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EDUCATION

- 2007 **Ph. D. in linguistics**, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA.

Dissertation title: Shifting dunes: changing meanings of Urdu in India
Chair: Robin Queen
Committee members: Sarah Thomason, Deborah Keller-Cohen, Judith Irvine,
and Barbara Metcalf.
- 2005 **M.A. in linguistics**, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA.

Qualifying Research Paper. Scripting a new identity: the battle for Devanagari in
nineteenth century India.
- 2003 **Linguistics Summer Institute**, Linguistic Society of America (LSA). Michigan
State University, East Lansing, MI, USA.
- 1997 **M. Phil. in linguistics**, University of Delhi, Delhi, India.

Thesis: News bulletins in Hindi and Urdu: a study in mutual comprehensibility.
MS.
- 1995 **M.A. in linguistics**, University of Delhi, Delhi, India.

Thesis: Relative clause in Kom. MS.
- 1993 **B.A. (Hons.) in Arabic and linguistics**, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU),
New Delhi.
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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Theoretical interests: sociolinguistics, language and ethnic, religious, and national identities, language ideology, multilingualism, language policy, language movements, sociolinguistics of orthography, diglossia, and discourse analysis

Field specialization: South Asia with focus on North India with special reference to Urdu and Hindi

LANGUAGES

Urdu	Expert User
Hindi	Intermediate proficiency
English	Expert User
Arabic	Expert user of Modern Standard Arabic and Yemeni dialect
Persian/Farsi	Reading proficiency

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Spring 2011-Present	Assistant Professor of Sociolinguistics, Qatar University, Doha.
2010 Summer	Visiting Scholar , University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA
2007- 2010	Assistant Professor of English language and literature, American University of Kuwait, Kuwait.
2003-2007	Graduate Student Instructor (GSI), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
2000-2002	Lecturer , Department of English, Women's College, University of Science and Technology, Sana'a, Yemen.
1997-2000	Lecturer , Department of English, University of Science and Technology, Hodeidah, Yemen.

PUBLICATIONS

In press	Hindi is perfect, Urdu is messy: the discourse of delegitimation of Urdu in India. In Mark Sebba & Jannis Androutsopoulos. <i>Orthography as Social Action: Scripts, Spelling, Identity and Power</i> . Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter.
To appear	Urdu in Devanagari: Changing orthographic practices and Muslim identity in Delhi. Language in Society , June 2011.
2011	Review of Sedlatschek, Andreas. 2009. <i>Contemporary Indian English: Variation and change</i> . Philadelphia: John Benjamins Publishing. In Language in Society 40 (1). 123-124.
2010	How do I know you are not a CBI agent?: Examining the identity of researcher in sociolinguistic fieldwork. In Imtiaz Hasnain & Shreesh Chaudhary <i>Problematizing language studies: Cultural, theoretical, and applied perspectives</i> . pp. 426-435. Delhi: Aakar Books, 2010.
2008a	Scripting a new identity: the battle for Devanagari in nineteenth century India. Journal of Pragmatics . 40.7. pp 1163-1183.
2008b	Unpacking indexicality: Urdu in India. In Amy Brown and Josh Iorio: Texas Linguistic Forum . Austin: University of Texas. 2008. pp 1-9. Web. 7 Feb 2011. http://studentorgs.utexas.edu/salsa/proceedings/2008.html .

- 2008 Review of *Joseph, John E. 2004. Language and identity: National, ethnic, religious*. New York, Palgrave Macmillan. In **eLanguage**.
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Popular writing

- 2010 Persian or Arabian Gulf?: Symbolic meanings of names. **Al-Watan Daily/ International Herald Tribune**. Kuwait. March 12, 2010.
- 2008 Trading words: Understanding contact between nations. **The Kuwait Times**. June 24.
- 2006 Old Delhi: A linguistic tapestry. **The Milli Gazette**. June 1-15, Delhi.
- 1997 Ghalib's Delhi. **The Pioneer**. 14 March, 1997 Delhi.
- 1996 Politics of Poetics. **The Hindustan Times**. 25 August, New Delhi.
- 1996 Linguistic Authoritarianism. **The Indian Express**. 10 February, Delhi.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Current courses at QU (Spring 2011)

