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EDUCATION

- **Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA**
PhD Candidate in Anthropology Aug 2022 — present
Courses (selected): Introduction to GIS (GEOG 4047), Human Environment Interaction (ANTH 4086), Anthropology Theory (ANTH 7085), Sustainable Agriculture (HORT 4045) – GPA [4.10]
- **Università degli Studi di Firenze, Italy**
Laurea Magistrale in Design of Sustainable Tourism Systems Sep 2020 — July 2022
Thesis: Role of Photography in Tourist Experiences: Framing Historical Centre of Florence in Tourist Gaze Perspective Grade [105/110]
- **Pakistan Institute of Development Economics PIDE, Islamabad**
MPhil in Development Studies, Aug 2016 — April 2019
Thesis: Locating Livelihood Patterns of Wahi Pandhi Sindh within Three Interpenetrating Modes of Production. CGPA [3.66/4.00]
- **Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad**
MSc. in Socio-Cultural Anthropology Aug 2014 — July 2016
Thesis: Education, Language, and Identity: A Case Study of Wahi Pandhi. – Merit [69.1%]
- **University of Sindh, Jamshoro**
B.A (Pass) International Relations Jan 2012 — Feb 2014
International Relations (major). – First Class [69.63%]

ACADEMIC AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge**
Teaching Assistant (F22, Sp23, F23, Sp24, Sp25)
 - TA courses: ANTH 2051 Intro to World Ethnographies (F22), GEOG 4045, Human Geography (Sp23), ANTH 1001 Introduction to Social and Cultural Anthropology (F23, Sp24, Sp25), Cultural Historical Collaborative (Sp23).
- Rural Resilience Scholar** Summer 2024 & Summer 2025
- Working as a Rural Resilience Scholar in an NSF-funded project known as the Rural Confluence Program.

- Conducted ethnographic research in Southeast Louisiana. Engaged with and established connections with the Five Finger Bayou communities in order to understand the community's resilience and socio-economic impacts of climate change, hurricanes, storms, livelihood loss, and coastal erosion.

Research Assistant for CASC project

Aug 2024 — May 2025

- Worked on CASC-funded interdisciplinary research project: Assessing the Needs and Adaptation Practices of Small-Holding and Minority Farmers Facing Extreme Weather Events in Louisiana.
- Contributed to interview data cleaning and organization. Analyzed and coded qualitative research data in collaboration with PI.

Summer Intern at Costal Ecosystem Design Studio (CEDS),

June 2023 — July 2023

- Worked as Summer Intern under funding of Developing Engineering Practices for Ecosystem Design Solutions (DEEDS) project, a partnership between LSU and the US Army Engineer Research and Development Center.
- Conducted archival research and obtained secondary data to designed green infrastructure master plan for LaPlace in collaboration with St. John the Baptist Parish Government Office, Louisiana.
- Edited and produced a video for St. John Parish's planning and zoning department which helped them win "the Greater New Orleans Foundation's Next 100 Years Challenge Grant." Award: \$100,000.

- ***Iqra University, Karachi***

Adjunct Faculty, Social Sciences

Nov 2020 — March 2021

Course Taught: Introduction to Development Studies

- ***Sohail University Karachi, Pakistan***

Lecturer, Faculty of Social Sciences

Aug 2019 — Nov 2020

- **Courses Taught:** Introduction to Sociology
- Additionally, in-charge of Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) as a manager. Developing action plan and strategy for improvement of academic programs, the quality of teaching and the learning (May – Nov 2020)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- ***Communication Specialist***

PHC Global, Pakistan

Sep 2019 — Dec 2019

- Managed internal and external communication with donor agency and implementing partners such as Govt of Sindh, UNICEF, Extended Program on Immunization (EPI) Sindh and Civil Society Organizations
- Leading social and behavior change communication component in Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine (TCV) Catch Up Campaign, 2019

Monitoring Officer

June 2019 — Aug 2019

Sindh Agriculture and Forestry Coordination Organization, Sanghar

- Monitoring of the activities and intervention in field and reporting of field-based implementations.
- Designing and implementation of baseline and end line research study funded by Concern world-wide.

