

EDUCATION

Rice University, Houston, TX

August 2009 – May 2013

Majors: Policy Studies, International Affairs; Asian Studies, 4.0 GPA

LANGUAGES: Urdu (Fluent), English (Fluent), Hindi (Conversational)

AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS

- 2018-21 Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting grantee ([China's Footprint in Pakistan](#))
- 2020 True Story Award Shortlist (*Selected as one of the ten best longform reports from South Asia*)
- 2018 Thomson Foundation's Young Journalist Award Finalist
- 2018 Humanitarian Reporting Award from the International Committee of the Red Cross
- 2018 Pakistan Press Foundation Investigative Journalism Award for reporting on migrant workers on death row in Saudi Arabia.
- 2016 Thomson Reuters Uncovering Security Fellow (Pakistan – Climate Change & Energy Security)
- 2016 Panos South Asia Media Fellow in Migrant Labor (the Middle East & South Asia)