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EDUCATION

Board / University	Graduation year
Postdoc (History) <i>Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville</i>	2024
PhD (History) <i>South Asian Studies Programme, National University of Singapore</i>	2016
M Phil (History) <i>University of the Punjab, Lahore</i>	2006
MA (History) <i>GC Lahore/University of the Punjab, Lahore</i>	1995
BA <i>GC Lahore/University of the Punjab, Lahore</i>	1992
Intermediate <i>GC Lahore/Lahore Board</i>	1990
SSC <i>Lahore Board</i>	1988

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Role

Research Assistant

- Worked as research assistant with Mr. Ahmed Saleem at GRASSROOTS.

Teaching

- Twenty-four years' experience in teaching at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.
- Eighteen years of teaching experience at B.A (Hons) & M.A level.
- Fourteen years of teaching experience at the M.Phil. level.
- Five years of teaching experience at the Ph.D. level.

Journalistic

- Magazine Reporter in Daily Azad
- Assistant Editor Monthly, Namakdan (A Periodical of Liberty Papers Ltd.)
- Article writer and member of Editorial Board in weekly Taqazay, Lahore
- I wrote more than 150 articles, which were published in various newspapers and magazines.

COURSES TAUGHT

Level

PhD

- *Research Methodology for Archive Studies.*
- *Post-Colonial Pakistan.*

M.Phil.

- *India and the Colonial Interception in the 19th Century*
- *History Writing Workshop*
- *Research Methodology*
- *Specialized course on Indus Valley Civilization*
- *Economic History of India*

M.A.

- *International Relations*
- *History of the Freedom Movement*
- *Historiography*
- *Islamic History (from Pre-Islamic Arabia to the Pious caliphate)*

B.A. (Hons)

- *Key Concepts in Social Sciences*
- *Discourse of History*
- *Philosophy of History*
- *Historical Method and Writing Skills*
- *World History/Global History*
- *Islam and West*
- *Introduction to History*
- *Colonial Punjab*
- *Modern Middle East*
- *History of Modern Europe c.1870–1945*

B.A. (two years programme)

- *History of Civilizations*
- *History of Medieval India (Sultanate Period c.712–526)*
- *History of Medieval India (Mughal Period c.526–707)*
- *History of Freedom Movement (1857–1947)*
- *History of Pakistan (1947–1988)*
- *Pakistan Studies*

Intermediate

- *Islamic History (from Pre-Islamic Arabia to the Pious caliphate)*
- *Islamic History: The Umayyad Period*

- *Islamic History: The Abbasides Period*
- *History of Ancient India*
- *Pakistan Studies*

Courses developed for M.Phil. and PhD

- *Research Methodology for Archives Studies*
- *India and the Colonial Interception in the 19th century*
- *Specialized course on Indus Valley Civilization*
- *History Writing Workshop*
- *International Political Economy with specific reference to Pakistan*
- *Post-Colonial Pakistan*

Courses developed for B.A Hons

- *World History/Global History*
- *Philosophy of History*
- *Research Methodology*
- *Islam and West*
- *Historical Method and Writing Skills*
- *Key Concepts in Social Sciences*
- *Introduction to History*
- *History of Civilizations*
- *Discourse of History in the 19th and 20th century*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Areas

- *Leftist Movement in Pakistan,*
- *Print Culture and Literary Radicalism in South Asia,*
- *Kashmir, Political History of Pakistan (Since 1947),*
- *Colonialism in South Asia,*
- *History of Freedom Movement,*
- *History of Civilizations,*
- *New Trends in History and Historiography,*
- *Islam and the West.*
- *Discourse of History in Nineteenth Twentieth Century*
- *World History.*

Research Publications

1. *State of Press Freedom in Pakistan c.1947-59: A Historical Survey, Journal of Historical Studies, Vol. IX, No. 1, January-June 2023.*
2. *Literature Review kay Jadid Rujhanat aur Urdu Maqala Nigari: Aik Tanqidi Mahakma, Majallah-e-Tahqiq Research Journal of the Faculty of Oriental Learning, Vol. 44, No.132, July-September 2023.*

3. *Literary Radicalism and the Tools of its Articulation: Examining the Role of the Progressive Writers Association (PWA) between 1948 and 1954 in Pakistan*, *Journal of Punjab University Historical Society*, Vol. 34, July-December 2021.
4. *Literary Radicalism and the tools of its articulation: A case study of the Progressive Ventures in Films (1953–1971) in Pakistan*, *Journal of Punjab University Historical Society*, Vol. 34, January-June 2021.
5. *Definition of the “Left” and the problematic of fixing / determining the typologies of “Leftist Parties” in Pakistan*, *Journal of Punjab University Historical Society*, Vol. 33, July-December 2020.
6. *The Leftist Movement in West Punjab 1947*, *The Historian*, Vol. 15, Winter, 2017.
7. *Rawalpindi Conspiracy and The Leftist Movement*, *The Historian*, Vol. 15, Summer, 2017.
8. *Conceptualizing Decolonization*, *The Historian*, Vol. 14, Winter, 2016.
9. *The Major Developments Affecting the Leftist Movement in Pakistan*, *The Historian*, Vol.14, Summer, 2016.
10. *Imperialism and Territoriality*, *The Historian*, Vol. 13, Summer, 2015.
11. *History and Postmodern Challenges*, *The Historian*, Vol.8, No.1, January-June, 2010.
12. *A Litany of Errors: Pakistan’s Kashmir Policy (1996-99)*, *The Historian*, Vol. 7, No. 2, July-December Issue, 2009.
13. *Bleeding Wound: Analyzing Pakistan’s Kashmir Policy (1989-95)*, *The Historian*, Vol. 7, No. 1., January-June, 2009.
14. *An Inglorious End to a Glorious Adventure: Conceiving and Executing the Kargil Operation (1999)*, *The Historian*, Vol. 6, No. 2, July-December Issue, 2008.
15. *Historicizing Pakistan’s Kashmir Policy*, *The Historian*, Vol. 3, No. 2, July- December Issue, 2005.

