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Education

- **Ph.D. Conflict Analysis and Resolution. Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution**, George Mason University, Arlington, Virginia. 2012. Dissertation title “Revisiting the Discourse on State Failure: Towards a Conflict Resolution Trajectory.”
- **M.Sc. Conflict Analysis & Resolution. Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution**, George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia. 1992.
- **B.A. Political Science & English Literature. University of the Punjab**, Pakistan. 1989.

Present Positions

1. **The Ambassador Swanee Hunt Chair of Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) and Professor, U.S. Naval War College. Newport, Rhode Island.** Feb. 2022 – Present.
 - Leads the WPS program at the Naval War College as one of the President’s six Special Areas of Emphasis in education, research, and outreach. Responsible for integrating the Strategic Framework and Implementation Plan of the U.S. Department of Defense (2020) across all programs.
2. **Editorial Advisory Board Member**, *Journal of Asian Security and International Affairs* (JASIA), SAGE Publications. Nov. 2018 - Present
3. **Associate Editor**, *Journal of International Peace and Security*, National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST), Islamabad. June 2018 -Present.
4. **Global Advisory Board Member**, Institute of Peace and Diplomatic Studies, Islamabad. January 2016 – Present.

Previous Positions

1. **Professor, Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (DKI APCSS). Honolulu, Hawaii.** Feb. 2012 – Feb. 2022
 - **Teaching and research specializations:** (i) Conflict Resolution (ii) Negotiation and Cross-Cultural Communication (iii) South Asia (iv) Gendered Security. Routinely offered plenary lectures and electives in executive courses on security cooperation, transnational security, counterterrorism, and crisis management to U.S. and international civilian and military officials. Facilitated Socratic seminars designed to build participant capacities in critical thinking and problem-solving.
 - **Course Manager:** Nine iterations of (i) the Transnational Security Cooperation course for senior leaders (at the two/three-star level and director/general civilian equivalents) from the Indo-Pacific region, and (ii) the Indo-Pacific Orientation Course, an intensive program preparing U.S. security practitioners and partner nations to knowledgeably engage in cooperative security efforts to advance a free and open Indo-Pacific. Course management responsibilities entailed curriculum planning, design, evaluation, and program execution.
 - **Former Chair and pioneering member Women, Peace, and Security program:** Instrumental in positioning DKI APCSS as a leading U.S. Department of Defense agency in this area.
 - **Subject Matter Expert Briefings:** Frequently provided briefings to senior U.S. and international leaders. Notable U.S. recipients include General James Mattis, Mrs. Tracy Davidson (spouse of Admiral Davidson), and Mrs. Leah Esper (spouse of the former Defense Secretary).
2. **Senior Research Fellow (Non-Resident), New Lines Institute for Strategy and Policy, Washington D.C.** June 2017 to Dec. 2020. The think tank aims to enhance U.S. security and global stability by empowering

U.S. foreign policy practitioners with pragmatic recommendations grounded in informed and nuanced analysis.

3. **Adjunct Faculty, Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution, George Mason University, Virginia.** Aug. 2008 – May 2012. Taught graduate and undergraduate courses on international conflict, terrorism, globalization, third-party mediation and facilitation. Pioneered the online version of a core course titled “Global Conflict Analysis and Resolution” recognized for teaching excellence.
4. **Lecturer, Department of Defense and Strategic Studies. Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan.** Aug. 1999 – July 2006. Taught courses on Conflict Resolution, Crisis Management, Psychological Warfare, Strategic Dynamics of North Africa, Revolutionary Warfare, Asymmetric and Unconventional Warfare, and Dimensions of Strategy. Mentored graduate students in the role of Student Affairs Adviser.
5. **Senior Manager, Education & Advocacy. ActionAid, Islamabad.** Oct. 1997-Feb. 2000. Spearheaded the U.K.'s second-largest charity organization's "Education for All campaign" in Pakistan. Established partnership networks with government, media, civil society, and development organizations to advocate child rights, food security, disaster response, and gender empowerment.
6. **Program Officer, Legislative Watch Project. Aurat Foundation, Islamabad.** Oct. 1996 - Sept. 1997. Ran media campaigns and lobbied women's rights with parliamentarians and politicians for Pakistan's largest NGO promoting women's rights.
7. **Managing Director, School of Learning (International), Islamabad.** Jun. 1992 - Sept. 1996. Taught at and managed a not-for-profit, academic institution catering to Afghan and Somali refugee children and local low-income families in Pakistan's capital city.

