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Education:

- 2002 –2008 **University of Toronto**, Toronto, Ontario
Ph.D. in Anthropology
- 2000 – 2002 **University of British Columbia**, Vancouver, B.C.
M.A. in Socio Cultural Anthropology
Master's Thesis: "Biomedical Service Delivery for Women in Northern Pakistan: Ideological Contrasts and Social Resistance" (Supervisor: Dr William H. McKellin)
- 1996-2000 **University of British Columbia**, Vancouver, B.C.
Bachelor of Arts, Honours Anthropology
Honours Thesis: "Under the Peach Tree: Indo-Canadian Women's Negotiation of Arranged Marriage" (Supervisor: Dr Tissa Fernando)
- 1994-1996 **Malaspina University-College**, Nanaimo, B.C.
Bachelor of Arts Programme, Anthropology

Doctoral Dissertation:

"Belaboured Lives: An Ethnography of Muslim Women's Pregnancy & Childbirth Practices in Pakistan's Embattled, Multi-Sectarian Northern Areas"

Supervisor: Dr Michael Lambek

Thesis Committee: Dr Janice Boddy, Dr Bonnie McElhinny, Dr Richard Lee, Dr Holly Wardlow

External Committee: Dr Haroon Akram-Lodhi (Trent University)

My doctoral thesis examines the coalescence of reproduction and conflict in Gilgit Town, economic and administrative capital of Pakistan's semi-autonomous, federally neglected and multi-sectarian Northern Areas. Specifically, my research explores the relationship between Shia-Sunni conflict, interpersonal enmities and Sunni Muslim women's reproductive and maternal health. Ethnographic fieldwork was conducted for 14-months among Sunni women, Gilgit's biomedical, traditional and Islamic therapeutic service providers, and at household, community, mosque and clinical-settings. My analysis addressed the physical, symbolic and cosmological threats that women perceived were interwoven with their fertility, pregnancy and childbirth-related health. Secondary analysis involved gendered sociality, Shia-Sunni militarism and the impacts of Islamic conservatism to women's health service uptake or everyday reproductive and maternal health practices and beliefs. (Dissertation defense September 2, 2008; convocation November 2008.)

Awards, Fellowships & Grants:

- 2008-2010 Killam Fellowship (Post-Doctoral), Department of Bioethics, Dalhousie University (Halifax, Nova Scotia) (\$44,000 + \$1,000 + \$3,000 per annum; 2 years funding)
- Ethics of Health Research and Policy (EHRP) Program CIHR Trainee, Dalhousie University (\$5,000 + \$1,500, 2008-2009; \$6,000, 2009-2010)
- 2008 Joint Atlantic Metropolis (AMC) Rural Centre Grant (\$14,852.80; one year). Primary Investigator/Applicant Dr Blye Frank (Head, Dept. of Bioethics, Dalhousie University); Dr Emma Varley Co-PI (Project Consultant as of June 2009).
- 2007-2008 Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Research Training Doctoral Fellowship from HCTP, University of Toronto (\$15,000 stipend, \$5,000 research grant; one year)
- Health Care, Technology & Place (HCTP)-Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Interdisciplinary Capacity Enhancement (ICE) Grant, University of Toronto (\$4'000 research grant; one year)
- 2006-2007 Ontario Women's Health Scholars Award, Ontario Council of Graduate Studies (OCGS) (\$19,500 stipend, \$2'000 research grant; one year)
- CIHR Research Initiative from HCTP, University of Toronto (\$5'000 research grant; one year)
- Doctoral Thesis Completion Grant, University of Toronto (\$2,718; one year)
- Anthropology Department Conference Travel Grant (\$867; one year)
- 2005 IDRC Doctoral Research Award (\$16'500 stipend; one year)
- 2004 Lorna Marshall Doctoral Fellowship in Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Toronto (2,500 research award; one year)
- Anthropology Department Conference Travel Grant (\$1'000; one year)
- 2003 Anthropology Department Conference Travel Grant (\$1'000; one year)
- 2002-2006 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), Doctoral Fellowship (\$19'500 stipend per annum; four years)
- 2000-2002 University Graduate Fellowship (UGF), University of British Columbia (\$16'000 stipend per annum; two years)
- 1997-1998 Anthropology Bursaries, University of British Columbia (\$2'000, \$3'000; one year)
- 1996-1997 Magnus J.B. Peterson Memorial Bursary in Anthropology, University of British Columbia (3,000; one year)
- 1994-1996 Undergraduate Full-Tuition Scholarships, Malaspina University-College (\$1,250 per annum; two years)

