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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

2018 – Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Toronto - St. George
▪ Faculty Affiliate, University of Toronto Institute of Islamic Studies

EDUCATION

2018 Ph.D. Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles
2014 M.A. Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles
2012 B.S. Sociology (*Summa Cum Laude*), University of Southern Mississippi

RESEARCH AREAS

International Migration, Race, Ethnicity, Globalization, Nationalism, Religion, Muslims, Asian Americans, South Asians

BOOK

Here, There, and Elsewhere: The Making of Immigrant Identities in a Globalized World
▪ (*Under contract with Stanford University Press; submitted for production; forthcoming in July 2020*)

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

2018 Shams, Tahseen. "Visibility as Resistance by Muslim Americans in a Surveillance and Security Atmosphere." *Sociological Forum* 33(1): 73-94.

2017 Shams, Tahseen. "Mirrored Boundaries: How Ongoing Homeland-Hostland Contexts Shape Bangladeshi Immigrant Collective Identity Formation." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 40(4): 713-731.

2015 Shams, Tahseen. "Bangladeshi Muslims in Mississippi: Impression Management Based on the Intersectionality of Religion, Ethnicity, and Gender." *Cultural Dynamics* 27(3): 379-397.

2015 Shams, Tahseen. "The Declining Significance of Race or the Persistent Racialization of Blacks?: A Conceptual, Empirical, and Methodological Review of Today's Race Debate in America." *Journal of Black Studies* 46(3): 282-296.

2013 Reid, Julie and Tahseen Shams. "Gender and Multigenerational Global Human Development." *Sociology Compass* 7/8: 612-629.

ARTICLE MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Shams, Tahseen. "'Successful' Yet 'Precarious': South Asian Muslim Americans, Islamophobia, and the Model Minority Myth" (Resubmitted for review)

"What Kind of a Category is 'Muslim' Anyway?: Race, Religion, and Geopolitics in the Scholarship of Muslims in America" (In preparation for *Annual Review of Sociology*)

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

“Muslim American Panethnicity Based on Global Geopolitics” (Pilot study completed)

“Effects of Homeland, Hostland, and Global Politics on Muslims in the United States and Canada: A Comparison” (U.S. preliminary component completed; Canada component to begin in 2020)

“Searching for Halal Love: Canadian Muslims Navigating Dating, Marriage, and Multiculturalism” (Grant received; fieldwork to begin in Winter 2019)

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

2019	Connaught New Researcher Award, University of Toronto (\$19,700)
2017	Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA (\$20,000)
2017	Institute of American Cultures Graduate/Pre-doctoral Fellowship, UCLA (\$6,000)
2016	Graduate Division Award, UCLA (\$18,000)
2014	Department of Sociology Summer Conference Travel Grant, UCLA
2013	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (\$102,000)
2013	Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Fellowship, UCLA (\$6,000)
2012	Graduate Division Award, UCLA (\$17,000)
2012	Best Paper Dealing with an International or Transnational Issue, USM (\$500)
2012	Best Paper Dealing with an Issue of Race/Ethnicity, 2nd Place, USM (\$250)
2012	Outstanding Service Award, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, USM
2011	Best Oral Delivery Award, USM (\$250)
2011	Best Paper Using Interviews as Primary Source, USM (\$500)
2009-2012	President's List, USM
2011	Sociology Student of the Year, USM
2011	Alpha Kappa Delta Best Sociology Paper of the Year, USM
2011	Outstanding Service Award, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, USM

INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

2019	“Transnationalism and Territorialization: <i>Ummatic</i> Solidarity Across State Borders,” Institute of Islamic Studies, University of Toronto. November 21.
2019	“Muslims in Danger Here Based on Conflicts Elsewhere: Navigating the Transnational Dimensions of Muslim-ness,” Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Guelph. March 13.
2019	Discussant at the Munk School of Global Affairs 12th Annual Ethnic and Pluralism Studies Graduate Research Conference, University of Toronto. February 1.
2018	“Echoes of Conflict and Solidarity in Cyberspace: How Social Media Shapes Immigrant Identity-Making,” Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, University of Toronto. November 29.
2018	Discussant at the Toronto Theory Working Group Paper Workshop, Department of Sociology, University of Toronto, St. George. November 21.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 “The Precariousness of South Asian Muslim Americans: Geopolitics, Islamophobia, and the Model Minority Myth.” American Sociological Association, New York, NY.
- 2019 “Studying Diasporic Identities Beyond the Homeland-Hostland Paradigm: Social Media, Transnationalism, and Global Geopolitics.” Canadian Sociological Association, Vancouver, BC.
- 2018 “Homeland, Hostland, and Elsewhere: A Multicentered Relational Framework for Immigrant Identity Formation,” American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2014 “Mirrored Boundaries: The Intersection of Ongoing Homeland-Hostland Contexts in Bangladeshi Immigrants’ Boundary-Work in Los Angeles,” American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- 2012 “Being Muslim in Mississippi: An Exploratory Study of the Intersectionality of Religion, Race, Gender, and Nationality of First-Generation Bangladeshi Muslim Immigrants in Mississippi,” Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.
- 2012 “Representation of Food in Korean Dramas,” Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.
- 2011 “From Cradle to Daycare—How First-Generation Bangladeshi Immigrant Mothers View Daycare/Preschool in Hattiesburg, Mississippi,” Southern Sociological Society, Jacksonville, FL.

UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING

University of Toronto, St. George

- SOC210 Sociology of Race and Ethnicity
SOC204 Introduction to Qualitative Methods
SOC394 Deconstructing “Muslim American”: Race, Nationalism, and Globalization

University of California, Los Angeles

- GEOG3 Intro to Cultural Geography (Teaching Assistant; UCLA Academic Advancement Program)

GRADUATE STUDENT MENTORING

University of Toronto, St. George

- 2018-Present Asma Khalil: Kinesiology, University of Toronto (Ph.D. Committee Member)
2019 Internal Examiner for Sarah Shah, Ph.D. in sociology, University of Toronto
2019 Comp committee member and examiner for Immigration, Ethnicity, and Race, Department of Sociology, University of Toronto

University of California, Los Angeles

- 2015-2018 Consultant, UCLA Graduate Writing Center (Developed and gave research workshops; mentored Ph.D. and M.A. students on conducting and writing research)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS

Reviewer for:

Ethnic and Racial Studies, American Sociological Review, Sociological Perspectives, Social Problems, Sociological Focus

Member of:

American Sociological Association, Canadian Sociological Association

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Bangla	Native Proficiency
Hindi	Full Professional Proficiency
Urdu	Professional Working Proficiency

REFERENCES

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