Visiting Speaker and Consulting Positions

1. Guest Speaker, The American University, School of International Service. Washington D.C. Fall 2007, Spring 2008, Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Fall 2010.
2. Consultant, 3P Human Security. Washington D.C. Prepared four policy papers for the U.S. Congress titled (i) Confidence Building Measures in Pakistan (ii) Kerry Lugar Partnership Act (iii) Civil Society's Role in Pakistan (iv) Examples of Civil Society Organizations. Organized and led a Pakistani-American delegation for briefings on Capitol Hill and the White House. Fall 2009.
3. Consultant, Women in Security, Conflict Management, and Peace (WISCOMP). New Delhi. Trained Indian and Pakistani professionals at WISCOMP's annual Conflict Transformation workshops. 2004 - 2005.
4. Consultant, UNICEF, Islamabad. Edited research reports. 2000.

Research Monographs & Book Chapters

1. “Inclusive Governance: Lessons from History,” in Alexander L. Vuving, ed., *Hindsight, Insight and Foresight: Thinking about Security in the Indo-Pacific*. Honolulu, HI: Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies. 2020.
2. “Advancing Security Through a Gender Lens: Building Capacity of International Security Practitioners,” in *Security Nexus*, Honolulu, HI: Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies. June 2018.
3. “Egyptian Women as Catalysts of Change in the Arab Spring” in *Deconstructing Women, Peace, and Security: A Critical Review of Approaches to Gender and Empowerment*. Cheldelin et al., eds. Pretoria, South Africa: Human Sciences Research Council. Nov. 2015.
4. “Sharia Law and Its Implications for Women's Status and Rights” in *Women, War, and Violence: Topography, Resistance and Hope*. Kurtz et al., eds. Santa Clara, CA: Praeger Security International. Aug. 2015.
5. *Mapping Conflict Trends in Pakistan*. Washington D.C.: United States Institute of Peace. February 2014.

6. "Challenging Patriarchy: Egypt, Pakistan, and Turkey" in *Women Waging War and Peace: International Perspectives of Women's Roles in Conflict and Post-Conflict Reconstruction*. Cheldelin et al., eds. New York and London: Continuum. 2011.
7. *Peacebuilding in Afghanistan: Revisiting the Global War on Terrorism*. Colombo: Regional Center for Strategic Studies. 2008.
8. "My Love Affair with India," in *Closer to Ourselves*. New Delhi: WISCOMP (Women in Security, Conflict Management and Peace). 2008.
9. "Basic Human Needs Theory: An Alternative Approach for Managing Ethnic Conflict and State Security" in Moonis Ahmar, ed., *Different Perceptions on Conflict Resolution: Need for An Alternative Paradigm*. Karachi, Pakistan: The University of Karachi. 2005.
10. *Stability through Economic Cooperation in a Nuclear Environment*. New Delhi, India: Manohar Publications. 2005.
11. "The Role of T.V. and other Mass Media in Projecting Western Societies to the World: A Pull Factor for Immigration," in Naveed Ahmed Tahir, ed., *Immigration to Europe From South Asia and The Muslim World*. Area Study Centre for Europe. Karachi, Pakistan: University of Karachi. 2005.

