

CURRICULUM VITAE
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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** Philanthropic Studies, Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, Indianapolis, IN (Expected August 2026).
M.P.A. Western Kentucky University, Department of Political Science, Bowling Green, KY
B.B.A. Mohammad Ali Jinnah University, Islamabad, Pakistan, Department of Management and Social Sciences

AREAS OF INTEREST

Research: Nonprofit Management and Leadership, Nonprofit Collaboration, Public Participation of Marginalized Communities, and Public Private Partnership.

Teaching: Nonprofit Governance and Decision Making, Leadership, Nonprofit Collaboration, Policy Analysis, Foundations of Public Administration, Introduction to Philanthropy and Nonprofits, and Community Based Participatory Research Methods.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2024 Semester (Co-instructor)

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| Muslim Humanitarianism Course | - PHST-P537-35308 |
| Muslim Philanthropy Course | - PHST-P536-35306 |
| Teaching Topics in Philanthropic Studies – Muslim Philanthropy and Leadership Course | - PHST-P330-37376 |

August 2018- 2022

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Public Policy and Administration, Florida International University, Miami, FL.

Taught - Introduction to Public Administration, PAD 3003 Undergraduate Course, Department of Public Policy and Administration, Florida International University (Fall 2018, Instructor)

Co- Taught - Introduction to Public Administration (Summer, 2018) and Social and Economic Context of Public Administration – Seminar, PAD 6053 (Fall, 2017).

November 2015-April 2017

English as a Second Language (ESL) Teacher, Dominican Learning Center, Columbus, OH

Taught English language courses to adult English learners

Taught American culture to International ESL Students and Refugees

Helped Refugees learn about American Culture and access to public facilities

March 2014 to May 2015

Teaching Assistant, Public Administration Department, Western Kentucky University (WKU).

Conducted social surveys and political polls for the WKU Social Science Research Center.

Offered teaching assistance to professors in the Political Science Department.

Assisted students in Human Resource and Cultural Competence in Public Administration Courses

Provided teaching assistance to graduate and undergraduate students

PUBLICATIONS

Book

1. Nonprofit Collaborations in Diverse Communities: Challenges and Opportunities in Muslim-led Organizations (In Press Edward Elgar).

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

1. Siddiqui, S., Wasif, R., & Samad, A. (2023). Building collaboration using the community collaboration initiative model: A case study of Muslim-led nonprofits. *Journal of Public Affairs Education*, 0(0), 1–10.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/15236803.2023.2190720>
2. Siddiqui, S., Samad, A., & Wasif, R. (2024). Building partnerships through third-party facilitation: Best practices from the Community Collaborative Initiative. *Voluntary Sector Review*, 1–10.
3. Witkowski, K., Valerio, R., Samad, A., Matiz-Reyes, A., & Padilla, M. (2021). Aging and thriving with HIV: a photovoice project with long-term HIV survivors in Miami, Florida. *Arts & Health*, 13(3), 329-346.

Book Chapter

1. Samad, A., Revell, K. D., & Ganapati, N. E. (2020). Diversity During a Storm: Accommodating Religious Minorities in an Evacuation Shelter. In *Cultural Competency for Emergency and Crisis Management* (pp. 143-160). Routledge.

Public Reports

1. Siddiqui, S., Samad, A., Wasif, R. (2023), Collaboration in the Muslim Nonprofit Sector: Lessons from the Community Collaboration Initiative. Muslim Philanthropy Initiative at Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy.
2. Siddiqui, S., Cheema, J., Noor, Z., Hughes, M., Wasif, R., Samad, A., & Mofawaz, M. (2023). Muslim American Giving Report: Motivations of Giving.
3. Siddiqui, S., Hughes, M., Wasif, R., Paarlberg, A., Cheema, J., Samad, A., & Noor, Z. (2022). Pluralism in Muslim American Philanthropy Report 2022. Publisher: Muslim Philanthropy Initiative, Lilly Family School of Philanthropy.
4. Siddiqui, S., Samad, A., & Wasif, R. (2022). A Year of Learning: Educating the Philanthropic Community About Racialized and Stigmatized Nonprofits. Publisher: Muslim Philanthropy Initiative, Lilly Family School of Philanthropy.
5. Siddiqui, S., Hughes, M., Wasif, R., Paarlberg, A., Cheema, J., Samad, A., & Noor, Z. (2022). Pluralism in Muslim American Philanthropy Report 2022.

Book Reviews

1. Samad, A. (2024). Islam and Good Governance: A Political Philosophy of Ihsan. *Muslim Humanitarianism Review*, 1(1).

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

- 2024 Leveraging Islamic Social Finance for Humanitarian Assistance: Strategies for Effective Contribution. Muslim Philanthropy Initiative Webinar Moderator, September 18, 2024.
- 2024 Definitions of Philanthropy. Brown Bag series on Big Ideas in Philanthropy. Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, Indianapolis, IN, Tuesday, February 06, 2024.
- 2023 Models of Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR): Informing Research Methods and Empowering Communities. ARNOVA, Orlando, FL, Nov 16-18, 2023.
- 2021 Toward a Model of Trust-Building: Building Collaboration through Trust-Building among Racialized Nonprofits, Atlanta, GA, November 2021.
- 2019 Citizen Participation and Marginalized Groups: What Have We Learned About the Participation of Marginalized Groups? A Systematic Review. American Society for Public Administration, Washington, DC, March 8-12.