- ENGL-157 Introduction to Linguistics
- ENGL-441 English Syntactic Structures
- ENGL-442 Capstone Integrated Skills

Previous Institutions

- ENGL-378: English and Globalization
- ENGL-300: A History of the English Language
- ENGL-204: Business Communication
- ENGL-108: Public Speaking
- ENGL-102: Writing and Information Literacy
- ENGL-101: Approaches to Critical Reading and Writing
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FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, HONORS, AWARDS

- 2009 Travel Grant, American University of Kuwait, to present a paper at MIDP Colloquium 2009. **University of Antwerp, Belgium**, Sep 14-16, 2009

- 2009 Travel Grant, American University of Kuwait, to present a paper at Linguistics in the Gulf-2. **Qatar University, Doha, Qatar**. March 11-12, 2009.
- 2008 Travel Grant, American University of Kuwait, to present paper at Symposium about language and society (**SALSA-XVI**), University of Texas at Austin, USA.
- 2007 Research Initiation Grant, American University of Kuwait, Kuwait.
- 2007 Travel grant, International Institute, University of Michigan, to present paper at the **LSA-2007 meeting at Anaheim, CA**, USA. January 4-7, 2007.
- 2006 Nominated by the Department of Linguistics for Outstanding Graduate Instructor Award, **University of Michigan**.
- 2006 **Rackham Humanities Candidacy Research Fellowship** for Winter-Summer 2007, Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, **University of Michigan**.
- Rackham International Research Award**, University of Michigan, to conduct fieldwork research in Old Delhi, India.
- Travel grant**, Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan, to present paper at the Sociolinguistics Symposium-16, July 6-8 2006, **University of Limerick, Ireland**.
- 2005 **Block grant**, Department of Linguistics, University of Michigan, to conduct dissertation fieldwork research in Old Delhi, India.
- Research grant**, Taraknath Das Foundation, Columbia University, New York, to conduct fieldwork research in Old Delhi, India.
- Travel grant**, Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan, to present paper at the **International Symposium on Bilingualism, Barcelona, Spain**.
- Travel grant**, International Institute, University of Michigan, to present paper at South Asian Linguistic Analysis (SALA-25) at the **University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL, USA**.
- 2004 **Rackham discretionary grant** to conduct research at the **National Archives of India, New Delhi**.
- 2002-2003 **International Institute Fellowship**, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- 2003 **Travel grant**, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia for attending workshop on the Urdu Language Instruction in the USA.
- Block grant**, Department of Linguistics, University of Michigan, for summer research.
- 1995-97 **Junior Research Fellowship (JRF)**, University Grants Commission, New Delhi, India towards the completion of an M. Phil. Degree in linguistics.