Research Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

1. "The Education Agenda: Enabling Meaningful Participation of Women in Peace and Security," in *Security Nexus*. Honolulu, HI: Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies. February 2022.
2. "Womenomics: Positioning Women as Drivers of Economic Growth," in *Development Advocate Pakistan*. Islamabad: UNDP. March 2021.
3. "Strategic Competition, Cooperation and Accommodation: Perspectives from the Indian Ocean Region," in *Security Nexus*. Honolulu, HI: Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies. March 2021.
4. "Strategic Competition: Why Pakistan Matters," in *Security Nexus*. Honolulu, HI: Daniel K. Inouye Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies. July 2020.
5. "Imagining Pakistan: Modernism, State and the Politics of Islamic Revival," Rasul Bakhsh Rais, 2017. Book Review in *Journal of International Security and International Affairs*. 2018;5(3). Sage Publications.
6. "Pakistan: National Security Dilemmas and Transition to Democracy" in *Journal of Asian Security and International Affairs*. Sage Publications. Apr. 2015.
7. "Global Governance: Rethinking the U.S. Role in Afghanistan Post 2014" in *Journal of South Asian Development*. Sage Publications. Aug. 2013.
8. "Building Peace in Sri Lanka: An Analysis of the Conflict and a Plan for Intervention" in *IPRI Journal*. Islamabad, Pakistan: Islamabad Institute for Policy Research. Winter 2009.
9. "Understanding Religious Identity and the Causes of Religious Violence" in *Peace Prints: South Asian Journal of Peacebuilding*. Volume 1. No. 1. New Delhi: Women in Security, Conflict Management, and Peace (WISCOMP). Spring 2008.

Encyclopedia Entries

1. "Methods of De-escalation in International Crises" in *The International Encyclopedia of Peace*. Edited by Nigel Young. New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010.
2. "Theory of De-escalation in Conflict" in *The International Encyclopedia of Peace*. Edited by Nigel Young. New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010.
3. "People to People Diplomacy" in *The International Encyclopedia of Peace*. Edited by Nigel Young. New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010.
4. "Chemical and Biological Weapons: Movements to Ban" in *The International Encyclopedia of Peace*. Edited by Nigel Young. New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010.

5. "Conventional Weapons: Contemporary Constraints and Limitations" in *The International Encyclopedia of Peace*. Edited by Nigel Young. New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010.
6. "Non-Lethal Weapons" in *The International Encyclopedia of Peace*. Edited by Nigel Young. New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010.
7. "Arms Races" in *The International Encyclopedia of Peace*. Edited by Nigel Young. New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010.
8. "Military Expenditures" in *The International Encyclopedia of Peace*. Edited by Nigel Young. New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010.

