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EDUCATION:

PhD Candidate

2018 - Present

Brown University, Department of Political Science, USA

Dissertation Committee: Nina Tannenwald & Ashutosh Varshney (Co-chairs), Tyler Jost, Reid Pauly.

Predoctoral Research Fellow in the Project on Managing the Atom and International Security

2024 – 2025

Harvard Kennedy School, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, USA

USIP - Minerva Peace & Security Scholar, United States Institute of Peace, USA

2023 - 2024

Master of Arts in Political Science

2018 – 2019

Brown University, Department of Political Science, USA

Master of Arts in International Policy Studies

2015 - 2017

Stanford University, Department of Political Science, USA

Concentration in International Security & Cooperation

Bachelor of Science (Honors) in Economics & Political Science

2010 - 2014

Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), Pakistan.

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

International Security

Deterrence Theory and Strategic

Arms Control

Nuclear Proliferation and Strategy

Stability

International Organizations

Military Innovation and Technology

Alliance Politics & Strategic

Crisis Management and Conflict

National Security Decision-Making

Partnerships

Prevention

Security Dynamics in Southern Asia

Non-Proliferation Regimes and

Policies

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE:

Nuclear Threat Initiative, Washington D.C., USA

July 2017 – Aug 2018

Program Associate, Global Biological Policy and Program

Research Consultant, Global Biological Policy and Programs

United Nations – Department of Field Support, New York, USA

June 2016 – Sep 2016

Programme and Management Analysis Summer Associate

Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO), Austria/ USA/Pakistan

May 2016 - Dec 2018

Youth Group Representative

Global Zero, Pakistan/Washington DC

Nov 2012 - July 2015

Regional Organizer for South Asia

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Teaching Assistant:

- Politics of Nuclear Weapons, Professor Reid Pauly. (Brown University, Spring 2022)
- *Head Teaching Assistant*, Introduction to International Relations, Professor Nina Tannenwald. (Brown University, Fall 2021)
- International Law and Politics of Human Rights, Professor Nina Tannenwald. (Brown University, Spring 2021 and Fall 2019)
- Rise of China, Professor Edward Steinfeld. (Brown University, Fall 2020)
 - Recipient of P. Terrence Hopmann Award for Excellence in Teaching
- Politics of Globalization, Professor Jeff Colgan. (Brown University, Spring 2020)

- The U.S. in World Politics, Professor Richard Maher, Summer at Brown Program. (Brown University, Summer 2022, Summer 2021 and Summer 2019)
- Ethics and International Affairs, Professor Richard Maher, Summer at Brown Program. (Brown University, Summer 2022, Summer 2021 and Summer 2019)

Pedagogical Training:

- Course Design Seminar- Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning (Brown University, 2024)
- Seminar on Reflective Teaching- Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning (Brown University, 2020)

Guest Lectures:

- Contributed to video lecture series on missile technology evolution in Southern Asia for the Stimson Center's Strategic Learning initiative on "Understanding the Evolution of Missile Technology in Southern Asia." [Link](#) (November 2023)
- Delivered a lecture titled "Nuclear Politics & The Changing World Order" for the course on Politics of Globalization (Brown University, April 2020)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

Research Assistant:

- Professor Reid Pauly, Project Title: "Threats that Leave Something to Chance" (Brown University, Summer 2022)
 - Funded by: Birkelund Funds for Watson Institute Faculty Research on Development, Governance, and Security
- Professor Scott Sagan (Stanford University, Sept 2016 - March 2017)
- Professor Martha Crenshaw, Mapping Militants Project (Stanford University, Jan 2017 – June 2017)

Other Research Projects:

- Directed reading research project on "WMD Threat Reduction and International Norm Making" under Dr. Megan Palmer (Stanford University, Fall 2017)
- Case Writer for Francis Fukuyama's Leadership Academy for Development (Stanford University, April - Sep 2017)
- Research Consultant for RefugeesWork (Austrian NGO), Practicum Project (Stanford University, June 2016 – March 2017)
- Research Consultant for INTERPOL, Policy Practicum on "Reforming INTERPOL's Governance Model." (Stanford University, (March – June 2017)

Publications:

