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CURRENT STATUS

2018-present Postdoctoral Associate of Anthropology, Cornell University
2010-present Founder and Co-Director, Sindhi Voices Project

EDUCATION

2011-2018 PhD in Anthropology, New York University
Dissertation: "From Minority to Majority: Pakistani Hindu Claims to Indian Citizenship"
2011-2014 New York State Certification in Culture and Media
2008-2010 M.A. in Asian Cultures and Languages (Urdu), University of Texas at Austin
2004-2008 B.A. in Asian Cultures and Languages (Hindi), University of Texas at Austin
2004-2008 B.Sc. in Biology (Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior), University of Texas at Austin

ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS AND AWARDS

2018 NYU Dean's Dissertation Writing Fellowship (*Declined*)
2017 *Spring* NYU Global Research Initiative Fellow
2016 American Institute of Pakistan Studies Conference Grant (*Declined*)
2016 NYU Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Travel Grant
2016 Wenner-Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant
2015-16 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship
2015 American Institute of Indian Studies Junior Research Fellowship
2015 Southern Exposure Film Fellowship
2015 Flaherty Seminar Fellowship
2014-15 American India Foundation William J. Clinton Fellowship (*Declined*)
2014 Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Andrew Sauter Research Fellowship
2013 New York University Animal Studies Initiative Summer Research Grant
2013 American Institute of Indian Studies Grant for Gujarati Language Study
2013 Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Conference Travel Grant
2011-2017 Henry M. MacCracken Fellowship for Graduate Study
2010 Summer Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship (Sindhi), South Asia Inst., UT Austin
2009-2010 Year-long Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship (Urdu), South Asia Inst, UT Austin
2009 Summer Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship (Sindhi) South Asia Institute, UT Austin
2008 Center for Asian American Studies Service Award, UT Austin
2008-2009 American Institute of Indian Studies Urdu Language Fellowship
2008-2009 Graduate Dean's Prestigious Scholarship, UT Austin
2008 Academic Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship (Hindi), South Asia Inst., UT Austin
2007-2008 Michael John Fink, M.D. Unrestricted Endowed Presidential Scholarship, UT Austin
2007-2008 University Marion Burck Smith Junior Fellowship Fund, UT Austin
2007 University of Texas Graduate Studies Select Admission Program for Post-graduate Study
2007 Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Scholarship, South Asia Institute, UT Austin
2007 Emerald Endowment Scholarship, Kappa Phi Gamma
2007 Co-op GOES Scholarship, University Co-op, UT Austin
2007 Undergraduate Research Fellowship, University Co-op, UT Austin
2006 Anna King Scholarship, College of Liberal Arts, UT Austin
2006 Undergraduate Research Fellowship, University Co-op, UT Austin
2006-2007 Emma Woodson Unrestricted Endowed Presidential Scholarship, UT Austin
2004-2008 Byrd C. Honors Scholarship, Texas Board of Education

PUBLICATIONS

- Raheja, N. "Neither Here nor There: Pakistani Hindu Refugee Claims at the Interface of the International and South Asian Refugee Regimes." *Journal of Refugee Studies*, (31)3, September 2018, pp 334-352.
- Raheja, N. Book Review: "Mediating Mobility: Visual Anthropology in the Age of Migration" *Transfers: The Interdisciplinary Journal of Mobility Studies*, 2018, Pages 148-150
- Raheja, N. Film Review: "Ishaare: Gestures and Signs in Mumbai" *American Anthropologist* 119.4. December 2017, pp. 756-757.
- Raheja, N and Cheryl Deutsch. "India's Uber Dilemma: Entrepreneurship or Exploitation?" *Sapiens*. June 2016
- Raheja, N and Rowena Potts. "Interview with Shashwati Talukdar" *Visual Anthropology Review*. Fall 2015. (31)2 pp 201-202
- Raheja, N. "Pains and Pleasures of the Sikh Male Body" *Sikh Formations*. (10)2, 2014, pp 219-231.
- Raheja, N. "NYU Grad Union Need a Contract Campaign, Not Just a Contract" *Labor Notes*. Summer 2014
- Raheja, N. "Me and my Yoga Mat" *The Revealer*. April 2013
- Raheja, N. "The World Before Her: Making Indian Women" *The Revealer*. April 2012.
- Raheja, N and Narges Bajoghli. "OWS, Anthropology and New York City Student Engagement" *American Ethnologist News*. January 2012
- Raheja N. Book Review of *Interpreting the Sindhi World: Essays on Society and History*. South Asia Graduate Research Journal. November 2011.
- Raheja, N.. *Sindhi Voices Project: Sharing our Stories*. Dawn.com/blog. 2011.
- Raheja N. and Neena Makhija. *Sindhi Voices Project: Sharing our Stories*. Oral History. 2011.
- Raheja N. Book Review of *South Asian Technospaces*. E3W Review of Books. Volume 10. Spring 2010.

FILMS and VISUAL ESSAYS

- Neither Here nor There*, Visual Essay with Shuchi Kapoor. PIX. Forthcoming 2019
- Sindhi Curry* (2018) 8 min. Produced by: Grandmas Project; Role: Director, Cinematographer, and Editor
- Cast in India* (2014) 26 min. Role: Producer, Director, Producer, Cinematographer, and Editor
Distributed by: Documentary Educational Resources
Selected Awards and Screenings: Margaret Mead Film Festival, DOC NYC Film Festival, Athens Ethnographic Film Festival, Sebastopol Documentary Festival, Yale Eye Candy Conference, ETNOfilm, ETHNOCINECA, International Documentary Association Best Student Documentary Nominee, Social Impact Media Awards Best Short Documentary Finalist and Jury Prize for Special Mention
- Fishermens' Right to Know* (2015) 10 min. Produced by: Southern Environmental Center, Role: Director, Cinematographer, and Editor
- Malini Srinivasan* (2012) 10 min. Role: Director, Cinematographer, and Editor