Op-eds & Letters to the Editor

1. "U.S. Pakistan-relations: The Search for a Middle Ground." *Pakistan Politico*, Lahore, Dec. 12, 2018.
2. "The Case for Compulsory Voting." *The Express Tribune*, Lahore, Jul. 23, 2012.
3. "How a Glacier Could Thaw Dangerous India and Pakistan Freeze." *The Christian Science Monitor*, Boston, MA. Apr. 25, 2012.
4. "Peacebuilding: Preventing Violent Conflict in a Complex World." Book Review: *Peacebuilding: Preventing Violent Conflict in a Complex World*, Dennis Sandole, 2010. *S-CAR News*, Arlington, VA. Volume 4, Issue 7, Dec. 2010
5. "From State to Non-State Actor." *The News International*, Lahore, June 13, 2010
6. "Just What is Islamic Democracy." *Confrontations: Conflict Resolution and the Public Intellectual*. Arlington, VA. June 3, 2010.
7. "Building Confidence Between the U.S. and Pakistan." *The Huffington Post*, Chicago, Ill. (Co-authored with Dr. Lisa Shirsch.) Nov. 12, 2009.
8. "People to People Contact." Book review: *To Make the Earth Whole* by Marc Gopin. 2009. *The News International*, Lahore, Aug. 2, 2009.
9. "AfPak: Will the New U.S. Strategy Succeed?" *S-CAR News*, Arlington, VA. Volume 3, Issue 3, May 2009.
10. "More Force in Afghanistan?" *The New York Times*, NY, Apr. 2, 2009.
11. "Obama, Change South Asia Policy." *The Nation*, NY, Jan. 26, 2009.
12. "Pakistan's Fragile State." *The International Herald Tribune*, Paris, Dec. 4, 2008.
13. "There is Hope for India and Pakistan." *The Christian Science Monitor*, Boston, MA. Dec. 4, 2008
14. "No to Nepotism." *The Friday Times*, Lahore, Mar. 21-27, 2008.
15. "A New Policy for Pakistan." *The International Herald Tribune*, Paris, Feb. 28, 2008
16. "Bhutto's will Disappoints Democratic Hopes." *The Christian Science Monitor*, Boston, Feb. 11, 2008.
17. "Looking Presidential on Pakistan." *Foreign Policy In Focus*, Washington D.C. Jan. 16, 2008.
18. "War without Strategy." *The International Herald Tribune*, Paris. Dec. 26, 2007
19. "Pakistan: Myths and Realities." *Foreign Policy In Focus*, Washington D.C. Nov. 30, 2007.
20. "America's Push for War." *The International Herald Tribune*, Paris. Oct. 28, 2007
21. "The U.S., India, and the Elusive 123 Deal." *Foreign Policy In Focus*, Washington D.C. Sept. 7, 2007.
22. "Nuclear Black Markets and the U.S.-India Nuclear Deal." *ICAR News Network*, Arlington, VA. Jul. 17, 2007.
23. "American Heroics Needed in Pakistan." *The Politico*, Washington D.C. (Co-authored with Michael Shank.) May 1, 2007.
24. "Back to Stone Age." *The Daily Times*, Lahore. (Co-authored with Michael Shank.) Oct. 8, 2006.
25. "Religious Minorities in Pakistan." *The Daily Times*, Islamabad. Feb. 23, 2004.
26. "Lessons of Sino-Indian Cooperation." *The Daily Times*, Islamabad. Mar. 22, 2004.
27. "Poverty's Vicious Cycle." *The Daily Times*, Islamabad. Mar. 8, 2004.
28. "Cricket, People-to-People Contacts, and Indo-Pak Rapprochement." *Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies*, New Delhi. Apr. 15, 2004.

29. "Governance and Proliferation." *Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies*, Vol. 7. No 3, New Delhi. Mar. 2004.
30. "SAARC Summit - Pakistani Perceptions." *Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies*, Vol. 7. No 2, New Delhi. Feb. 2004.
31. "Shanghai-ed." *The Friday Times*, Lahore. Feb. 2004.
32. "A Proposal for Peace in South Asia." *The News International*, Islamabad. June 16, 2002