- 2018 Targeting Marginalized Populations: Islamophobic Legislation in American States. Association for Public Policy and Management (APPAM). Fall Research Conference, Washington, DC, November 9, 2019.
- 2015 Importance of Leadership in Student Organizations for Developing Student Leaders. A Qualitative Study. American Society for Public Administration, Chicago, IL, March 10, 2015.
- 2014 Importance of Non-Profit Organizations to Enhancing Cultural Diversity. South Eastern Conference on Public Administration (SECOPA), Atlanta, Georgia, September 18, 2014.
- 2010 Corruption, Investigative Journalism, and Integrity. Transparency International Pakistan, 8th Youth in Governance Convention, Gujranwala, Pakistan, August 2-4.

UPCOMING ACCEPTED/INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 Connecting Nonprofits with Foundations. Contemporary Discussions on Philanthropy Symposium Istanbul, Türkiye 2024, October 14, 2024.
- 2024 Applying the Islamic Concept of IHSAN to Study Community Organizations Involved in Social Justice. ARNOVA, November 21-23, 2024, in Washington, D.C.
- 2024 Session Chair, The Role of Civil Society in Democracy, Participation and Activism. ARNOVA, November 21-23, 2024, in Washington, D.C.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2021 Graduate Diversity Scholars Award, ARNOVA
- 2019 Equity and Inclusion Fellowship Award, APPAM
- 2019 Dewey Knight Jr. Scholarship Award for Public Service, American Society for Public Administration
- 2018 International Young Scholar Award, American Society for Public Administration.
- 2018 Fellow Muslim Public Service Network Class of 2018, Washington, DC.
- 2018 Recipient of Government and Policy Summit Award, MPAC, Washington, DC
- 2015 Founders' Fellow Award, American Society for Public Administration.
- 2015 Robert J. Wurster Scholarship Award for raising on cultural diversity, WKU
- 2015 Outstanding Research Paper Award, Western Kentucky University, Political Science Department
- 2012 Quaid-e-Azam Gold Medal Award (overall best student award) at the 8th convocation of Muhammad Ali Jinnah University on March 15, 2012.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (ACADEMIC)

Assistant Director, Muslim Philanthropy Initiative (MPI), Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy

January 2021 – Present

Oversees management and dissemination of research on Muslim Humanitarianism.
Designs and delivers tailored training programs and certification courses for nonprofit leaders, philanthropists, and institutions (local and international).
Provides guidance and support to students with academic inquiries and needs
Coordinates MPI's events, including webinars, annual symposiums, and trainings, fostering collaboration among thought leaders, practitioners, and stakeholders.
Organize fundraising training for nonprofits across various regions in the USA.

Research Fellow, Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy

May 2021 – Present

Design and conduct community based participatory research methods for the Community Collaborative Initiative (CCI) Project
Offer project planning and administration on community-based participatory research projects.
Represent the research and project activities at different regional, national, and international conferences.
Design and conduct interviews with leaders of racialized nonprofits
Participate in all the CCI meetings associated with the research project and related activities.

Program Director, Muslim Public Service Network

December 2021 – September 2022

Recruit Fellows for the MPSN Fellowship Program in Washington D.C
Direct and oversee the daily administrative components of the MPSN programs
Generate progress reports, conduct program evaluation, and design the MPSN core curriculum for the Summer Program
Perform community outreach activities with other nonprofits in the Washington D.C area
Prepare grant proposals and develop strategies for fundraising and active engagement with the donors
Builds relationships with internal and external stakeholders for effective collaboration and long-term partnership
Develop relationships with colleges, universities, and community members and share recruitment material

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (PRACTITIONER)

June 2018 - August 2018

Policy Researcher, United States Agency for Global Media (USAGM), Office of Policy and Research (OPR) Washington, D.C.
Evaluate and compare major international broadcasting agencies.
Analyze language services, budgets, and media platforms used by major international broadcasting agencies.

Analyze data; create charts, graphs, and presentations
Review qualitative reports and compile analytical reports, perform data checks on datasets, and assist in designing qualitative and quantitative studies

May 2014 – February 2015

Research Intern, Barren River Area Development District (BRADD), Bowling Green, KY. Prepared the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies for the BRADD region.

Monitored and Evaluated payroll for various projects. Researched data from U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and U.S Bureau of Economic Analysis and updated BRADD's county and city database. Contacted local businesses in the region and updated Kentucky local area business directory.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION, COMMUNITY, AND UNIVERSITY

May 2018 – May 2019

President, International City/County Management Association (ICMA) at Florida International University, Miami, FL.

Serve as the representative to the Miami City/County Management Association Board.

Familiarize students at Florida International University with ICMA, introduce and integrate students to the local government administration professions.

Facilitate in building connections between local government management theories, practices, and applications.

October 2015 - Present

Chapter Officer, American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) Metro Louisville Chapter. Carry out special assignments as requested by the chapter president. Organize events and professional conferences. Present the needs and concerns of the local chapter to the City Council.

June 2018 – June 2020

Board Member, American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) South Florida Chapter. Attend biweekly board meetings; carry out tasks as requested by the chapter president. Organize events and professional conferences (Best Practices Conference).

AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE

Member Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA) November 2021 – Present

Member Association for Public Policy and Management (APPAM) 2018-.2020

Member, American Society for Public Administration, 2014-2021.

International Student Diplomat at Western Kentucky University, March 2014-May 2015.

Senator at WKU Student Government Association, August 2013-December 2014.

Vice Chair, Cultural and Diversity Affairs Committee at WKU Student Government Association, November 2014-Jan 2015.

LANGUAGES

English, Urdu, Hindi, and Punjabi (Fluent).

Arabic (conversational).

Chinese (enthusiastic learner).

Hindi & Urdu: Native Speaker.

ANALYTICAL SKILLS

Statistical Analysis (STATA and SPSS)

Qualitative Data Analysis (NVIVO)

Data Collection (Qualtrics and Survey Monkey)

Microsoft Power BI: Data Visualization

Microsoft Office