Publications:

- Varley, Emma (2010) "Targeted doctors, missing patients: Obstetric health services and sectarian conflict in Northern Pakistan." *Social Science & Medicine*, 70: 61-70.
- Varley, Emma (2008) Belaboured Lives: An Ethnography of Muslim Women's Pregnancy & Childbirth Practices in Pakistan's Embattled, Multi-Sectarian Northern Areas. (Doctoral Thesis; Dr Michael J. Lambek, Supervisor) Toronto: Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto (525 pages).
- Varley, Emma (2008) "Enmities & Introspection: Fieldwork Entanglements and Ethnographic Reflexivity." How Do We Know? Evidence, Ethnography, and the Making of Anthropological Knowledge. (Liana Chua, Casey High, Timm Lau: Editors) Newcastle, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, pp. 133-156.
- Varley, Emma (2008) "*Halaat Kharab'*/Tension Times: The Maternal Health Costs of Gilgit's Sunni-Shia Conflict" Missing Links in Sustainable Development: South Asian Perspectives. Karachi: SDPI & SAMA Editorial & Publishing Services, pp. 53-80.
- Varley, Emma (2002) Biomedical Service Delivery for Women in Northern Pakistan: Ideological Contrasts and Social Resistance. (Master's Thesis; Dr W.H. McKellin, Supervisor) Vancouver: Department of Anthropology, University of British Columbia (55 pages).
- Varley, E., McKellin, W.H., Chan, K. (2000) Working in International Health: IHHS 300. (Online Interprofessional Health and Human Service course.) Vancouver: College of Health Disciplines, University of British Columbia.
- Varley, Emma (1998) AKRSP Women's Organization (WO) Income-Generating Activities and Increased Household-Decision Making. Gilgit: Monitoring & Evaluation Unit (MER), Aga Khan Rural Support Programme (53 pages).

Submitted for Publication:

- Varley, E., Isaranuwatthai, I., Coyte, P.C. (2009) "Ocean Waves & Roadside Spirits: Thai Health Service Providers' Post-Tsunami Psychosocial Health." (Submitted July 8, 2009: 'Disasters: The Journal of Disaster Studies, Policy and Management'. Under review.)

Editor & Peer Review:

- Danesi, M., Sebeok, T.A. (Editors) (2010) Encyclopedic Dictionary of Semiotics: Third Edition Revised & Updated. (Emma Varley & Eugenia Tsao: Publication Proof Editing.) Paris: Mouton de Gruyter.
- Siegmann, Karin Astrid (2008) "The Underbelly of Globalization: Gender and Economic Integration in South Asia." (Emma Varley: Editor & Reviewer) Missing Links in Sustainable Development: South Asian Perspectives. Karachi: SDPI & SAMA Editorial & Publishing Services, pages 83-104.
- Gul Khattak, Saba (1999) Civil Society Initiatives Countering Corruption in Pakistan. (Emma Varley: Editor) Islamabad: United Nations Development Programme & Sustainable Development Policy Institute.

Cited In:

Gloeckler, A., Seeley, J. (2006) "Gender and AKRSP – Mainstreamed or Sidelined?" Valleys in Transition: Twenty Years of AKRSP's Experience in Northern Pakistan. (Geof Wood, Abdul Malik & Sumaira Sagheer: Editors) Karachi: Oxford University Press.

Lambek, Michael (2007) "How Do Women Give Birth? Pregnant Silences and Bloody Parturition in Sakalava Mythopraxis." Questions of Anthropology. (Rita Astuti, Jonathan Parry, Charles Stafford: Editors) Berg Publishers: New York.

Journal & Manuscript Reviewer:

Disasters: The Online Journal of Disaster Studies Policy & Management (1 article; 2009)

Social Science & Medicine (6 articles; 2009)

Sustainable Policy Development Institute (1 academic manuscript; 2009)

Syracuse University Press (1 academic manuscript; 2009)

Active Research:

2010 **"Islamic Bioethics, Sectarian Bioethics: The Moral Politics of Medical Practice in Pakistani Hospitals"** (January-September 2010)

This fieldwork-based research project will comparatively examine the ways Pakistani Muslim obstetric patients in urban (Lahore) and semi-urban (Gilgit) tertiary-and secondary-level hospitals identify, prioritize and negotiate religiously-informed bioethical notions of what constitutes morally appropriate care and health decision-making, physician duty, patient dignity and rights. In Pakistan, Islamic bioethics addresses gynaecological and obstetric care, contraception, and abortion; artificial insemination and in-vitro fertilization. By ethnographically exploring the ways in which sectarian affiliation in Sunni-dominated Lahore and Shia-dominated Gilgit inform women patients and providers' sense of Islamic bioethics, this project seeks to illuminate the ways bioethical principles are, in practice, differentiated according to age, gender, ethnic and sectarian affiliation as well as variation between schools of jurisprudence (*fiqh*) in Sunni and Shia sects. My research will also explore the ways in which sect-specific Islamic bioethics represent the enactment of religious-framed, therapeutic governance in clinical settings.