INVITED TALK

- 2007 Writing for ESL students. **Fatma Bint Al-Yaman Middle School**, Kuwait, November 21, 2008.
- 2006 One language, two scripts; or one script and still two languages: examining Urdu in the Devanagari script. Aligarh Muslim University. India. **Perspectives on contemporary Hindi and Urdu linguistics**. March 29-31 2006.
- 2006 Voices people write: examining Urdu in Devanagari. **Department of Linguistics Colloquium Series**, University of Michigan. December 1, 2006.
- Guest lecture** on 'bilingualism and education ' for Linguistics 370: Language and discrimination, Instructor, Prof. Kathryn Campbell-Kibler. Oct 26, 2006.
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CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2009 Disjoint between the Public and Private: Use of immigrant languages in Kuwait. **Paper** presented at **MIDP Colloquium**, University of Antwerp, Belgium. Sep 14-16, 2009.
- 2009 Multilingualism in a monolingual country: a case of Kuwait. **Paper** presented at **Linguistics in the Gulf-2**. Qatar University, Qatar. March 11-12, 2009.
- 2008 Semiotic complexity of Urdu in India. **Paper** presented at Symposium about language and society (**SALSA-XVI**). University of Texas at Austin. April 11-13 2008.
- 2007 Old Wine a new bottle: Urdu in Nagari. **Paper** presented at the **Linguistic Society of America 2007** Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA. Jan 5, 2007.
- 2006 Old language, new script: Urdu in a new outfit. **Poster** presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation (**NWAV-35**). Columbus, Ohio State University, Nov. 9-12, 2006.
- Ideology of change and change of ideology: shifting conceptions of Hindi. **Paper** presented at **Sociolinguistics Symposium 16**, University of Limerick, Ireland July 6-8, 2006 (with Sai Samant).
- 2005 Representations of Hindi in the Dalit resistance movement. **Paper** presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation **NWAV-34**. New York University. Oct 21, 2005 (with Sai Samant)
- Hindi is perfect; Urdu is messy: the sociolinguistic construction of Hindi and Urdu in the nineteenth century. **Paper** presented at South Asian Linguistic Analysis (**SALA-25**), University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign. Sep 16-18 2005.
- Imaginations of Hindi in the Dalit resistance movement. **Paper** presented at South Asian Linguistic Analysis (**SALA-25**), University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign. Sep 16-18 2005 (with Sai Samant).

Scripting a new identity: the battle for Nagari in 19th century India. **Paper** presented at **International Symposium on Bilingualism**, Barcelona, Spain, March 21, 2005.

2004 Language ideology and the construction of Hindu/Hindi identity in late 19th century India. **Paper** presented at New Ways of Analyzing Variation (**NWAV-33**). Ann Arbor. Oct 2, 2004.

2002 Linguistic influences of Arabic on Urdu. **Paper** presented at Faculty of Humanities Colloquium. 25 April 2002. **University of Science and Technology**, Sana'a, Yemen.

1996 Hindi, Urdu: A case of lexical divide. **Paper** presented at South Asian Linguistic Analysis (**SALA**). Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (with R. K. Agnihotri)

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

2007-2008 Curriculum Development Committee, Department of English, **American University of Kuwait**.

2005 Summer Worked on developing 'Linguistics for a multicultural world' undergraduate track. Department of Linguistics, **University of Michigan**, Ann Arbor.

2005 Summer Worked on redesigning of the course 'LING-115: languages of the world'. Department of Linguistics, **University of Michigan**, Ann Arbor.

INDEXING, TRANSLATION, CONSULTING, etc.

2004-present Urdu language consultant for **Lexicon Branding**, a US-based branding company that develops and evaluates brand names for commercial products.

2004 Prepared the index for the book 'Studies in the history of the English language II: unfolding conversations'. 2004. eds. Anne Curzan and Kimberly Emmons, **Mouton De Gruyter**.

2003 Urdu language consultant on morpho-syntactic tagging of electronic Urdu corpus, **Lancaster University, UK**.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Advising

2010-2011 **Faculty Advisor** of ten English majors at American University of Kuwait.

Committee Work

- 2010-2011 **Member**, Department of English Literature and Linguistics Strategic Planning Committee, Qatar University, Doha.
- 2009-2010 **Member**, President's Award Committee. American University of Kuwait
Member, Faculty Search Committee, American University of Kuwait
Member, Professional Development Committee, American University of Kuwait.
- 2008-2009 **Secretary**, Undergraduate Faculty Assembly, American University of Kuwait.
Chair, Faculty Search Committee, American University of Kuwait.
- 2007-2008 **Member** Curriculum Development Committee, American University of Kuwait.
- 2006 **Member, Admissions Committee**, Department of Linguistics, University of Michigan.
- 2005 **Member, Rackham Student Forum**, University of Michigan.
- 2004 **Treasurer**, Graduate Linguists at the University of Michigan (GLaM)
Member, Undergraduate Committee, Department of Linguistics, University of Michigan.
- 2003 **Member, Colloquium Committee**, University of Michigan.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Linguistic Society of America, 2003-present