

# SARAH AHMED

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## EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology, University of Oregon	Expected 2020
Dissertation: Women's Empowerment through Polio Eradication: Agency and Representation of Lady Health Workers in Pakistan	
Chair: Michael Dreiling	
Certificate: Women's and Gender Studies	
M.S., Sociology, University of Oregon	2016
M.A., International Studies: South Asia, University of Washington	2013
B.A., Political Science, Hiram College	2011

## SCHOLARSHIP

### Articles and

Ahmed, Sarah. "‘I am my own person,’ Women's Agency and Resistance in Rural Pakistan." *Gender, Culture and Place*. Forthcoming. DOI 10.1080/0966369X.2019.1664420

- Best Graduate Student Paper Award, SSSP Family Division, 2019.

### Book Chapters

Ahmed, Sarah. "Honor Killings in Pakistan: The Case of Social Media Star Qandeel Baloch." In *Global Oppression Against Women*, edited by Kristen Zaleski, Annalisa Enrile, Eugenia L. Weiss, and Xiyang Wang. Oxford. Oxford University Press, 2019.

### Book Reviews

Review of Joan Wallach Scott, *Sex and Secularism*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2017. In *Gender & Society*, 2018.

### Works in R&R and under review

Ahmed, Sarah. "Women Left Behind: Migration, Agency and the Pakistani Woman." *Gender & Society*. Revise and resubmit.

Gullickson, Aaron and **Sarah Ahmed**, "Education, Modernization, and Islam: Global Variation in Anti-Liberal Values." *Sociological Science*. Under Review.

### In progress

Barker, Kathryn M., Erin C. Dunn, Tracy K. Richmond, **Sarah Ahmed**, Clare R. Evans. Cross-Classified Multilevel Models (CCMM) in Health Research: A Systematic Review of Published Empirical Studies.

Book proposal, "Women's Empowerment through Polio Eradication: Agency and Representation of Lady Health Workers in Pakistan" in progress

## AWARDS AND HONORS

- CAS Dissertation Research Fellowship, Graduate school, University of Oregon, Tuition Waiver, Insurance & Stipend 2019–20.

- Lee Student Support Fund Award, SSSP, 2019.
- Center for Asian and Pacific Studies (CAPS) Small Grant Award for conference travel, University of Oregon, 2019.
- Finalist for the Oregon Sylff Fellowships for International Research, 2018.
- Wasby-Johnson Dissertation Award, Department of Sociology, University of Oregon, \$7000, 2018.
- Joan Acker Graduate Fellowship for recognition in work focused in gender, Department of Sociology, University of Oregon, \$1000, 2017.
- Marquina Award for Summer Research with Faculty on Islam and Modernity, Department of Sociology, University of Oregon, \$2500, 2017.
- Award for Best Masters Paper, Department of Sociology, 2017.
- Small grant for research support, Department of Sociology, University of Oregon, 2016–17.
- Research grant for pre-doctoral research in Pakistan, Center for the Study of Women in Society (CSWS), University of Oregon, \$2000, 2016.
- Travel Award to present at the South Asia Conference (Madison, 2015), Graduate Student Association, University of Oregon, 2015.
- Travel Award to present at the South Asia Conference (Madison, 2015), American Institute of Pakistan Studies, 2015.
- Research Award to conduct preliminary research on agency in rural Pakistan, Global Oregon, University of Oregon, \$2000, 2015.
- Promising Scholar Award, Graduate School, University of Oregon, \$5000, 2014.
- Garfield Institute of Public Leadership, Hiram College, \$1000, 2011.
- Ranney Webster Fund for Summer Research, to facilitate research on brain machine interfaces in a summer internship at the University of New Mexico, Hiram College, 2010.
- Global Hayden Scholarship, Hiram College, \$48,000, 2008–11.
- Global Recognition Award, Hiram College, \$18,000, 2008–11.

