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EDUCATION

- **Louisiana State University (LSU), Baton Rouge, LA**
PhD Candidate in Anthropology Aug 2022 — present
Selected courses: 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 (University of Florence), Italy**
Masters 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 (Master of Philosophy) 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**
Master of Science in Socio-Cultural Anthropology (Junior & Senior year) Aug 2014 — July 2016
Thesis: Education, Language, and Identity: A Case Study of Wahi Pandhi. – Merit [69.1%]
- **University of Sindh, Jamshoro**
Bachelor of Art (Freshmen and Sophomore year) International Relations Jan 2012 — Feb 2014

International Relations (major). – First Class [69.63%]

ACADEMIC AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge**
Instructor of Record (Sp26) & Teaching Assistant (F22, Sp23, F23, Sp24, Sp25, F25)

○ 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), and ANTH 1003 (Sp26)

Rural Scholar June 2024 – present
○ Working as a Rural Resilience Scholar in an NSF-funded Rural Confluence project.
○ 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 Climate Adaptation Science Centers 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 Internship 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.

- **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.

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 — Jan 2026

Cultivating New Frontiers in Agriculture (CNFA) and UNICEF

- UNICEF: Conducted formative research to understand knowledge and vaccine uptake behaviors in Sindh province for HPV vaccine rollout for the first time Pakistan in 2024.

- CNFA: Conducted qualitative and observational research on social and behavior change communication for Pakistan Agriculture Technology Transfer Activity. Conceptualized findings, and recommendations for technology uptake among farmers in 2018.

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 at Senate of Pakistan, Islamabad

Oct 2017 — April 2018

Standing Committee on Communications

- Contributed to digitalization of Senator's biographies and establishment of Senate Museum.
- Helped in devising policy briefs, background research provided to Senator Daud Khan Achakzai for committee meetings on various issues.

PUBLICATIONS

1. (In peer review process) **Rustamani, K** "Cultural Outsider in South of South: Bayou Communities at Crossroads" in *Anthropology Now* journal. Expected publication date is September 2026.
2. **Rustamani, Kashif**, "Film Screening: College Football Tailgating at LSU" (2023). *Annual Meeting of the Southern Anthropological Society*. 29.
3. 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.
4. **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.
5. **Rustamani, K.** (2019, September 13). Oldest Sport of the Indus. *The Friday Times*. <https://www.thefridaytimes.com/oldest-sport-of-the-indus/>

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 an interest group within American Anthropological Association (AAA), Tampa, FL. - Nov 2024 | Award: \$250
- 2024 – 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.
- 2024 – 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
- 2019 – **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

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 – **Ghosts of Hurricane Ida: Resilience and Renewal in Five Finger Bayou Communities, Southeast Louisiana** American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting in New Orleans, USA
- 2025 – **Visualizing Resilience (Film screening)** at Rural Renewal Symposium, Woodward, OK, USA
- 2025 – **Climate Change and Rural Resilience: A Group Discussion on (Un)certainty, Displacement and Risk** (*panelist*) at State of the Coast Conference in New Orleans, LA, USA
- 2025 – **Professional Strangers in Rural America** (*panelist*) at Society of Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting in Portland, OR, USA
- 2024 – **Re-examining Neoliberal Framings within Conversations on Agroecologies in the Climate Crisis** (*organizer and panelist*) at American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting in Tampa, Florida, USA
- 2024 – **College Football Tailgating at LSU** (Film screening) at Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA
- 2024 – **Social Change in a Pakistan Village** at International Conference on Exploring the Impact of Urbanization, Disasters, and Protection Strategies on Folk Medicine and Cultural Heritage in Jamshoro, Pakistan.
- 2023 – **Anthropology in the Age of AI** at American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting in Toronto, Canada
- 2023 – **Rethinking the Canon: Genealogies for the Present in American Anthropology** at Southern Anthropological Society 56th Annual Meeting, Valdosta, GA.
- 2017 – **Educational Marginalization of Women by Market Economy in Perspective of Pakistan** at International Conference on Marginalization and Social Exclusion in the Perspective of Market Economy, Nathia Gali, Pakistan

INVITED GUEST LECTURES & WORKSHOPS

- 2026 – “*Losing Land, Losing Culture: Ethnographic study among Bayou Communities*” at Robert Reich School of Landscape Architecture, College of Art & Design, LSU
- 2025 – “*Fieldwork among Bayou Communities*” for ANTH 4082 course, LSU
- 2025 – “*Understanding Community Resilience in Coastal Louisiana*” for the Gulf Scholars Program, LSU
- 2024 – “*Education, Language, and Identity: A case study of Wahi Pandhi, Pakistan*” for ANTH 1001 course, Dept of Geography and Anthropology, LSU
- 2023 – “*Focus on Photography*” led workshop for the Cultural Historic Collective, LSU
- 2023 – “*Agriculture and Development Paradox: Global Farmers Movement and Climate Change*” for GEOG/ANTH 4048 course, LSU
- 2022 – “*Monsoon Floods in Pakistan: Evaluating Scale of Impact on People and their Livelihoods*” for GEOG 2050 course, LSU

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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| Grant Reviewer , The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine | 2026 |
| Film Reviewer , Ethnografilm Festival, Paris | 2023 – present |
| Film Reviewer , Society of Visual Anthropology Film & Media Festival | 2024-2025 |

UNIVERSITY SERVICES

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| Mentor , Mentoring an undergraduate Gulf Scholar at LSU | 2026 |
| Reviewer , Final Studio Presentations of LA-2002 course, LSU | 2026 |
| Secretary , Geography and Anthropology Society (GAS), LSU | 2024-25 |
| Judge , Graduate Research Conference (GRC), LSU | 2023 |
| President , Pakistani Students Association (PSA) at LSU | 2023-24 |
| Finance Secretary , Erasmus Student Network (ESN) Wageningen, Netherlands | 2021-22 |

SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

Technical & Research Applications: GIS (ArcGIS Pro, ArcGIS StoryMaps); SPSS; Dedoose; Microsoft Office Suite (particularly Word, Excel, PowerPoint); Adobe Creative Cloud (Photoshop, Illustrator); Final Cut Pro; WordPress (website management).

Editorial style guides: APA style (7th edition), MLA, grant writing, & report writing.

Management: Event planning, organizing, and budgeting; social media advertisement and marketing; stakeholder meeting management; & curating exhibitions.

Language skills: Fluent in English, Urdu/Hindi, Sindhi, and Balochi (mother tongue).
Basic to intermediate: Italian, Seraiki, and Arabic.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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| ○ American Anthropological Association (AAA). | 2023 – Present |
| ○ Lambda Alpha National Anthropology Honor Society. | 2023 – Present |
| ○ Society of Applied Anthropology (SfAA). | 2025 – Present |
| ○ Southern Anthropological Society (SAS). | 2023 – 2024 |
| ○ American Institute of Pakistan Studies (AIPS). | 2023 – 2025 |

REFERENCES

- Dr. Sarah Franzen, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, LSU, sfranzen@lsu.edu
- Dr. Helen A. Regis, Richard J. Russell Louisiana Studies Professor, LSU, hregis1@lsu.edu
- Dr. Nina S. Lam, Professor & Abraham Distinguished Professor of Louisiana Environmental Studies, Department of Environmental Sciences, LSU, nlam@lsu.edu