Speaking Engagements & Papers Presented at Refereed Conferences

1. U.N. Women in collaboration with University of Peshawar, Pakistan. Keynote Speaker on "The Future is Female: Positioning Women as Drivers of Economic Growth in Afghanistan" in a virtual conference titled "Strengthened Institutions and Robust Mechanisms for Combatting Gender-Based Violence at the Onset of the Peace Process in Afghanistan." Dec. 2020.
2. Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Moldova and the Armed Forces Military Academy. Presented on "Role of Gender Education" in a virtual conference titled: "International, Scientific, and Practical Conference on Women, Peace and Security Agenda: Ensuring Human Security, Promoting Sustainable Peace and Preventing Conflict." Oct. 2020.
3. The Exchange, East-West Center, University of Hawaii. Presented on "Women in Security." Honolulu, HI. Oct. 2019.
4. Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University, in collaboration with the Naval War College. Presented on "Promoting Global Leadership," at the Annual Symposium on Women, Peace, and Security. Providence, RI. May 2019.
5. Rim of the Asia Pacific (RIMPAC) international maritime exercise. Presented on "Women, Peace and Security." Ford Island. HI. July 2018.
6. Tonga Defense Services, His Majesty's Armed Forces. Presented on "Women, Peace and Security" at a symposium organized in collaboration with Nevada National Guard. Nuku'Alofa, Tonga. May 2018.
7. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Presented on "Women, Peace, and Security," Honolulu, HI. Oct. 2017.
8. United States Special Operations Command, Pacific Area Security Sector Working Group - North-East Asia, Workshop on "Civil-Military Interagency Cooperation." Presented on "Women, Peace, and Security." Tokyo, Japan, Aug. 2017.
9. United States Pacific Command, Senior Enlisted Leaders Symposium. Presented on "Women, Peace, and Security," Camp Smith, HI. Mar. 2017.
10. United States Special Operations Command of the Pacific and Philippines Armed Forces. Countering Transnational Threats to Terrorism Workshop, Cebu, Philippines. Presented on two topics titled "Negotiating with Terrorists" and "Transnational Threats: Enabling an Environment of Terrorism," Cebu, Philippines, Mar. 2017.
11. Pacific Operational Science and Technology Conference, National Defense Industrial Association. Panelist in a session titled "Enhancing Situational Awareness through Science and Technology." Honolulu, HI. Mar. 2016.
12. East-West Center, University of Hawaii. Speaker in New Generation Seminar titled "Rising India: Shifting Regional Power Dynamics, Meeting Domestic Challenges," Sept. 2015.
13. U.S. Department of Navy. Delivered two lectures on negotiation and conflict resolution at the Leadership Training Symposium. Honolulu, HI. May 2015.
14. Rim of the Asia Pacific (RIMPAC). Panelist on "Religion and Conflict" in a workshop offered to Naval Chaplains at the international maritime exercise. Ford Island. HI. July 2014.
15. East-West Center, University of Hawaii. Panelist on "Bridging Gaps between the United States and the Muslim World". Sept. 2014.

16. Diamond Head Lighthouse. Women's History Month Celebration by RDML Cari B. Thomas, Commander U.S. Coast Guard 14th District Hawaii. Presented on "Women's Courage." Honolulu, HI. Apr. 24, 2014.
17. U.S. Air Force Academy 55th Assembly on US-India Relations. Panelist on "US-India Counter-Terrorism Cooperation." Colorado Springs, CO. Feb. 3-5, 2014.
18. National University of Sciences and Technology. International Seminar on Peace and Conflict Resolution. Presented on "Regional Peace through Economic and Security Alliances in South Asia." Islamabad, Pakistan. Oct. 23-24, 2013
19. International Studies Association – Annual Convention. Presented on "The Diffusion of Women's Political Activism in the Arab Spring Revolutions." San Francisco, CA. Apr. 3-6, 2013.
20. International Studies Association – North East Chapter. Annual Convention. Presented a paper titled "Assessing Global Governance in Fragile States: The Afghanistan Case." Baltimore, MD. Nov. 3, 2012.
21. Center for Teaching Excellence, George Mason University. "Innovations in Teaching and Learning Conference". Offered a teaching table showcasing online teaching strategies titled "Building Community to Improve Student Engagement and Learning Outcomes in an Online Teaching Environment." Fairfax, VA. Sept. 23, 2012.
22. Dialogue and Difference Project, Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution, George Mason University. Panel participant in "Blurred Boundaries: Terrorism, Sovereignty, and Justice." Fairfax, VA. Dec. 8, 2011.
23. International Studies Association – North East Chapter. Annual Convention. Presented a paper titled "The Construction of the Taliban Identity in Post 9/11 Pakistan". Baltimore, MD. Nov. 6, 2010.
24. International Studies Association - North East Chapter. Annual Convention. Presented a paper titled "Cultural Femicide: A Comparative Case Study of Pakistan, Egypt, and Turkey." Baltimore, MD. Oct. 3, 2009.
25. International Studies Association – North East Chapter. Annual Convention. Presented a paper titled "Challenging the Discourse on Failed States." Baltimore, MD. Oct. 4, 2008.
26. Department of International Relations, University of Karachi. Presented a paper titled "Perceptions on Conflict Resolution: Need for an Alternative Approach". Karachi, Pakistan. Oct. 15, 2004.
27. Area Studies Center for Europe, University of Karachi. Presented a paper titled "The role of T.V. and other mass media in projecting Western societies to the world: A pull factor for immigration." Karachi, Pakistan. Oct. 24, 2004.
28. Department of International Relations, University of Peshawar. Presented a paper titled "Scope for Economic Cooperation between India and Pakistan." Baragali, Pakistan. June 21, 2004.
29. Department of International Relations, University of Peshawar. Presented a paper titled "U.N. achievements in Peace Making and Peacekeeping in the Emerging World Order." Peshawar, Pakistan. May 17, 2004.
30. Asia Political and International Studies Association. Conference on "South Asian Paradigms in International Relations." Presented a paper titled "Burton's Human Needs Theory: In Search of Alternative Paradigms for Managing State Security and Ethnic Conflict." Goa, India. Oct. 13-16, 2003.