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Graduate Research Assistant for Anita Weiss, International Studies, University of Oregon wrote annotated bibliographies and read Urdu scripts pertinent to Weiss' book
- Graduate Research Fellow for Oluwakemi M. Balogun, Sociology, University of Oregon conducted research to find relevant work for Balogun's book proposal, compile an annotated bibliography for relevant materials found
- Graduate Research Assistant for Aseem Prakash, Political Science, University of Washington collaborated with professor to write a paper, which ended up becoming an op-ed on Open Democracy (see under)

#### CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

##### *Invited*

Book session panelist (author meets critics), PSA, Eugene, OR, March 2020

##### *Session organizer*

“Power, Politics, and Family in the Global Context” Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) San Francisco, CA, March 2020.

Papers Presented

“I Am My Own Person,’ Women’s Agency Inside and Outside the Home in Rural Pakistan,” Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) New York, NY, August 2019.

“Women's Empowerment through Polio Eradication: Agency and Representation of Lady Health Workers in Pakistan,” Pacific Sociological Association Annual Conference, Oakland, CA, March 2019.

“Re-Conceptualizing Women’s Agency in Rural Agency, Pakistan,” Association of Asian Studies Conference, Seattle, WA, March 2016 and South Asian Conference of the Pacific Northwest (SACPAN), Portland, OR, February 2016.

“Contextualizing Women’s Agency and Male Migration in Southern Punjabi Women, Pakistan,” South Asia Conference, Madison, WI, October 2015.

Conference & Public Talks

“Education Modernization and Islam: Global Variances in Islamic Practices and Beliefs,” presented as part of a colloquium series at Department of Sociology at the University of Oregon, Eugene, OR, October 2018.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**University of Oregon

- SOC 204: Introduction to Sociology (online), Instructor of Record
- SOC 207: Social Inequalities, Teaching Assistant
- SOC 310: Development of Sociology, Teaching Assistant
- SOC 311: Research Methods, Teaching Assistant
- SOC 317: Sociology of Mass Media, Teaching Assistant
- SOC 330: Sociology of Families, Instructor of Record
- SOC 345: Race & Ethnicities, Teaching Assistant
- SOC 355: Sociology of Gender, Teaching Assistant

University of Washington

- Pol S 325: Arab-Israeli Conflict, Teaching Assistant
- Pol S 204: Intro to Comparative Politics, Teaching Assistant
- JSIS 203: Rise of Asia, Teaching Assistant

Hiram College

- FRCL 132: Freshman Colloquium, Teaching Assistant

Guest Lectures

- Guest Lecturer for ES 330, Global Feminisms (Professor Irum Sheikh), University of Oregon. Presented on “Women, Agency, and Empowerment in Rural Punjab” January 25, 2015.

**LANGUAGES**

English	Native proficiency in reading, writing, speaking and listening
Urdu	Native proficiency in reading, writing, speaking and listening
Punjabi	Intermediate proficiency in reading, writing, speaking and listening

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE***Departmental and Institutional Service*

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- Search Committee Member for Tenure Track Hire in Global Health Search, Sociology, University of Oregon, 2018.
- Advisor to International Student Affairs Committee, University of Oregon, 2017-2018.

*Service in the Field*

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- Associate Editor (Student), *Social Problems* (Journal), 2017–2018.
- South Asia Research Intern, Vittana, Seattle, WA, 2013-2014.
- Marketing Research Assistant, Ekaria LLP, Redmond, WA, 2013-2014.
- Editor-in-Chief, *Advance Newspaper*, Hiram College, 2010-11.

*Public Outreach*

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- Published op-ed: Ahmed, Sarah and Aseem Prakash. “Don’t Blame the Military Alone: Women’s Rights in Pakistan,” *Opendemocracy.net*, 2013.

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Institute of Pakistan  
Society for the Study of Social Problems

Pacific Sociological Association  
American Association of University Women

**REFERENCES**

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