2009 **"Conflict, Identity & Maternal Loss: The Implications of Sectarian Affiliation for Women's Reproductive Health in Northern Pakistan"** (Jan 2009-Ongoing)

By building on my doctoral fieldwork (2004-2005) and dissertation (2008), this project returns to Gilgit (Northern Areas) to analyse the conflict and post-conflict implications of 'sectarian identity' and 'affiliation' for Sunni Muslim women's access to, and use of, Gilgit's multi-sectarian medical landscapes- inclusive of obstetric services, 'traditional' and 'Islamic' therapies - for their reproductive and maternal health. Specifically, my research will examine the inter-relationship between chronic sectarian hostilities, Sunni 'identity' and women's family-, community- and mosque-informed navigation of available local hierarchies of therapeutic resort. Research results will be applied toward the completion of a monograph based on my doctoral and post-doctoral research.

Conferences, Workshops & Guest Lectures:

American Anthropological Association (*Dec 5, 2009*) Philadelphia, PA

Presented a research-based paper, entitled “Pregnant Projects of Identity: Secular Biomedicine, Prophetic Medicine & Conflict in Pakistan’s Northern Areas” as part of panel session, “Medical Pluralism: Politics, Aesthetics and the Imagination of Healing” (Organizer: Leonardo Menegola, The Institute at Rucellai, Florence). Dr Laurence Kirmayer (discussant). (Invited)

Ethnographies of Islam (*Nov 4, 2009*) Aga Khan University: London, UK

Presented a research-based paper, entitled “Islamic Sorcery, Black Magic, Revenge: Woman-centered Ritual Practice and Subversive Social Agency in Pakistan’s Northern Areas” as part of a workshop panel session, “Rituals and Symbols”. Publication workshop (Nov 4-6) organized by the Aga Khan University (London), University of Louvain (Belgium), and the Universidade Federal Fluminense (Brazil). (Invited)

Department of Bioethics (Dalhousie University) (*Oct 19, 2009*) Halifax, Nova Scotia

Presented a research-based paper, entitled “Tied in Knots: Afflictive Magic and Maternal Mortality in Northern Pakistan” for faculty, students and staff as part of Department of Bioethics WIPS (Works In-Progress Seminar series). (Invited)

Society for Medical Anthropology (SMA) (*Sept 25, 2009*) Yale University: New Haven, CT

Organizer and presenter for double-length “Medical Anthropology & Conflict” workshop; research-based paper entitled “Targeted Doctors & ‘Missing’ Patients: The Impacts of Shia-Sunni Conflict on Obstetric Health Services in Northern Pakistan.” Panelists included Drs Annemiek Richters, Marian Tankink, Ria Reis (Leiden University); Patricia Omidian (Aga Khan University Karachi); Rachel Chapman (University of Washington); Jean-Francois Trani, Jane Derges (University College London); Victor Igreja (University of Queensland); Angel Foster (IBES); Pam Godde (University of California) and Junjie Chen (University of Illinois).

Faculty of Medicine (Dalhousie University) (*August 27, 2009*) Halifax, Nova Scotia

Presented a research-based lecture, entitled “Culture, the Illness Experience and Physician-Centered Cultural Competency” on behalf of the Department of Bioethics for Family Medicine Residents (Year Two), Capital Health Diversity and Inclusion Steering Committee and Cultural Health and Interpretation Services. (Invited)

Conference of the Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA) (*May 14, 2009*) University of British Columbia

Co-organizer of panel session, entitled “Contested Evidence, Systemic Failures, Productive Creativity: Ethnographies of Health Practice”; panelists included Dr Janice Graham (Dalhousie University), Dr Dan Small (InSite; University of British Columbia), Maureen Murney (University of Toronto; panel co-organizer) & Dr Josephine MacIntosh (University of Victoria).