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 "The Role of the State, Caste, and Family in Mediating Cross-Border Marriage Migration across India and Pakistan" Workshop on Marriage Migration, Family and Citizenship in Asia, National University Singapore
- 2018 "Migration, Brokerage, and Dispersal at the Borders of the State" American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose
- 2018 "Mapping the Middle: Migration and Brokerage at the Borders of the State" Yale Interdisciplinary Conference on Migration and South Asia
- 2017 "Blurred Borders and Illicit Exchanges: The Circulation of Pakistani Hindu Immigrant Paperwork in India" American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC
- 2016 Social Sciences Research Council InterAsia Workshop on Forced Migration Participant, Seoul National University, South Korea
- 2015 "Pakistani Hindus as a Human Rights Concern" Border Dialogues Conference, Brown

- University, Rhode Island
- 2013 “Eyes Turned: Christoph von Fürer-Haimendorf and the Genre of Ethnographic Film” Research Symposium in honor of Dr. Kathryn Hansen, University of Texas at Austin
- 2013 “Christoph von Fürer-Haimendorf and the Genre of Ethnographic Film” Visual Research Methods and South Asia Conference, Cambridge University, UK
- 2012 “Digital Diaspora: Online Articulations of Sindhi Identity” Creating Spaces: From Diaspora to Cross-cultural Connections-A Journey of the Sindhi Community National Seminar, Jai Hind College, Bombay.
- 2012 “Warriors of Goja: Pains and Pleasures of the Sikh (Male) Body” Sikhi(sm), Literature and Film International Conference, Hofstra University, New York.
- 2012 Talkback Panel, Parts and Parts of Stitches Play, Maieutic Theatre Works
- 2011 “Sindhi Voices Project.” Indian Subcontinent Partition Documentation Project Inc. SUNY Westbury, New York
- 2011 “Sindhi Voices Project: Oral History and Participatory Media for Community Empowerment.” Voice of Scholars Lecture Series, American University for Woman, Chittagong, Bangladesh
- 2010 “Digital Diaspora: Online Articulations of Sindhi Identity” Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI
- 2010 Oral History Panel. Young Sindhi Adults Retreat. Los Angeles, CA.
- 2010 “Online Articulations of Sindhi (Hindu) Identity” Association for Asian American Studies Conference, Austin, TX
- 2010 India Lecture-Demonstration, Bedichek Middle School, Austin, TX
- 2010 “Sindhi Identity Post-Partition” 106th Birthday Anniversary of G.M. Syed, Houston, TX
- 2009 “Creating Difference: Language Manipulation as Identity Building in the Sindhi Diaspora” Post Colonial Actualities Conference, Austin, TX
- 2007 “Cultural Dietary Practices of Gujarati Women” Undergrad Research Fair, UT Austin, TX

RESEARCH

- 2014-2017 Conducted dissertation research in Jodhpur, India on Pakistani Hindu migration
- 2013 Conducted pre-production research for *Cast in India*, a short documentary film on the manufacturing of New York City manhole covers
- 2012 Anthropology Research Internship at the American Museum of Natural History
- 2012 Conducted pre-production research for a short documentary film on a New York City based Indian Classical Dance teacher
- 2011 Conducted preliminary research in Sindh, Pakistan with Hindu minorities
- 2010-to date Co-directing an oral history and participatory media initiative that engages Sindhi communities in the production and reflection of their histories
- 2010 Completed an MA thesis that examines the tensions between online articulations of national, religious, and regional identity amongst diasporic Sindhi Hindus
- 2007 Interviewed women in Gujarat regarding their cultural dietary practices during pregnancy

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Fall 2018 Instructor of Record, Documentary Production Fundamentals, Cornell University
- Spring 2018 Instructor of Record, Visual Anthropology, Brooklyn College CUNY
- Spring 2018 Teaching Assistant for Culture and Media Graduate Video Production Seminar, NYU
- Spring 2015 Teaching Assistant for Cultures and Contexts: India; NYU
- Fall 2014 Teaching Assistant for Human Society and Culture; NYU
- Spring 2014 Teaching Assistant for Human Society and Culture; NYU
- Fall 2013 Teaching Assistant for Human Society and Culture, NYU
- Spring 2013 Teaching Assistant for Cultures and Contexts: India, NYU

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

2018 Reviewer, *Cultural Anthropology* Writing with Light Photo Essay Series
2017 The Art and Craft of Teaching, Graduate Teaching Seminar Certificate
2017 Film Projectionist, Culture and Media Program
2017 Doctoral Research Mentor, NYU Diversity Undergraduate Research Incubator
2016 Childhood and Modernity in India Video Workshop with David MacDougall
2014 - 2015 Elected Member of GSOC/UAW Union Bargaining Committee
2014 Anthropology/Religious Studies Hiring Student Committee
2012-13 Pre-Screener, Society for Visual Anthropology Film and Media Festival
2012-2014 Coordinator, South Asia Across Disciplines Graduate Research Workshop
2012 Film Projectionist, Culture and Media Program
2012 Sight And Sound: Documentary Video-Production Training, Tisch School of the Arts
2012 Peer Reviewer, Student Anthropologist
2010 Advanced Oral History Summer Institute, University of California, Berkeley
2009-2010 Editorial Board, South Asia Graduate Research Journal, UT Austin
2007-2008 Student Liaison, Hindi-Urdu Flagship Program, UT Austin

LANGUAGES

English; *Native Fluency*
Gujarati; *Intermediate Fluency*
Hindi; *Near Native Fluency*
Sindhi; *Intermediate Fluency*
Urdu; *Near Native Fluency*

REFERENCES

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