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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Rice University: History. Fields: 20th Century U.S. History, World History, and Sociology of Migration (2013)

M.A. University of Houston: History

B.A. University of Houston: English, History, and Secondary Education (with certification)

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2020–pres. Associate Professor of History, Sam Houston State University

2016–2017 Summerlee Fellow for the Study of Texas History, Clements Center for Southwest Studies, Southern Methodist University (in residence, Fall–Spring)

2013–2020 Assistant Professor of History, Sam Houston State University

PUBLICATIONS (COMPLETED AND IN PROGRESS)

Book Projects

Redefining the Immigrant South: Indian and Pakistani Immigration to Houston during the Cold War (University of North Carolina Press, New Directions in Southern Studies series, 2020).

- 2021 Theodore Saloutos Book Award (IEHS)

- 2021 Pacific Coast Branch Book Award, honorable mention (PCB-AHA)

“The Cold War and U.S. Soft Power in Pakistan,” (book manuscript currently in progress).

“Seizing the Moment: The Indian Diaspora and the Uses of India’s Independence,” (book manuscript currently in progress).

Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

“Situating Abraham Lincoln in Pakistan in 1959: A Study in African American Cold War Cultural Diplomacy,” (article manuscript currently in progress, expected submission in Fall 2021).

Epilogue, “Studying Race, Place, and Power in Houston,” in *Race, Place, and Power in Houston*, edited by Brian D. Behnken, Alexander X. Byrd, and Emily S. Straus (chapter manuscript currently in progress, under contract with Louisiana State University Press, expected publication in Fall 2021).

2019 “Racial Calculations: Indian and Pakistani Immigrants in Houston, 1960–1980,” Special Issue: Multi-ethnic Immigration and the U.S. South, *Journal of American Ethnic History* (Summer, Vol. 38, No. 4). <https://www-jstor-org.ezproxy.shsu.edu/stable/10.5406/jamerethnhist.38.issue-4>

- 2020 Vicki L. Ruiz Award (WHA)

- 2020 Honorable Mention, Carlton C. Qualey Memorial Article Award (IEHS)

2015 "Diffracted Diasporas: Trinidad Indians, Religio-Nationalism, and India's Independence," *Journal of Social History* (Winter 2015, Vol. 49, No. 2).
<http://jsh.oxfordjournals.org/content/49/2/406.full.pdf?keytype=ref&ijkey=Ozd9jQQMbJyWzLu>

Book Reviews, Notes, and Other Review Work

2021 Perla Guerrero, 'Nuevo South: Latinas/os. Asians, and the Remaking of Place,' *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, Vol. 124, No. 4 (April).

2020 Manuscript Reviewer, *Wiley Blackwell Companions to American History*.

2019 Manuscript Reviewer, *Journal of Southern History*.

2019 Kyle Shelton, 'Transportation, Politics, and Development in Houston,' *Pacific Historical Review*, Vol. 88, No. 1 (February).

2016 Ahmed Afzal, 'Lone Star Muslims: Transnational Lives and the South Asian Experience in Texas,' *Journal of Asian American Studies*, Vol. 19, No. 3 (October).

2015 Manuscript Reviewer, *American Quarterly*.

2015 Vivek Bald, 'Bengali Harlem and the Lost Histories of Asian America,' *Journal of Southern History*, Vol. 81, No. 4 (November).

2013 Nancy Buirski, director, 'The Loving Story,' *Journal of Southern History*, Vol. 79, No. 4 (November).

2013 D'Ann R. Penner and Keith C. Ferdinand, 'Overcoming Katrina: African American Voices from the Crescent City and Beyond,' *Journal of Southern History*, Vol. 79, No. 4 (November).

2010 Andreas Lixl, ed., 'Memories of Carolinian Immigrants: Autobiographies, Diaries, and Letters from Colonial Times to the Present,' *Journal of Southern History*, Vol. 76, No. 2 (May).

2008 Pawan Dhingra, 'Managing Multicultural Lives: Asian American Professionals and the Challenge of Multiple Identities,' *Journal of American Ethnic History*, Vol. 27, No. 4.