Pakistan Workshop (Durham University) (*May 9, 2009*) Ulverston, UK

Presented a research-based paper, entitled “Islamist positions, everyday struggles: Sectarian conflict, Shia-Sunni militancy and women’s health in Pakistan’s Northern Areas” in session entitled “Sectarianism and Reproduction”. (Invited)

Department of Bioethics (Dalhousie University) (*April 21, 2009*) Halifax, Nova Scotia

Presented a research-based paper, entitled “Ethnographic Potential? Critical Appraisal of the Role & Scope of Bioethics in Muslim Contexts” on behalf of Ethics of Health Research & Policy (EHRP) programme. (Invited)

Faculty of Medicine (Dalhousie University) (*April 15, 2009*) Halifax, Nova Scotia

Co-presented a research-based tutorial for undergraduate Faculty of Medicine 'Med 1' unit elective on 'Ethics', entitled "Foetal sex determination and selective pregnancy termination" (with Dr Janice Graham, Department of Bioethics). (Invited)

Department of Bioethics (BIOT 6046.43 – Qualitative Health Research: Determining Evidence; Instructors: Dr Mavis Jones, Dr Janice Graham; Dalhousie University) (*April 7, 2009*) Halifax, Nova Scotia

Presented a research-based lecture, entitled "Qualitative Health Research in Uncertain Settings." (Invited)

International Health Office (Dalhousie University) (*March 4, 2009*) Halifax, Nova Scotia

Presented a research-based paper, entitled "States of Health in a Weak State: Pregnancy, Childbirth and Conflict in Northern Pakistan" for faculty, staff and students on behalf of the International Health Office (IHO). (Invited)

Department of Bioethics (Dalhousie University) (*February 16, 2009*) Halifax, Nova Scotia

Presented a research-based paper, entitled "Conflicted States, Embattled Bodies: Making Sense of Maternal Health in Northern Pakistan" for faculty, students and staff as part of WIPS (Works In-Progress Seminar series), Department of Bioethics. (Invited)

Health Canada (Atlantic Region) (*October 21, 2008*) Halifax, Nova Scotia

Presented a paper, entitled "Islamic Medicine, Muslim Patients, Policy & Service Possibilities for Health Canada (Atlantic)" for senior-level policy analysts and programme administrators with Health Canada's Atlantic Region operations and offices. Paper part of panel presentation by members of Dr Janice Graham's Technoscience and Regulation Research Unit, Department of Bioethics (Dalhousie University). (Invited)

Religion & Humanitarianism (*June 3-5, 2008*) American University in Cairo: Cairo, Egypt

Presented a research-based academic paper, entitled "Conflictive Sectarianism and Islamic Humanitarianism" with co-presenters Andrea Paras (Ph.D., University of Toronto) and Jennifer Gagnon (University of Minnesota), panel discussant Dr Craig Calhoun (University of Minnesota). (Invited)

Conference of the Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA) (*May 8-10, 2008*) Carleton University: Ottawa, Ontario

Presented a research-based academic paper, entitled "Cosmologies of Harm, Medicines for Discord" as part of panel presentation entitled "Critical Engagement, Critical Articulations", organized by Dr Nicola Mooney (University College of the Fraser Valley) and Dr Glynis George (University of Windsor). Co-presenters included Dr Denise Nuttall (Ithaca College) and Preethy Sivakumar (Ph.D. Candidate, York University). (Invited)

CHSRF-CIHR First Annual Health Services Chair Workshop (*April 30, 2008*) Toronto, Ontario

Presented a research-based academic paper, entitled "Ocean Waves & Roadside Spirits: The Impacts of the 2004 Tsunami on Survivors and Health Service Providers in Thailand's Affected Provinces" with co-presenters Wanrudee Isaranuwatthai (Ph.D. Candidate, HPME, University of Toronto) and Monir Moniruzzaman (Ph.D. Candidate, Anthropology, University of Toronto), in honour of Dr Peter C. Coyte, HCTP Co-Director and CHSRF-CIHR Chair. (Invited)

Middlebury College (*January 14, 2008*) Middlebury, VT (U.S.A.)

Delivered a one-hour Guest Lecture, entitled "Evil Eye, Invasive Spirits & Deliberate Harms: Pregnancy, Childbirth & Social Discord in Pakistan's Northern Areas" for the Department of Sociology and Anthropology. (Invited)

“Medical Anthropology” (ANT C61, Instructor: Maureen Murney, UTSC) (October 16, 2007) Toronto, Ontario
Delivered a two-hour Guest Lecture, entitled “Women’s Maternal Health Amid Sectarian Strife: Medical Pluralism and Social Unrest in Northern Pakistan” at the request of the course Instructor Maureen Murney (Ph.D. Candidate, University of Toronto). (Invited)

King’s College, Cambridge University: “Questions of Evidence: Ethnography and Anthropological Forms of Knowledge” (January 27-28, 2007) Cambridge, U.K.

