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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Nonprofit fundraising and accountability, Muslim and religious nonprofits, South Asia, nonprofits and media, data science for public policy, text-as-data, and survey experiments.

EDUCATION

University of Washington, Seattle, WA

PhD Political Science (Expected 2019)

Master of Arts in International Studies-South Asia (June 2014)

Lahore University of Management Sciences, Lahore, Pakistan

Bachelor of Science in Economics & Political Science (June 2011)

PUBLICATIONS

- 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.

WORKING PAPERS

- Terrorists or Philanthropists?: Analyzing Portrayal of Muslim Nonprofits in US Newspapers Post 9/11
- Guilty by Donating?: Understanding Impact of 9/11 on donating to Muslim NGOs post 9-11
- Philanthropists or Western Agents: Analyzing Portrayal of Western NGOs in Pakistani Newspapers
- Can Religious Sects Unite?: Analyzing Islamic Religious Education NGOs' Joint Resistance to Government Reforms in Pakistan

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- 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.
- Wasif, Rafeel. 2017. "Donating to the Local Madrasa: A Survey Experiment in Pakistan." Presented at the Judith Reppy Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Workshop, 5 April 2017, Ithaca, NY.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Center for Education and Consciousness

Research & Documentation Associate 2011-2012

- 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).

RESEARCH & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Washington, Teaching Assistant (Sept 2014-Present)

- Conduct class quiz sections, create lesson plans, and grade class participation and student exams.

Lahore University of Management Sciences, Teaching Assistant, Aug 2010-Jun 2011

- Facilitated discussions pertaining to class lectures, student concerns and created lesson plans.

Lahore High Court Flood Inquiry Tribunal, Research Assistant, Oct 2010-Dec 2010

- Conducted research on best flood management practices.

COMMUNITY SERVICE EXPERIENCE

- Volunteer, Helping Hands (New Orleans)
- Intern, Payaam
- General Secretary, Transparency International LUMS Chapter.
- Founder LUMS Flood Relief Drive (LFRD).
- Marketing Head, LUMS Community Services Society (LCSS).
- Volunteer Ambassador Express TV.
- Member Amnesty International LUMS Chapter.

TECHNICAL 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, survey design, data visualization.
- **Software and Programming Languages:** Python (Scikit-learn, Numpy, Scipy, Pandas), R, Microsoft Excel, Stata.
- **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).

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.

HONORS & AWARDS

Bryan and Diane Jones Graduate Research Grant (\$2500)	2018
American Institute of Pakistan Studies (\$3000)	2015
Fulbright Scholarship	2013