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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science | University of Minnesota - Twin Cities | Expected April 2019

Subfields: International Relations & Comparative Politics

M.A. Political Science | University of Minnesota - Twin Cities | 2016

B.A. Political Science, Global Studies (Honors) | University of Minnesota - Twin Cities | 2012

PUBLICATIONS

Munhazim, Ahmad Qais. "Rainbow in the Sky of War." *Journal of Narrative Politics*. York University. Vol.2.2. 2016

Munhazim, Ahmad Qais. "Blood, Body and Stain." *Journal of Narrative Politics*. York University. Vol.1.2. 2015

WORKING PAPERS

Munhazim, Ahmad Qais. "Ground Rules, Underground Movements: LGBT Politics in South Asia." in Sandra McEvoy, Michael Bosia and Momin Rahman (eds.) *Global LGBT Politics*. Oxford University Press, 2019, forthcoming.

Munhazim, Ahmad Qais. "When Home is Nowhere: Legal and Normative Violence against LGBTQ Refugees in the United States." in Andrew Johnson and Emily Lund (eds.) *Violence against LGBTQ+ Persons: Research, Practice and Advocacy*. Springer, 2019, forthcoming.

Munhazim, Ahmad Qais. "A Letter from Exile." in Andrea Jenkins and John Medeiros (eds.) *Queer Voices Anthology*. Minnesota Historical Society, 2019, forthcoming.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer | Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, University of Minnesota – Twin Cities
30260 Politics of Islamophobia | Spring 2018

Graduate Instructor | University of Minnesota – Twin Cities

Pol 3739 Politics of Race, Class and Ethnicity | Fall 2018

Pol 4317 Becoming Stupid; Anti Science in American Politics | Fall 2018, Spring 2017 & 2015

Pol 1001 American Politics in Changing World | Fall 2016

Pol 4494 Politics of Family, Sex and Children | Fall 2014

Pol 4495 Chinese Politics | Spring 2014

Pol 3477 Political Economy of Development | Fall 2013

Guest Lecturer | University of Minnesota - Twin Cities

SOC 3681 Gender and the Family in the Islamic World | 2018

YOST 1368 Global Youth Perspectives: Stories from the Arab & Islamic World | 2018

Pol 4317 Becoming Stupid; Anti Science in American Politics | 2017

Pol 4494 Politics of Family, Children and Sex | 2014

Pol 1101 Freshman Seminar: Islamist Politics | 2012

RESEARCH

Mixed-method qualitative research (ethnography) on gender and sexuality among Muslim diaspora in California, Washington D.C, Maryland & Virginia | August 2017 – August 2018

Research Analyst | Chicago Project on Security and Terrorism | University of Chicago | 2013

Analyzed quantitative & qualitative data on suicide bombing in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan

PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCES

Co-Chair | Upper-Midwest Queer and Trans Indigenous People & People of Color Conference | Minneapolis | April 2018

“Double Lives: Diasporic Feminism and Politics of Resistance and Solidarity.” Paper presented at the International Studies Association Conference | San Francisco | April 2018

“War, Displacement & Masculinities.” Presented & Facilitated Workshop at 4th Afghan American Conference | New York | March 2018

“The Haunting Ghosts of Violence: Dead Weapons of War and the Visual Construction of Afghan Masculinity.” Paper presented at International Studies Association Conference | Maryland | February 2017

“Masculinity and Political Violence; Re-construction of Islamic Masculinities and the US Invasion of Afghanistan.” Paper presented at International Studies Association Conference | Maryland | February 2017.

“Make Peace with the Moon: Queer Muslims and Healing Family Wounds.” Presented and facilitated this workshop at the Annual LGTBQ Muslim Retreat | Philadelphia | 2016

“Guns, Dollars and Oil: A Theoretical Comparative Analysis of the Arab Spring” Paper presented at the Arab Spring in a Global Context Conference | Iowa | 2015

“Politics of Desire and Sexualized Bodies: Gay Men of Color and Their Fetishized Flesh.” Presented and Facilitated this workshop at Upper-Midwest Queer Indigenous People of Color Conference | Minneapolis | 2015

“Under the Sky: LGTBQ Narratives from Foreign Lands.” Presented and facilitated this workshop at Upper-Midwest Queer Indigenous People of Color Conference | Minneapolis | 2015

PANELS

Friday Round Table: Muslim Americans React to ‘The Big Sick’ | Minnesota Public Radio | March 2018

More Than a Single Story: Vigilance in Uncertain Times | The Loft Literary Center | Minneapolis | November 2017

International and Queer Panel | Office of Equity & Diversity | University of Minnesota - Twin Cities | April 2017

Protest Publishing and Art | University of Minnesota - Twin Cities | April 2017

Interfaith; Sexuality and Religion Panel | Macalester College | Saint Paul | October 2016

LGBTQ Multi-Faith Panel | University of Minnesota - Twin Cities | March 2015

NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Interim Director | Gender and Sexuality Center for Queer and Trans Life | University of Minnesota | December 2017 – June 2018

Schochet Endowment Associate | Gender and Sexuality Center for Queer and Trans Life | University of Minnesota | July 2017 – December 2017

Academic Mentor | McNamara Academic Center | University of Minnesota | 2014 – 2017

Gender Advisor to the Minister | Ministry of Education | Afghanistan | Summer 2010

Gender Officer | European Union Election Observation Team | Afghanistan | Summer 2009

Senior Liaison Assistant | United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) | Afghanistan | 2003 - 2008

MEMBERSHIP

International Studies Association | 2015-Present

American Political Science Association | 2017-Present

Middle Eastern Studies Association | 2018-Present

Muslims for Progressive Values | 2015-Present

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Methods Workshop | International Studies Association Northeast | Providence, RI | 2015

AFFILIATION & COMMITTEES

Graduate Student Member At-Large | International Studies Association LGBTQA Caucus | 2018-2019

Fellow | Interdisciplinary Center for Global Change | University of Minnesota – Twin Cities | 2012-2019

Middle East and Islamic Studies Collective | University of Minnesota – Twin Cities | 2016-Present

Graduate Student Representative | Committee for President's Initiative to Prevent Sexual Misconduct | University of Minnesota – Twin Cities | 2017-2018

Diversity of Community Practice | Committee Member | University of Minnesota- Twin Cities | 2018-2019

COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

MN Caravan of Love | Founder

Muslims Against Homophobia | Twin Cities Pride Parade | June 2016, June 2017, June 2018

Iftar of Love: Muslims & LGBTQIA Communities Break Bread Together | Minneapolis, MN | June 2017, June 2018

Loving in a Time of War: Queer Muslim Voices | Intermedia Arts | May 2017

A Walk of Love for Immigrants & Refugees | Minneapolis, MN | February 2017

GRANTS, AWARDS, & FELLOWSHIPS

PFund Foundation Grant | 2018 | \$10,000

Dissertation Research Fellowship | Department of Political Science | 2017 | \$6,000

International Studies Association Conference Travel Grant | 2017 | \$180

Interdisciplinary Center for Global Change | University of Minnesota | 2012 & 2016 | \$40,000

Graduate Research Partnership Program | University of Minnesota | 2015 | \$4,000

Interdisciplinary Center for Global Change Pre-Dissertation Fellowship | University of Minnesota | 2015 | \$4,000

LANGUAGES

English

Farsi (Native)

Pashto (Native)

Urdu

Arabic

Hindi