- "Old Wars, New Tools? Emerging Technologies and Nuclear Risk in South Asia". Nuclear Scholars Initiative Journal: *On the Horizon*, A Collection of Papers from the Next Generation of Nuclear Professionals Center for Strategic and International Studies. [Link](#).
- "How much does nuclear superiority matter in South Asia?". *South Asian Voices*, 2019, The Stimson Center. [Link](#). <https://bit.ly/2RCSJZf>.
- "Establishing A Theoretical Foundation for Measuring Global Health Security: A Scoping Review". *BMC Public Health*, vol 19, no. 1, 2019. *Springer Science and Business Media LLC*, doi:10.1186/s12889-019-7216-0. [Link](#).
- "WHO Data Demonstrates Weaknesses in Biosecurity and Biosafety Systems Worldwide". *Nuclear Threat Initiative*. 2017, [Link](#).
- "Six Reasons Why the Developing World Should Care About Global Health Security". *Nuclear Threat Initiative*, 2017. [Link](#).
- "Will There Be a Next Generation in The Fight for Nuclear Nonproliferation?". *Bulletin Of The Atomic Scientists*, 2015. [Link](#).

Work in Progress:

- Delivering Deterrence: The Impact of Alliance Politics and Global Non-proliferation Policies on Vertical Nuclear Proliferation in Pakistan (Part of Dissertation - In preparation)

- Pakistan's Strategic Culture and Nuclear Choices: Analyzing the Dynamics of Continuity and Change (Chapter Draft submitted for edited volume)
- Beyond Cold War Analogies: Rethinking Nuclear Deterrence and Strategy in South Asia (Co-authored Paper with Alexander Sorg and Shivani Singh – In Preparation)
- Does Violence Beget More Violence? Effectively Countering Terrorism in Conflict-Ridden Societies (Working paper)

Conferences & Workshops:

- Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago (April 2024)- Presenter
- Brown University Political Science Department Internal Security Seminar, IR Workshop, Providence (May 2024)- Presenter
- Northeastern Political Science Association, Boston, (November 2023) - Presenter
- International Studies Association, Virtual (April 2021) - Participant
- Olympia Summer Academy's program in comparative and international politics, led by Professor Stathis Kalyvas, Greece, (July 2019) - Participant and Presenter
- Spatial Structures in the Social Sciences 2019 Summer GIS Institute Conference. Presentation Title: "*Trends in Terrorism: Spatial Analysis of Terrorist Attacks and Drone Strikes in Pakistan.*", Providence (Summer 2019) – Participant and Presenter
- CTBT youth summit at National Research Nuclear University MEPhI (Moscow Engineering Physics Institute). Paper Presentation and Group Report Title: "*The U.S. determinants of CTBT ratification.*", Moscow, Russia (2017) – Participant and Presenter

Non-academic / Practitioner Conferences and Boot Camps:

- Participant in policy dialogue on "*Exploring Responsible Practices in Crisis Prevention & Management between India and Pakistan*", Organized by BASIC-ICCS Nuclear Responsibility Programme, Dubai, UAE (February 2024)
- Participant in policy dialogue on "*Exploring Responsible Practices in Crisis Prevention & Management*", Organized by BASIC-ICCS Nuclear Responsibility Programme, Abu Dhabi, UAE (January 2024)
- Participant in Strategic Force Analysis Boot Camp hosted by Dartmouth College & Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, New Mexico, (August 2023)
- Participant in 2023 Nuclear History Boot Camp, Organized by Nuclear Proliferation International History Project (NPIHP) Rome, Italy (June 2023)
- Participant in the Regional Dynamics Workshop, South Asia Program, hosted by Stimson Center (Oct 26, 2022)
- Participant on full grant at the *Public Policy and Nuclear Threats (PPNT) Boot Camp* hosted by UC San Diego Institute for Public Policy and Nuclear Threats. (USA, July- August 2019)
- Participant in the CTBTO GEM (Group of Eminent Persons) Youth International Conference which was co-hosted by the Foreign Ministry of Kazakhstan. (Kazakhstan, 2018)
- CTBT Youth Group Participant at 46th Session of the CTBT Preparatory commission (Vienna, 2016 and 2017)
- NGO Representative for Nuclear Threat Initiative at the 4th *Global Health Security Agenda Ministerial Meeting* (Uganda, 2017)
- Participant and Workshop Organizer for 2017 CTBT Science & Technology Conference. Workshop Title: "*Analyzing and Engaging stakeholders in South Asia*" (Vienna, 2017)

