

Rafeel Wasif

Research Interests

Organizational identity, Leadership, Crisis Management, Nonprofit Diversity, Nonprofit Fundraising, Muslim-Americans, Data Science.

Academic Appointments

2020- **Postdoctoral Researcher**, *Lilly Family School of Philanthropy*, Indianapolis, USA.

Education

2020 **Ph.D. Political Science**, *University of Washington*, Seattle, USA (Fields: Nonprofit Management, Comparative Politics, Research Methods).

2014 **M.A. (South Asian Studies)**, *University of Washington*, Seattle, USA.

2011 **B.Sc. Economics & Political Science**, *Lahore University of Management Sciences*, Lahore, Pakistan.

Publications

Wasif, Rafeel. 2020. "Does the Media's Anti-Western Bias Affect Its Portrayal of NGOs in the Muslim World? Assessing Newspapers in Pakistan." *Voluntas*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11266-020-00242-5>.

Wasif, Rafeel, and Aseem Prakash. 2017. "Do Government and Foreign Funding influence Individual Donations to Religious Nonprofits? A Survey Experiment in Pakistan." *Nonprofit Policy Forum* 8(3): 237–273.

Revise and Resubmit

Terrorists or Persecuted?: The Portrayal of Islamic Nonprofits in U.S. Newspapers (*Voluntas*).

Guilty by Donating? Understanding Impact of 9/11 on Donations to Muslim NGOs post 9-11 (*Nonprofit & Voluntary Sector Quarterly*).

Under Review

Muslim-American Philanthropy: An Introduction (With Shariq Siddiqui and Zeeshan Noor).

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Philanthropy Under Uncertainty: A Study of Muslim Giving During COVID-19 (With Osman Umarji, Shariq Siddiqui, and Zeeshan Noor).

Book Reviews

Wasif, Rafeel. 2019. "Suburban Islam". *Journal of Muslim Philanthropy & Civil Society* 3(1).

Working Papers

"Economic Growth and Nonprofit Revenue: How might COVID payout? (With Aseem Prakash).

Does Racism Taint Religious Humanitarianism?: A Survey Experiment in Pakistan (with Yusri Supiyan and Aseem Prakash).

Mapping Islamic Nonprofits: A Machine Learning Approach to Categorizing Muslim Nonprofits in Form 990 (with Shariq Siddiqui).

Racialized Minorities, Trust and Crisis: Muslim-American Nonprofit Leadership and Government Relations During the COVID-19 Pandemic (with Zeeshan Noor, Shariq Siddiqui and Sabith Khan).

Leadership and Crisis: NGO Leaders' Response to COVID-19 in South Asia (With Shariq Siddiqui).

Generous and Young: Comparative Study of Generosity in Muslim Youth (With Shariq Siddiqui).

Grants and Awards

2020 Islamic Relief Muslims-American Giving (Under Review w/ Shariq Siddiqui \$391,000).

2019 Lilly Family School of Philanthropy Travel Grant (\$600).

2019 ARNOVA Doctoral Fellows Program.

2019 ARNOVA Graduate Diversity Scholars Program (Declined).

2019 ARNOVA Travel Grant (Declined).

2019 Taraknath Das Prize for Best Graduate Paper in Comparative and International Politics.

2018 Bryan and Diane Jones Graduate Research Grant (\$2500).

2015 American Institute of Pakistan Studies (\$3000).

2012 Fulbright Grant (\$103,324).

Selected Presentations

Wasif, Rafeel. 2020. "Does Racism Taint Religious Humanitarianism?: A Survey Experiment in Pakistan" Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual conference, 9–13 September 2020, San Fransisco CA.

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Wasif, Rafeel. 2019. “Terrorists or Philanthropists? Using Machine Learning to Study the Portrayal of Islamic Nonprofits in US Newspapers Post 9/11” Presented at the Association of Research on Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector (ARNOVA) conference, 21–23 November 2019, San Diego CA.

Wasif, Rafeel. 2019. “Why Muslim Nonprofits Resist Government Reforms? A Survey Experiment in Pakistan” Presented at the Symposium of Muslim Philanthropy and Civil Society, 4–5 November 2019, Indianapolis IN.

Wasif, Rafeel. 2018. “Guilty by Donating? Effect of 9/11 on Donations to Muslim-American Nonprofits” Presented at the Association of Research on Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector (ARNOVA) conference, 15–17 November 2018, Austin TX.

Wasif, Rafeel. 2018. “Philanthropists or Western Agents: Analyzing Portrayal of Western NGOs in Pakistani Newspapers” Presented at the International Studies Association (ISA) conference, 4–7 April 2018, San Francisco CA.

Wasif, Rafeel and Aseem Prakash. 2014. “Do Government and Foreign Funding influence Individual Donations to Religious Nonprofits? A Survey Experiment in Pakistan.” Presented at the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA) conference, 7–19 November 2016, Washington D.C.

Professional Experience

2011-2012 Center for Education and Consciousness- Coordinated Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) under South Asian Forum for Education (SAFED), a nation-wide survey on the status of education in Pakistan which was conducted in 82 districts throughout the country and surveyed 100,000 children. Developed the survey questionnaire and analyzed data.

Worked on advocacy of Right to Education (RTE) after the passing of Article 25-A in the 18th Amendment in the Constitution of Pakistan making the state responsible for providing free & compulsory education to all children aged (5-16).

Teaching Experience

- 2020 Instructor Theories of International Relations (University of Washington) - Independently designed and taught a course on International Relations.
- 2019 Instructor NGO Politics (University of Washington) - Independently designed and taught a course on the intersection of NGOs and politics.
- 2017 Instructor Political Islam (University of Washington) - Independently designed and taught a course on political issues faced by the Muslim world.
- 2014-2019 Teaching Assistant (University of Washington) - Conduct class quiz sections, create lesson plans, and grade class participation and student exams.
- 2010-2011 Teaching Assistant (Lahore University of Management Sciences) - Conducted class quiz sections, created lesson plans, and graded class participation and student exams.

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Skills

Machine Learning	Classification, regression, clustering, feature engineering.
Statistical Methods	Bayesian statistics, regression models, hypothesis testing and confidence intervals, social network analysis, natural language processing, computer vision, survey design, data visualization.
Software Languages	Python (Scikit-learn, Numpy, Scipy, Pandas), R, Microsoft Excel, Stata, Spark, Hadoop.
Selected Coursework	Bayesian Statistics, Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Natural Language Processing, Data Visualization, Panel Data, Social Network Analysis, Multivariate Data Analysis, Advanced Quantitative Methods, Algorithmic Thinking, Econometrics, Machine Learning (Udemy).

Reviewer

Nonprofit & Voluntary Sector Quarterly, Voluntas, Journal of Muslim Philanthropy & Civil Society.

Languages

Urdu	Reading, speaking and writing.
Punjabi	Reading, speaking and writing.
Hindi	Reading, speaking and writing.
Persian	Secondary aural comprehension, writing and reading.
Dari	Secondary aural comprehension, writing and reading.
Tajik	Secondary aural comprehension, writing and reading.

Community Service Experience

Volunteer, Helping Hands (New Orleans).
Intern, Payaam.
General Secretary, Transparency International LUMS Chapter.
Founder LUMS Flood Relief Drive (LFRD).