AWARDS AND HONORS

2021 Theodore Saloutos Book Award from the Immigration and Ethnic History Society for *Redefining the Immigrant South: Indian and Pakistani Immigration to Houston during the Cold War*

2021 Pacific Coast Branch Book Award, honorable mention from the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Society for *Redefining the Immigrant South*

2020 Vicki L. Ruiz Award from the Western History Association for "Racial Calculations: Indian and Pakistani Immigrants in Houston, 1960–1980"

- 2020 Honorable Mention, Carlton C. Qualey Memorial Article Award from the Immigration and Ethnic History Society for "Racial Calculations"
- 2018 William Appleman Williams Junior Faculty Research Grant (Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations)
- 2016 Summerlee Fellowship for the Study of Texas History, Clements Center for Southwest Studies, Southern Methodist University
- 2015 CERCL Scholar-in-Residence Fellowship, African American Library at the Gregory School, Houston, Texas (Spring-Summer)
- 2013 Captain Charles Septimus Longcope Award in History, Rice University (co-recipient for best dissertation in the History Department)

RESEARCH AREAS

U.S. Immigration, Recent U.S., Race and Ethnicity, Sub/Urban History, Asian American, Cold War, U.S. South, Global Migrations, South Asian Diaspora, Oral History Theory and Methodology

CONFERENCES AND ROUNDTABLES

Papers Presented, Unless Otherwise Noted

- 2022 [Organized panel] "Charting the Past: Maps as Evidence, Argument, and Narrative, 1600–2020." Paper: "Whiter Pastures: Asian Immigrants and the Entrenchment of Residential Segregation in Post-Jim Crow Era Houston," American Historical Association (New Orleans, Jan. 7–10).
- 2021 "Jim Crow in the Third World: Racial Solidarity as the Legacy of Empire," SHAFR-Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting (Virtual, June 17–20).
- 2020 "Cooking Up a Sense of Self: Indian and Pakistani Immigrant Foodways and Ethnic Identity in the 1970s," Urban History Association (Detroit, Oct. 8–11: *COVID cancellation*).
- 2020 "Is Oral History Always Empowering for Minorities?: Asian Immigrants and the Ethics of Oral History," Oral History Association (Baltimore, Oct. 21–24: *COVID cancellation*).
- 2020 "Against the Grain: Pakistanis and Reuben Sheeler, African American Cultural Ambassador," SHAFR-Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting (New Orleans, June 18–20: *COVID cancellation*).
- 2019 "Food, Race, and Postcolonial Identities in Immigrant Houston," American Historical Association, Pacific Coast Branch (Las Vegas, July 31–August 1).
- 2018 "Situating Abraham Lincoln in Karachi: USIA, Public Diplomacy, and the 'Negro Problem' during the Early Cold War," American Historical Association, Pacific Coast Branch (Santa Clara, CA, August 2–4).
- 2018 (Invited: Moderator) Roundtable: "A Long View on S*** Talk: Immigration, Race, and

America's Role in the World," SHAFR-Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting (Philadelphia, June 21–23).

2018 (Organized Panel) "Weaving Webs of Power and Influence: U.S. Cold War Public Diplomacy across the Global South." Paper: "Democracy University vs. Red State: Promoting American Higher Education in Pakistan and India, 1952-1965," OAH-Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting (Sacramento, April 12–14).

2018 (Organized Panel) "Dizzying, Dazzling Houston: Rifts and Realignment in the 1970s." Paper: "Internationalizing Houston: Immigration to a "Growth City" in the 1970s," TSHA-Texas State Historical Association Annual Meeting (San Marcos, TX, March 8–10).

2017 (Organized Roundtable) "New Ruptures, Margins, Exclusions, and Alliances: Toward a More Expansive History of Race in a Changing South," SHA-Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting (Dallas, November 9–12).

2017 "Influencing the 'Moulders of Public Opinion': American Cold War Propaganda in India and Pakistan, 1952-1963," SHAFR-Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting (Arlington, VA, June 22–24).

2017 (Invited: Chair) "Eyes on India: Expanding Perspectives on U.S.-India Relations," SHAFR-Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting (Arlington, VA, June 22–24).

2016 "Is Everything Perfect in America?: Indians, Pakistanis, and Race in the Cold War Era" Southwest Conference on Asian Studies Annual Meeting (University of the Incarnate Word, San Antonio, TX, October 14–15).

2015 "Diasporic Dissonance: Trinidad Indians and India's Struggle for Independence," The Indian Diaspora: Identities, Trajectories and Transnationalities Conference (University of West Indies-St. Augustine, Trinidad, May 12–16).

2014 "Ethnic American Newspapers and the Business of Cultural Production," American Studies Association of Texas Annual Conference (Huntsville, TX, November 13–15).

2014 "Brown Flight: Using Digital Mapping, Census Data, and Interviews to Make Meaning out of Mobility," SSHA-Social Science History Association Annual Conference (Toronto, Ontario, Canada, November 9).