Presented an academic paper, entitled “Bad Moments Need Not Be Lost: *Phronesis* and Fieldwork Entanglements” in panel “The Ethnographer’s Subjectivity and Anthropological Knowledge” with co-panelist Dr Lisette Josephides (Queen’s University, Belfast) and panel discussant Dr Christina Toren (University of St Andrews). Conference organized by Timm Lau (Cambridge), Dr Casey High (Goldsmiths) and Liana Chua (Cambridge); keynote speakers were Dr Marilyn Strathern (Cambridge) and Dr Rita Astuti (London School of Economics). (Invited)

Sustainable Policy Development Institute (SDPI): “Missing Links in Sustainable Development: South Asian Perspectives” (December 13-15, 2006) Islamabad, PAKISTAN

Presented a research-based academic paper, entitled “*Halaat Kharab*’/‘Tension Times’: The Maternal Health Costs of Gilgit’s Sunni-Shia Conflict”. Conference organized by Dr Saba Gul Khattak (Executive Director, SDPI) and Kiran Habib (SDPI). Panel Moderator was Dr Masuma Hassan (SDPI), and fellow panelists included Dr Lubna Chaudhry (SUNY, N.Y.) and Nazish Brohi (SDPI, ActionAid); panel discussant was Dr Rubina Saigol. Conference papers were published and launched December 2007 (SDPI & SAMA Editorial & Publishing Services). (Invited)

“Gender and Health” (Undergraduate Course, University of Toronto) (November 15, 2006) Toronto, Ontario
Delivered a Guest Lecture, entitled “Sectarianism & Constrained Health: Sunni Women’s Maternal Practices in Pakistan’s Northern Areas”, at the request of Dr Valentina Quayson (Women & Gender Studies). (Invited)

Health Care, Technology and Place (HCTP) Doctoral Fellowship Seminar Series (University of Toronto) (October 18, 2006) Toronto, Ontario

Presented a 40-minute paper and multi-media presentation, entitled “Crossing Sectarian Boundaries: The Spatial Risks Facing Sunni Muslim Women amid Shia-Sunni Conflict”, which provided a summary of doctoral fieldwork results. Presentation discussants were Dr Gillian Einstein (Psychology, University of Toronto) and Dr Blake Poland (HCTP Mentor; Geography, University of Toronto).

Conference of the Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA) (May 9-13, 2006) Montreal, Quebec

Organized and co-chaired with Dr Richard Lee (University of Toronto) and Monir Moniruzzaman (Ph.D. Candidate, University of Toronto) one symposium (“Off the Beaten Track: HIV/AIDS in ‘Odd’ Places”) and one panel (“Commodification and Conflict: Emerging South Asian Anthro-Scapes”). Presented two academic papers: “AIDS Travels the Silk Road: The Emergence of HIV/AIDS in Northern Pakistan” and “The Hidden Costs of War: Sectarian Conflict, Health Service Access and Maternal Deaths in Pakistan’s Northern Areas”. Fellow presenters included Dr Holly Wardlow (University of Toronto), Maureen Murney (University of Toronto), Dr Nicola Mooney (Mt Allison University), Fabienne Labbé (École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales), Vanessa Nicolai (Concordia University), Dr Ken MacDonald (University of Toronto).

Northern Areas AIDS Control Consortium (May 7-11, 2005) Gilgit, PAKISTAN

Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker for NAAC’s first annual HIV/AIDS conference; motivator in training sessions involving NGO/NDO representatives from the Al-Sabah Welfare Trust, Al-Qalam Welfare Organization, Parbat Welfare Organization and Family Planning Association of Pakistan. (Invited)