Research and Coordination Lead

April 2019 — May 2019

All-Story

- Conducting formative research on evidence-led campaign strategy for the project: “Production of Social Media Awareness Campaign Materials for Preventing Child Sexual Abuse (CSA)”

Independent Research Consultant

Sep 2018 — Oct 2018

Cultivating New Frontiers in Agriculture (CNFA)

- Conducted qualitative and observational research on social and behavior change communication for Pakistan Agriculture Technology Transfer Activity, CNFA.
- Conceptualized findings, and recommendations for technology uptake among farmers.

Research Facilitator

June 2018 — Sep 2018

Center for Communication Programs Pakistan

- Led qualitative, quantitative, and observational surveys in Sindh for NTU and ADB funded National Road Safety Project based at the Federal Ministry of Communications.

Internship

Oct 2017 — April 2018

Standing Committee on Communications, Senate of Pakistan, Islamabad

- Contributed to digitalization of Senator’s biographies and establishment of Senate Museum.

PUBLICATIONS

Rustamani, Kashif, "Film Screening: College Football Tailgating at LSU" (2023). *Annual Meeting of the Southern Anthropological Society*. 29.

Jones, Charlotte; **Rustamani, Kashif**; Valenzuela-Hernandez, Latasha; Honeycutt, Danielle L.; Smith, Tiffany R.; Aldrighetti, Jacopo; and Regis, Helen A., "Rethinking the Canon: Genealogies for the Present in American Anthropology" (2023). *Annual Meeting of the Southern Anthropological Society*. 9.

(PEER REVIEW) Rustamani, K. (2021). An ethnographic explanation of the changing livelihood of Agro-Pastoral communities in Sindh, Pakistan. *Pakistan Journal of Social Research*, 3(1), 57–65.

Rustamani, K. (2019, September 13). Oldest Sport of the Indus. *The Friday Times*. <https://www.thefridaytimes.com/oldest-sport-of-the-indus/>

RESEARCH AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

2024 Climate Change Interest Group (CCIG) Student Prize winner for significant contributions and potential in climate change research for my PhD research. CCIG is a group within American Anthropological Association (AAA), Tampa, FL. - Nov 2024
Award: \$250

Received Robert C. West Graduate Student Field Research Award from the Department of Geography and Anthropology at Louisiana State University in 2024. To conduct preliminary research abroad.
Award: \$2500

FY 2024-2025 Graduate Student Association Travel Award by the Graduate School, College of Humanities & Social Sciences, Department of Geography and Anthropology, Louisiana State University (LSU) in 2023
Award: \$1100

Winner (1st Position) of Photography competition on “Climate Change vs US” during National Consultation Conference on Impact of Drought in Pakistan organized by Islamic Relief Pakistan. Islamabad - Dec 2019.
Award: PKR 150,000

INVITED GUEST LECTURES

Agriculture and Development Paradox: Global Farmers Movement and Climate Change, at Department of Geography and Anthropology, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge – March 2023

Monsoon Floods in Pakistan: Evaluating Scale of Impact on People and their Livelihoods at Department of Geography and Anthropology, Louisiana State University, LA - October 2022

Education, Language, and Identity: A case study of Wahi Pandhi, Pakistan at Department of Geography and Anthropology, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge – April 2023

Presented a paper in an international conference organized by QAU, Islamabad, at Baragali Summer Camp. Paper titled: Educational Marginalization of Women by Market Economy in Perspective of Pakistan. 16 – 18 August 2017

LANGUAGE & EDITORIAL SKILLS

Fluent	Basic to Intermediate	Editorial Style Guides
English	Italian	APA style (7th edition)
Urdu	Arabic	MLA
Sindhi	Punjabi	
Balochi		

COMPUTER SKILLS

Applications: Final Cut Pro, ArcGIS Pro, SPSS, MS Office Suite, Adobe Creative Cloud, PhotoScape+, WordPress

Operating Systems: Microsoft Windows, MacOS

UNIVERSITY SERVICES

Judge, LSU Graduate Research Conference (GRC) April 26, 2023

President, Pakistani Students Association (PSA) at Louisiana State University 2023-24

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Anthropological Association (AAA). 2023 – Present
 - Sections: Society of Economic Anthropology, Society of Visual Anthropology, Anthropology of Work Group, Anthropology of Consciousness
- Southern Anthropological Society (SAS). 2023 – 2024
 - Member and Graduate Student Representative
- American Institute of Pakistan Studies (AIPS) 2023 – 2025

REFERENCES

Available upon request.