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EDUCATION

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, New York, NY
Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science, 2022-present
Focus areas: International Relations, Comparative Politics

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY
J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2020
Honors: Order of the Coif (awarded to those graduating in the top 10% of the graduating class)
Dean's Scholarship
Activities: Advanced Law Student Advocate at the N.Y.U. Global Justice Clinic
Global Legal Program Intern, Center for Reproductive Rights

MACALESTER COLLEGE, St. Paul, MN
B.A. in Political Science and English (with honors), *summa cum laude*, 2017
Concentration in Human Rights and Humanitarianism
Honors Thesis (1): *From 'Prisoners of Conscience' to 'Prisoners of Poverty': Naming and Shaming Economic and Social Rights*
Honors Thesis (2): *The Eliminate* (novella)
Selected Honors: University of Minnesota Law School Pre-Law Scholar
Dean's List
Activities: MacWeekly, writer; Volunteer at Books for Africa, Kids' Judge, and the Laura Jeffrey Academy; Health Promotions intern at Planned Parenthood; Legal Research intern with Lawyers for Human Rights and Legal Aid; Research Assistant at the Minnesota Senate for Senator Barbara Goodwin; Campaign with womenwinning for State Auditor Rebecca Otto; Campaign for Governor Mark Dayton; English as a Second Language teacher at the English Learning Center

DISSERTATION

"Battling the Ruins of our Past: Identity, Law, and the Politics of Cultural Property in Wartime"

WORKING PAPERS

"Can Human Rights and Religion work together?" (co-author with Jack Snyder)

"Understanding the Geopolitical Alignment of Swing States" (co-author with Sarah Daly, Abhudaya Tyagi and Gilbert Lai)

"In the Name of God: How grass roots based women's rights groups continue to promote women's rights in conservative Muslim majority societies"

"Building Political Will through Multistakeholder Initiatives: How the International Labor Organization can shape domestic politics"

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

2024 "Humanitarian Intervention," (with Michael Doyle) *The Palgrave Handbook of Contemporary Geopolitics*.

2021 "Reinterpreting Usul-al-fiqh: Taking a Literary Approach to Prohibitions Against Homosexuality in the Qur'an," *Electronic Journal of Islamic and Middle Eastern Law* (University of Zurich).

2021 "Envisioning Community Paralegals in the United States: Beginning to Fix the Broken Immigration System," *The N.Y.U. Review of Law and Social Change*.

- 2020 “Win the Battle, Lose the War?: Strategies for the Repealing the Zina Ordinance in Pakistan,” *Muslim World Journal of Human Rights*.
- 2019 The Death Penalty in Pakistan: A Critical Review, *Justice Project Pakistan* (the first textbook on the death penalty in Pakistan).
- 2019 Book Review for *What is the Sharia?* By Baudouin Dupret, *International Journal of Law and Politics*.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

- 2025 Maxwell Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research
- 2024 Summer Workshop on the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (SWAMOS), Cornell University
Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chair and Discussant, “Sanctions and Aid as Foreign Policy Tools”
- 2023 New York Political Science Association Conference, presenting *Building Political Will through Multistakeholder Initiatives: How the International Labor Organization can shape domestic politics*
- 2023 NYU Scholarship Clinic (2022) presenting *Working with the Global Supply Chain: A ‘New’ Role for the International Labor Organization*
- 2020 17th Annual International Law and Human Rights Emerging Scholarship Conference presenting *Envisioning Community Paralegals in the United States: Beginning to Fix the Broken Immigration System*
- 2019 N.Y.U. Wagner Conflict, Security & Development Series, presenting on *A Legal Empowerment Approach to Addressing Justice Barriers in the US Immigration System*
- 2019 City College of New York Critical Perspectives on Human Rights Conference, presenting on *Justice Empowerment: Strategies Beyond the Law to Promote Dignity and Rights in the U.S. Immigration System*
- 2017 ACTC English Conference, presenting *Beetle-watching*
- 2016 Pi Sigma Alpha Conference presenting paper: *Reparations and Status Parity: Tackling Socioeconomic Inequalities among Conflict Victims*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Professor Nikhar Gaikwad, Columbia University, New York, NY
Research Assistant, Summer 2023; Spring 2024; Fall 2024; Winter 2024

Professor Jack Snyder, Columbia University, New York, NY
Research Assistant, Summer 2023

Professor Sarah Daly, Columbia University, New York, NY
Research Assistant, Summer 2023