- Mutahida Majlis-e-Amal Book Project Conference** (March 25-26, 2005) Islamabad, PAKISTAN
Presented an academic paper and chapter proposal, entitled "MMA, Sectarian Violence and Women's Access to Health Services in Gilgit". Conference presenters and book co-authors included Dr Shaheen Sardar Ali, Dr Nausheen Ahmed, Bushra Gohar, Afrasiab Khattak (Awami League, NWFP), Saleem Shah, Dr Anita Weiss and Dr Saba Gul Khattak. Conference papers scheduled for publication (2010) by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) (Islamabad). (Invited)
- Sustainable Policy Development Institute Conference: "Troubled Times: Sustainable Development & Governance in the Age of Extremes"** (December 8-10, 2004) Islamabad, PAKISTAN
Discussant for "Gendered Violence in the Subcontinent: Session 1" panel, organized by Dr Saba Gul Khattak. Presenters included Dr Lubna Chaudhry, Dr Ritu Menon and Dr Rubina Saigol. (Invited)
- Conference of the Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA)** (May 5-9, 2004) London, Ontario
Presented an academic paper, entitled "Afghani Women's Health and Islamic Conservatism: An Anthropology of Refugee Health in Pakistan", in session entitled "Uneven Collaborations and Political Dilemmas: Positioning Ethnography in Health Research" with Maureen Murney (Toronto), Dr Cindy Grief (Toronto) and Robert Lorway (Toronto); chaired by Dr Janice Graham (Dalhousie). (Invited)
- Conference of the Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA)** (May 7-11, 2003) Halifax, Nova Scotia
Presented a research-based academic paper, entitled "Ideals of Mother's Health-Seeking Behaviours: A Summary of the Contrasting Values, Goals and Realities Between Biomedical Practitioners and Patient Populations in Northern Pakistan" in session entitled "Imagining, Creating, and Packaging Maternity" with Dr Bonnie McElhinny (University of Toronto), Maureen Murney (University of Toronto), Jessica Cattaneo (University of Toronto) and Teodosia Villarino (University of Toronto); chaired by Dr Penny Van Esterik (York University). (Invited)
- The World Health Organization and the SEVA Foundation (Canada), "Vision 20/20: Gender and Blindness in Africa"** (June 17, 2002) Moshi, TANZANIA
Presented a research-based academic paper, entitled "Women, Blindness and the Religious Barriers to Service Uptake" in session entitled "Understanding Our Numbers: Demographics, Cultural and Economic Factors Affecting Access to Cataract Surgery" with Dr Paul Courtright (Kilimanjaro Christian Medical College), Dr Praveen Nirmalan (Aravind Eye Hospital, India) and Mercedes Juarez (WHO). (Invited)
- Malaspina University-College, "Anthropology & Archaeology Symposium"** (March 23, 2001) Nanaimo, B.C.
Presented a research-based paper, entitled "Negotiating Development: Experiences with NGO's Overseas" as part of a one-day seminar for Bachelor (BA) students from Malaspina University-College, with attendees additionally from the University of Victoria.
- Aga Khan Rural Support Programme (AKRSP), "Anthropological Techniques Seminar"** (September 2-4, 1998) Gilgit, PAKISTAN
Participated in and presented two one-hour sessions on the nature of informal and formal Social Science interview techniques to AKRSP Social and Agricultural Organizers from all six sub-districts of Gilgit Region, Northern Areas. Organized follow-up interview roster preparation kits under the supervision of Mr. Ali Gohar, Manager (Natural Resource Management, Gilgit Office). (Invited)
- Museum of Anthropology** (April 1997) Vancouver, B.C.
Museum Exhibit Title: *"Beyond the Veil: Muslim Women in a Pakistani Village"*
Developed, supervised and participated in the installation of a major museum exhibit (Sept 1996-April 1997). The exhibit focused on the everyday lives of a select group of Chitrali women from Northern Pakistan, and involved photo-essay and written narrative formats. Exhibit ran until summer 1999.

Malaspina University-College, "Annual Symposium of Applied Anthropology and Archaeology" (March 26, 1996) Nanaimo, B.C.

Initiated, developed, organized funding for and co-ordinated Malaspina's first Applied Anthropology and Archaeology Symposium with speakers from the faculty of the University of Victoria and Malaspina University-College, International and National NGO's (CIDA, WUSC, etc) and Canadian Consular Officials (former Canadian High Commissioner to Zambia); attended by 85 participants. The symposium concentrated on academic and employment opportunities available to BA Anthropology and Archaeology students prior to Graduate School. Organized with the financial support of Malaspina University-College Administration and the Department of Social Sciences.

Consultancy & Research Affiliation:

Atlantic Metropolis Centre (AMC) & Department of Bioethics (Dalhousie University) (October 2008-December 2009) Halifax, Nova Scotia

Qualitative Consultant for AMC-administered Joint Atlantic Metropolis Centre Rural Centre Grant, "A Better Place to Be?: Rural Immigrant Men and Health Care Outcomes in Atlantic Canada". Provided grant and Research Ethics Board (REB) application writing and support; research analysis and methods collaboration for Dr Blye Frank (Head, Dept. of Bioethics; Project Primary Investigator).

Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) & Health Care, Technology and Place (HCTP, University of Toronto) (January-December 2007) Toronto, CANADA; Phuket & Phang Nga Districts, THAILAND

Co-Investigator on HCTP-administered Interdisciplinary Capacity Enhancement (ICE) Grant for Canada and Thailand-based qualitative fieldwork research, conducted under guidance of Dr Peter Coyte (CHSRF/CIHR Health Services Chair; HCTP Co-Director, University of Toronto). Primary project entitled "Impact of the Tsunami Disaster on Health Service Utilization and Health Status in Thailand" (Co-Investigator Monir Moniruzzaman). Conducted fieldwork among health service personnel at Ministry of Public Health Offices in Thai Muang and Khao Lak, Phang Nga District (August 18-28, 2007); translation and academic support provided by Wanrudee Isaranuwachai (University of Toronto).

Sustainable Development Policy Institute (2004- 2005; 2006-2007) Islamabad, PAKISTAN

Visiting Research Scholar, working under the supervision of Dr Saba Gul Khattak (Executive Director) for the duration of my Pakistani doctoral fieldwork. Prepared academic research proposals and monthly fieldwork updates as part of my reporting responsibilities.

Tameer Border Project on Border Traders (March-June 2005) Gilgit, PAKISTAN

Contracted as part-time Research Consultant by Khalid Haroon Wani (Chairperson) and Ibadat Khan (Programme Officer); responsible for reviewing project and funding proposals related to HIV/AIDS prevention programming among Gilgiti border traders posted at Soust (Pakistan-China border). Additional work included reviews of administrative and funding proposals for Blessing Home Crisis Management Center for Women (Gilgit).

SEVA Foundation (March-July 2002; Conference June 14-23 2002) Vancouver, CANADA; Moshi, TANZANIA

Contracted by Dr Ken Bassett (International Health Programme, UBC) to help prepare & present background information, working papers and organizational material for SEVA Conference "Vision 2020: Gender and Blindness in Africa" (Moshi, Tanzania), June 7-23, 2002. Prepared reports summarizing literature regarding the exploration and deconstruction of biomedical concepts of gender, with comparison to: developmental paradigms of gender, gender specific community health programs, with a specific emphasis on ophthalmology; theoretically expand upon local models of gender mobility and/or segregation. Conference required presentations of the aforementioned material to conference participants, and representatives of WHO, CIDA and the Canadian High Commission, Tanzania.

University of British Columbia Conference, “Biomedical Ethics: International and National Perspectives” (March 23-25, 2002) Vancouver, B.C.

Contracted by Gary Bloch (Faculty of Medicine) and Dr William McKellin (Anthropology) to organize, supervise and direct group forums (comprised of Medical students, UBC and visiting Faculty and guest scholars) critically discussing the intersection of culture, biomedical ethics and comparative medical systems. (Invited)

University of British Columbia & British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) (2000)

Contracted by Dr. Bill McKellin (UBC) and Dr. Michael Seear (B.C. Children’s Hospital, Vancouver) to co-author an on-line, 3-credit BCIT/UBC course focusing on “International Health” for fourth-year Medical Students (Faculty of Medicine; International Health & Human Service). Work involved the production of five online ‘chapters’ involving the integration of Anthropological theory and qualitative methods to overseas projects in clinical medicine.

Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) (February-April, 1999) Islamabad, PAKISTAN

Edited and wrote additions to UNDP-commissioned study, entitled “Civil Society Initiatives Countering Corruption in Pakistan”, under the supervision of Dr. Saba Gul Khattak (Acting Director, SDPI). Revised portions of the paper with Dr. Gul Khattak, a Supreme Court Justice and instructors at Lahore’s Civil Services Academy. The final report was submitted to the United Nation’s Development Programme’s (UNDP) Islamabad Office as part of a 5-country comparative study.

Aga Khan Rural Support Programme (AKRSP) (June-September, 1998) Gilgit, PAKISTAN

Completed a four-month internship, under the supervision of Dr Pervaiz Ahmad (MER), involving three months, comprehensive fieldwork and the production of an evaluative report, “AKRSP Women’s Organization (WO) Income-Generating Activities and Increased Household-Decision Making”, as part of AKRSP’s bi-annual reporting responsibilities to their primary donor, the Department for International Development (DFID-UK).

United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR)/World Food Programme (WFP)

(June-August, 1997) Chitral, PAKISTAN

Refugee Food Distribution Unit (Volunteer). Assisted in the division and dispersal of food rations in an Afghan refugee camp in the Northern Pakistani Chitral Valley, under the supervision of Shahzada Chiragh Nizamud'din. Conducted qualitative research on the impact of refugee status upon women and children residents of a Chitrali refugee camp with approximately 400 families, which resulted in the production of several research papers as part of my BA (Honours) degree in Anthropology at the University of British Columbia.