Dissertations

- MA Thesis: “Kashmir ki jang ur Pindi sazesht case”(Kashmir war and Pindi Conspiracy Case 1947–51), (Lahore: University of the Punjab, 1995).
- M. Phil Thesis: “Pakistan’s Kashmir Policy: Post-Cold War Scenario”, (Lahore: University of the Punjab, 2003).
- Ph.D: “Print Culture and Left-wing Radicalism in Lahore, c.1947–1971”,(Singapore: National University of Singapore,2016).

Conference papers and Seminars

- i. (7-8 August 2024), Invited speaker in “Academic Writing Workshop” organized by the Department of History and Pak Studies, University of the Punjab.
- ii. (24-27 April 2024), Participation in “2024 Spring Colorado Fulbright Scholar Enrichment Seminar” at the University of Colorado, Fort Collins.
- iii. (6 March 2024), Participation in the Fullbright Online Workshop on “Fulbright Visiting Scholar Workshop on Humanities & Social Sciences Manuscript Publishing & Peer Reviews”.
- iv. (15-16 November 2023), Participation in the Fullbright Online Workshop on “Visiting Fulbright Professional Grant Development”.

- v. (18-21 October 2023), A Paper presented on “The Origins, Genesis, and Outcomes of the Islamic Socialist Discourse in Pakistan Between 1947 and the 1990s: A Critical Analysis” in the Annual Conference of South Asia at the University of Wisconsin.
- vi. (27 October 2022), A Lecture on “The Perspectives of Pakistani and Indian Governments on Kashmir and their Impact on the Kashmir Dispute” at Dayal Singh Research and Cultural Forum.
- vii. (24 March 2022), A Lecture on Lahore Resolution organized by GARRETT History Society at Institute of History GCU, New Campus KSK.
- viii. (8 February 2019), A seminar on “Thesis Introduction and Research Proposal” was given at Minhaj University Lahore.
- ix. (22-23 October 2019), Invited Speaker in the workshop on “Research in Practice: Issues and Challenges” at Government College Women University Sialkot.
- x. (8 May 2018), A Lecture on “Civil-Military Relations in Pakistan”, at Government Post Graduate College Samanabad, Faisalabad.
- xi. (17-19 September 2018), Participated in British Academy-funded workshops held at Government College University by Dr Sarah Ansari and Dr Markus Daechsel.
- xii. (19 August 2009), A paper presented on “Alternative Sources of History”, ‘The State of Historical and Cultural Research in Pakistan’, in a conference organized by the National Institute of Historical and Cultural Research Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, in collaboration with the University of Peshawar, at Summer Campus, Bara Gali.
- xiii. (21 August 2009), A talk on “Problems of Temporality and Periodization in History”, ‘The State of Historical and Cultural Research in Pakistan’, in a conference organized by the National Institute of Historical and Cultural Research, Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, in collaboration with the University of Peshawar, at Summer Campus, Bara Gali.

Thesis Supervised

I have supervised over 20 M. Phil, 10 M.A. theses, and more than 12 B.A. (Hons). I have also assisted three Ph.D. students as co-supervisor. I have three Ph.D. students working under my supervision.

MPHIL DEGREES AWARDED UNDER MY SUPERVISION

1. Muhammad Bilal, M.Phil., 2022, Pervaiz Musharraf's Kashmir Policy (1999-2008).
2. Rizwan Ahmed, M.Phil., 2022, Pakistan's Kashmir policy, its impact on politics in Azad Kashmir (1947-1991)
3. Muhammad Ahsan, M.Phil., 2022, Police in Colonial Punjab (1849—1903).
4. Saqlain Ahmad, M.phil.,2022, Canal Colonization in Punjab: A Case Study of Tehsil Chiniot.
5. Noman Adrees, M.Phil., 2021, Historicizing the Mohajirs Politics and Identity: A case study of MQM's political Activism 1979-1999.
6. Faiqa Seemab, M.Phil., 2020, Representation of Women in Pakistani Print Media: Critical Discourse Analysis from Women Pages in Roznama Mashriq (1963-1977)
7. Adil Gohar, M.Phil., 2016, Historicizing British Tribal Policies Towards Waziristan (1849-1947).
8. Samina Akbar, M.Phil., 2007, The Rawalpindi Conspiracy Case 1951: An Analytical Study.
9. Nayyer Abbas, M.Phil., 2007, Civil-Military Relations in Pakistan: A Case Study of the Era of Benazir

Bhutto's First Stint as Prime Minister.

10. Khansa Janjua, M.Phil., 2007, *Discourse Analysis of Shibli as Historian Biographer: A case Study of Seerat-un Nabi, Al-Mamoon and Al-Farooq.*
11. Noreen Amanat Ali, M.Phil., 2007, *Politics of Centralization in Pakistan (1947–1951): A Case Study of Jinnah Liaquat Period.*
12. Zulfiqar Ali Mohal, M.Phil., 2006, *Tribal Invasion of Kashmir: An Analytical Study.*
13. Sehar Fakhar, M.phil, 2006, *Fashion of the Mughals.*
14. Munnawar Abbas, M.Phil., 2006, *Modes of Domination and Subordination in the Light of Ranajit Guha's Vision, Dominance without Hegemony: A case Study of Dominant Biradaris of Tehsil Chiniot District Jhang.*

Editing Experience

- Assistant Editor of *Historian* 2003-2009
- Associate Editor of *Historian* 2009-2010.