Television, Radio, and Podcasts

- George C. Marshall Center for Security Studies. Podcast interview, Dec. 14, 2020.
- Center for Global Policy. Podcast interview, July 13, 2017.
- Think Tech Hawaii. Radio interview on Nov. 11, 2016.
- Think Tech Hawaii. Radio interview on Mar. 17, 2015.
- Al-Jazeera (English World Service). Interviewed on Nov. 3, 2008.

- BBC World, Asia Today. Interviewed on Mar. 11, 2008.
- Canada Television (CTV). Interviewed on Headlines News, Feb. 8, 2008.
- Voice of America, Washington D.C., Dec. 2006 – Dec. 2007. Appeared frequently on broadcasts for South Asia as a security analyst.
- Pakistan Television Anchorperson and Security Analyst. Islamabad, 1994 – 2006.
- DJ FM100, Islamabad, 1996.
- French and English News Reader, Radio Pakistan, Aug. 1987-Aug. 1989.

Awards & Grants

1. Excellence in Federal Government Award, Mentor of the Year. Honolulu-Pacific Federal Executive Board. 2019.
2. Excellence in Federal Government Award for Team Excellence. Honolulu-Pacific Federal Executive Board. 2015.
3. The Faculty Scholarship Award. Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution, GMU. 2009.
4. The Eleanor Roosevelt Award. Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution, GMU. 2008.
5. A competitive grant awarded by the Nuclear Threat Initiative, Washington D.C. in collaboration with the Regional Center for Strategic Studies, Colombo, for a research proposal titled “Stability Through Economic Cooperation in a Nuclear Environment.” Workshop on Defense, Technology and Cooperative Security in South Asia, Shanghai, China. December 2003.

Reviewer of Refereed Journals

1. Journal of Security and Strategic Analysis. Strategic Vision Institute, Islamabad, 2017.
2. Strategic Studies (Quarterly). Institute for Strategic Studies, Islamabad, 2016, 2017.
3. South Asian Survey. Sage Publications in association with Indian Council for South Asian Cooperation. 2014.
4. Policy and Practice Briefs. Africa Center for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes (ACCORD), 2012.

Languages

- Native/Bilingual proficiency in Urdu and Hindi.
- Working proficiency in French.
- Elementary proficiency in Arabic.

Courses

Pacific Leadership Academy and the U.S. OPM. Senior Leader Training. 2014-2015.

Volunteer Work

Board Member, SAYA Welfare Society. Islamabad. 2000 to date. A charitable program providing free education to over 800 children from the city's slums and Afghan refugee communities.