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## Research Interests

Artificial Intelligence, Sustainability, Social Equity, Minority Nonprofits, Data Science, Data Justice.

## Academic Appointments

*Hatfield School of Government (Portland State University)*

Incoming Assistant Professor 2022

*Lilly Family School of Philanthropy (Indiana University-Purdue University)*

Postdoctoral Researcher 2020- Present

## Education

*University of Washington*

Ph.D. Political Science 2020

(Committee: Aseem Prakash (Chair), David Suarez, John Wilkerson)

M.A International Studies 2014

*Lahore University of Management Sciences*

B.Sc. Economics & Political Science 2011

## Publications

### Book Manuscripts

Siddiqui, Shariq, Rafeel Wasif and Sabith Khan. Understanding Muslim Philanthropy. Under Review.

Wasif, Rafeel. Practical Data Science for Nonprofit and Public Administration Research. Manuscript Under Preparation.

### Journal Articles

Noor, Zeeshan, Rafeel Wasif, Shariq Siddui, and Sabith Khan. (Accepted). Racialized Minorities, Trust and Crisis: Muslim-American Nonprofit Leadership and Government Relations During the COVID-19 Pandemic. *Nonprofit Management & Leadership*.

Wasif, Rafeel. (Accepted Pending Minor Revisions). Impact of 9/11 on Muslim NGOs' Financial Health. *Nonprofit & Voluntary Sector Quarterly*.

Wasif, Rafeel. 2021. "Terrorists or Persecuted?: The Portrayal of Islamic Nonprofits in U.S. Newspapers." *Voluntas*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11266-021-00317-x>.

Wasif, Rafeel. 2020. "Does the Media's Anti-Western Bias Affect Its Portrayal of NGOs in the Muslim World? Assessing Newspapers in Pakistan." *Voluntas* 31(6): 1343-1358.

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**

Racialized Minorities, Islamophobia, and Developing Legitimacy: A Study of Use of Social Media by Muslim-American Nonprofits (with Shariq Siddiqui).

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

### **Under Review**

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).

Wasif, Rafeel. 2020. "A Political Economy of Arab Education: Policies and Comparative Perspectives". *Journal on Education in Muslim Societies* 2(1).

### **Working Papers**

Economic Growth and Environmental Nonprofits: Assessing Impact of Structural Macroeconomic Shock on Donations to Climate Causes? (With Aseem Prakash).

Framing Climate Change on Social Media: Environmental Nonprofits on Twitter.

Racialized Minorities, Oppression and Coalitions: Jewish-American and Muslim-American Support for Civil Rights Organizations (With Shariq Siddiqui and David King).

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

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

Building Collaborations and Trust: Case Study of Muslim-American Nonprofits.

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

### **Grants and Awards**

Muslim Legal Fund of America (w/ Muslim Philanthropy Initiative (MPI) \$1,275,000). 2020

Islamic Relief Muslims-American Giving (w/ MPI \$391,000). 2020

Templeton Foundation (OFI Approved w/ MPI \$234,600). 2020

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

Tarakanth Das Prize for Best Graduate Paper in Comparative and International Politics. 2019  
 Bryan and Diane Jones Graduate Research Grant (\$2500). 2018  
 American Institute of Pakistan Studies (\$3000). 2015  
 Fulbright Grant (\$103,324). 2012-14

### **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 Francisco CA.

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. 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.

### **Professional Experience**

Berkeley-AIPS Urdu Language Program in Pakistan (BULPIP) 2017

Managed the largest US student exchange program in Pakistan. Responsible for student affairs, program security, and ensuring pedagogy quality.

Center for Education and Consciousness 2011-12

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 policy 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**

Instructor Theories of International Relations (University of Washington)- Independently designed and taught an online course on International Relations. 2020

Instructor NGO Politics (University of Washington)- Independently designed and taught a course on the intersection of NGOs and politics. 2019

Instructor Political Islam (University of Washington)- Independently designed and taught a course on political issues faced by the Muslim world. 2017

Teaching Assistant (University of Washington)- Conducted class quiz sections, create lesson plans, and grade class participation and student exams. 2014-2020

Teaching Assistant (Lahore University of Management Sciences)- Conducted class quiz sections, created lesson plans, and graded class participation and student exams. 2010-2011

### **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.

Languages: English, Urdu, Hindi, Punjabi, Dari, Tajik, Persian.

### **Reviewer**

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