Invited Talks & Discussant Opportunities:

- Panelist for talk on "*New Challenges to Strategic Stability in the China-India-Pakistan Nuclear Competition*", Carnegie International Nuclear Policy Conference, organized by the Stimson Center, Washington D.C (October 28, 2022). [Link](#)
- Paper Discussant at Bureaucracy and International Relations Conference, Watson Institute, Brown University (July 17, 2022)
- Panelist for talk on "*Nuclear Dynamics in South Asia*", Council for Strategic and Defense Research New Delhi, India (March 23, 2022). [Link](#)

- Panelist for talk on “*Nuclear Peace in South Asia?*”, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (November 17, 2021), [Link](#)
- Panelist for dialogue on “*Strategic Updates in South Asia: Pakistan Perspectives*”, National Security Affairs Department at the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School (NPS), and the Center for Global Security Research (CGSR) at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL), with support from the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), (June 8, 2021)
- Paper Discussant for research presentation at Saxena Center for Contemporary South Asia, Brown University (Feb 2020)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS:

- Predoctoral Research Fellowship with the Project on Managing the Atom and International Security Program at Harvard Kennedy School’s Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Funded. (2024 -2025)
- Departmental Research Grant awarded by Political Science Department, Brown University, Amount: \$3,750. (Spring 2024)
- 2023-24 United States Institute of Peace (USIP)-Minerva Peace and Security Scholar Fellowship. Amount: \$20,000. (2023-2024)
- Doctoral Research Travel Grant awarded by Graduate School, Brown University, Amount: \$1000. (Spring 2024)
- Departmental Research Grant awarded by Political Science Department, Brown University, Amount: \$2,750. (Spring 2023)
- GSC Conference and Professional Development Fund, Brown University, Amount: \$300. (December 2023)
- Doctoral Research Travel Grant awarded by Graduate School, Brown University, Amount: \$1000. (March 2023)
- Summer Fellowship by Saxena Center for Contemporary South Asia, Brown University, Amount: \$4500. (April 2022)
- The Project on Nuclear Issues ((PONI) Scholar 2021, Center for Strategic and International Studie.
- P. Terrence Hopmann Award for Excellence in Teaching (Fall 2020)
- S4 (Spatial Science for Social Sciences) Fellow successful GIS institute at Brown University (2019)
- Fellowship from Stanford University International Policy Studies (IPS) Program (2015-2016)
- Graduate Fellow at Stanford Center on Conflict Resolution and Negotiation (2016)
- Research Grant from Stanford Global Studies & Stanford Center on Philanthropy & Civil Society to Study Economic Integration of Refugees in Europe (2016)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND SKILLS

Professional Service:

- Vice President for Advocacy, Graduate Student Council, Brown University (2021- 2022)
- Chair for International Advocacy, Graduate Student Council, Brown University (2020- 2021)
- Participated & represented Brown Graduate Student Council at Ivy plus summit (2020, online), (2021, University of Pennsylvania), (2022, Columbia University)
- Served as mentor for Political Science department PhD. peer mentoring program, (2020-2021)
- Member of International Students Advisory Board, Brown University (2019-2021)
- Graduate representatives for the Life and Social Sciences, Graduate Council, Brown University, (2020 – May 2022)
- Co-Organizer for 2019-2020 Speaker Series on International Security in South Asia at Brown University
- Graduate Representative, Department of Political Science, Brown University (2019- 2020)
- Vice President for Pakistanis at Stanford, Stanford University (2017)

Language Proficiency: English (Fluent), Urdu (Native), Punjabi, Hindi (advanced), Arabic (beginner).

Technical Skills: ArcGIS, Latex, STATA, R, Microsoft Office Suite (Excel, Word, PowerPoint), Salesforce, ASANA, Zendesk, Bloomberg, Data analysis and statistical simulations.