Professor Michael Doyle, Columbia University, New York, NY
Research Assistant, Spring 2023

Professor Kenji Yoshino, New York University School of Law, New York, NY
Research Assistant, Summer 2019

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Human Rights, Columbia University, New York, NY
Professor Andrew Nathan, Fall 2026

Writing Consultant for Graduate Students, Columbia University, New York, NY
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Writing Studio, Fall 2025; Spring 2026

Teaching Consultant, Columbia University, New York, NY
Center for Teaching and Learning, Fall 2025; Spring 2026

Head Teaching Assistant/Instructor, Introduction to International Politics, Columbia University, New York, NY
Professor Jayme Schlesinger, Spring 2025

Senior Teacher Observation Fellow, Columbia University, New York, NY
Center for Teaching and Learning, Fall 2024; Spring 2025

Teaching Assistant/Instructor, Introduction to International Politics, Barnard College, New York, NY
Professor Gideon Rose, Fall 2024

Teaching Assistant/Instructor, Introduction to International Politics, Columbia University, New York, NY
Professor Alex de la Paz, Summer 2024

Teaching Assistant/Instructor, Introduction to International Politics, Columbia University, New York, NY
Professor Jayme Schlesinger, Fall 2023; Spring 2024

Teaching Observation Fellow, Columbia University, New York, NY
Center for Teaching and Learning, Fall 2023; Spring 2024

Teaching Development Program, Center for Teaching and Learning, Columbia University, New York, NY
Center for Teaching and Learning, Summer 2023

Peer Tutor, Civil Procedure, Criminal Law, and Legislation and the Regulatory State, NYU Law, New York, NY
Office of Student Affairs, Fall 2019; Spring 2020

Teaching Assistant, Graduate Lawyering, New York University School of Law, New York, NY
Professor Gerald Lebovits, Fall 2018; Spring 2019

FELLOWSHIPS

2022- present	Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Teaching Fellowship
2025-2026	Stephanie G. Neuman Fellow in Comparative Defense Studies
2025-2026	Hans J. Morgenthau Pre-doctorate Fellowship
2024-2025	Senior Teaching Observation Fellowship
2023-2024	Teaching Observation Fellowship
2021-2022	Ford Foundation Fellowship in Nonprofit Law
2020-2021	Arthur Helton Global Human Rights Fellowship
2020	Florence Allen Scholar
2019	Institute for International Law and Justice Scholar
2018	International Law and Human Rights/White, Case and Orisen Fellowship

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2025	Saltzman Institute for War and Peace, conference grant
2024	Columbia Experimental Laboratory for Social Sciences, Graduate Student Experimental Projects Grant
2024	The Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, Graduate Student Conference Grant
2020	Global Justice Emerging Scholars Essay Prize
2017	Harry Scherman Writing Award for Literary Criticism
	Academy of American Poets, honorable mention

SERVICE

2024-2025	Political Science Quarterly, <i>Editorial Assistant</i>
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2024	Columbia Conference on Migration and Human Rights, <i>Co-organizer</i>
2024	Midwest Political Science Association, <i>Chair and Discussant</i>
2024	NYU Law Global Justice Emerging Scholars Conference, <i>Commentator</i>
2023-2024	Arts and Sciences Graduate Student Council, <i>Student Government Representative</i>
2023	Arthur Helton Global Human Rights Fellowship, NYU Law, <i>Fellowship award committee member</i>
2021-2022	American Bar Association's Rule of Law Initiative, <i>Rapporteur/Legal Expert</i>
2018-2019	N.Y.U. Journal of International Law and Politics, <i>Book Annotations Editor</i>

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Political Science Association, Member, 2022
 Midwest Political Science Association, Member, 2024
 American Historical Association, Member, 2024
 Legal Empowerment Learning Lab, Member, 2022
 American Bar Association, Member, 2021
 New York State Bar Association, Member, Young Lawyers Section, 2021
 Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science Honor Society), Member, 2016
 Sigma Tau Delta (English Honor Society), Member, 2016

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages: English (native); Urdu/Hindi (fluent speaker); Spanish (basic speaking, intermediate writing and reading), French (basic speaking, reading and writing)
Software languages: R, LaTeX
Training: Quantitative social science and experiments, political economy methods, qualitative methods, trauma-informed interviewing, participant observation
Bar Admissions: New York, Punjab
Other: black belt; novelist, poet and baker