Teaching Experience:

Lahore University of Management Sciences (Lahore, Pakistan)

2010: Instructor for “ANTH 320: Qualitative Research Methods” (15 students) as part of a Visiting Professorship in Anthropology at the Humanities & Social Sciences Department.

University of Toronto (Toronto, Ontario)

2007-2008: Contracted as full-time Teaching Assistant (TA) for Dr Richard Lee and Dr Patricia Foxen (ANT 348: Anthropology of Health; 60 students), Dr M. Schillaci (ANT A01: Introduction to Physical Anthropology; 70 students), Dr K. MacDonald (DTS B01: Transnational Studies; 55 students), Dr K. Sieciechowicz (ANT 346: Anthropology of Food; 45 students), and Dr M. Danesi (VIC 112Y: Puzzles, Discovery and the Human Imagination; 120 students. ANT 253: Language and Culture; 110 students).

- 2006-2007: Contracted as full-time TA for Dr Holly Wardlow (ANT 204Y: Socio-Cultural Anthropology Part I, St George Campus; 80 students), Dr Davé Naisargi (ANT 204Y: Socio-Cultural Anthropology Part II, St George Campus; 80 students), Dr Michael Lambek (ANT C61: Medical Anthropology, UTSC; 90 students), Dr Marcel Danesi (ANT 253: Sociolinguistic Anthropology, St George Campus; 90 students) and Dr Donna Young (ANT B30, C19, C31: Globalization; Socio-Cultural Anthropology, UTSC; 140 students total). Responsible for preparing and conducting multiple, weekly tutorials and exam reviews, grading of papers and examinations, invigilation.
- 2005-2006: Contracted as full-time TA for Dr Richard Lee (ANT 348: Anthropology of Health, St George Campus; 85 students) and Dr Donna Young (ANT B20: Socio-Cultural Anthropology, UTSC; 110 students). Responsible for preparing and conducting weekly tutorials, reviews, grading of papers and examinations, invigilation.
- 2003-2004: Contracted as part-time TA for Dr Janice Boddy (Anthropology of Islam, UTSC; 70 students), Dr Jack Kapac (ANT C61S: Socio-Cultural Anthropology, UTSC; 120 students) and Dr Marcel Danesi (JAL 235: Sociolinguistic Anthropology, St George; 100 students). Responsible for grading of papers and examinations, invigilation, preparation of weekly tutorials and exam reviews.
- 2002-2003: Contracted as part-time TA for Dr Holly Wardlow & Dr Deirdre Rose (ANT 2004YS: Socio-Cultural Anthropology, St George; 45 students). Responsible for grading of papers and examinations, invigilation, preparation of weekly classes and homework assignments for approximately 50 students. Additionally contracted p/t to provide marking & invigilation support for Dr Michael Lambek (ANTC61S: Medical Anthropology, UTSC; 85 students).

University of British Columbia (Vancouver, B.C.)

- 2001-2001 Research Assistant to Dr William H. McKellin (Asst. Professor, Anthropology). Organized and developed comprehensive filing system for anthropological database, performed clerical work and library research on behalf of Dr. McKellin during spring and summer semesters; organized and prepared course materials for impending winter semester 2002-2003 Faculty of Medicine and Department of Anthropology courses.
- 2001-2002 Co-Instructor: International Health 300 (IHHS 300) on-line course. (Co-Instructors Dr Michael Seear [project and class Coordinator] and Dr David Hensley.) Developed class protocol for online assignments and led tutorial sessions for approximately 35 students from UBC's Faculty of Medicine. IHHS 300 concentrated on international development with a specific emphasis on the management of international health projects by medical students and professionals. The course aimed to encourage the intersection of health sciences with social science approaches in biomedical project implementation and follow-up analyses.
- 2001 Contracted as full-time TA to Dr Lisa Rose (Behavioral Primatologist) in Fall Semester for 3-credit Anthropology 140 (Introduction to Physical Anthropology). Coordinated and ran online class website for approximately 105 Undergraduate students. Assisted with organization of preliminary lab and cast materials under Dr Rose's direct supervision, helped develop questions for final exam and assisted in marking of both mid-term and final examinations. Additional duties included exam invigilation and class tutorials.

Professional Membership & Affiliation:

American Anthropological Association (AAA): Professional Member 2009-2010

Atlantic Metropolis Centre (AMC): Research Affiliate 2008-2009

Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA): Student & Professional Member 2003-2007, 2009-2010

Society for Medical Anthropology (SMA): Professional Member 2009-2010