2014 (Invited: Discussant) "Urban Black Politics," SSHA-Social Science History Association Annual Conference (Toronto, Ontario, Canada, November 6).

2014 (Invited: Discussant) "Transnational Asia Graduate Student Conference," Chao Center for Asian Studies (Rice University, February 21).

2013 "Exchanging Empires: South Asian Postcolonials Embrace the American Dream," AAAS-Assoc. for Asian American Studies Conference (Seattle, WA, April 18–20).

- 2013 “Choosing the Right/White Door: Privileged Subjectivities, South Asian Immigrants, and Racial Strategizing,” Past and Present of Race and Place in Houston, Texas Conference (Rice University, February 25–27).
- 2012 “South: Intersections of Race between South Asia and the American South, 1960–1975,” TSHA-Texas State Historical Assoc. Annual Meeting (Houston, TX, March 1–3).
- 2011 “Your Ad Here!: The Intersection of Ethnic Capital and Asian Indian Group Identity through Community,” AAAS-Association for Asian American Studies Conference (New Orleans, LA, May 18–21).
- 2010 (Organized Panel) “Sunbelt City *Desis*.” Paper: “Bridges and Barriers: Indian and Pakistani Students Reconstruct Nation and Religion on the American University Campus, 1960–1975,” AAAS-Association for Asian American Studies Conference (Austin, TX, Apr. 7–11).
- 2010 “‘Motherizing’ the Nation: Gendered Representations of India for Indo-Trinidadians, August 1947,” Center for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, Third Annual Graduate Symposium (Rice University, March 26).
- 2009 “Mother May I? Indo Trinidadians and Mother India’s Freedom,” Shifting Spatialities Symposium: The Dynamic Boundaries of Place & Space (Rice Univ., Oct. 3).
- 2008 “Indian and Pakistani Immigration to Houston, 1960–1980,” UHA-Urban History Association, Fourth Biennial Conference (Houston, TX, November 5–8).

INVITED ROLES: TALKS/SYMPOSIA

- 2021 Roundtable discussant, “The Global in the US South: Views of Immigrants and Labor,” (University of Tennessee, Feb. 19).
- 2021 Teach-In: A Roundtable Discussion on the History of Racism & White Supremacy in Urban Texas (University of Texas at Dallas, Feb. 12).
- 2020 Panelist, “Relations and Divides in a Diverse City,” BRIDGE symposium (Rice University, March 5).
- 2018 Keynote Speaker: “‘Our Struggling Time’: Race, the Cold War, and the Foreign Student, 1950–1970,” Annual Conference: Globalization in Higher Education, (Lone Star Community College, The Woodlands, TX).
- 2017 Speaker, “Asian America: A Legal History,” at Global Asia and Diversity in Education: Incorporating Asia and Asian America in Social Studies workshop, Chao Center for Asian Studies (Rice University, February 18).
- 2015 Speaker, “Together at the Margins: Shared Struggles and Affinities between Houston’s African Americans and South Asians,” (African American Library at the Gregory School, Houston, October 3).
- 2015 Speaker, “Race and the City: Houston Neighborhoods in the Post-Jim Crow Era,”

sponsored by the Center for Engaged Research & Collaborative Learning (Rice University, October 1)

2013 Speaker, "Multiple Mobilities," Immigration, Religion, and Citizenship Study Tour (University of Leipzig, Jagellionian University, and Rice University Consortium; Houston, September 27).

2013 Speaker, "The Model Minority Myth: Race Beyond the Binary of Black and White," Teaching Race in the Undergraduate Classroom Symposium (Rice University, April 5-6).

TEACHING

Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas

Assistant Professor of History, August 2013 to present

Rice University, Houston, Texas

Instructor of Record, Spring 2011

Teaching Assistant, 2008-2012

Courses

Undergraduate	Graduate
United States History, since 1876	United States History, 1876-1933
Recent America, 1945-present	Contemporary America, 1933-present
Immigration and Ethnicity in Amer. History	American Immigration History
Asian American Experiences	America and the Global Cold War
History of Islam in America	US Diplomatic History
Senior Seminar: Race, Power & the Cold War	Urban and Suburban History

Graduate or Thesis Committee Member (Field in Recent U.S. History)

James Karney; Lauren Hopper; Kristina Coen; Helenna Ignatovich; Coy Bailey; Ingrid Patino (thesis); Briana Weaver; Jordan Keaghey; Elizabeth Neucere (thesis); Scott Thormalein; Christopher Kline; Michael G. Norman; Phillip Klespis.

Undergraduate Advisor

Becky Julian (McNair Scholar)

SERVICE AT SHSU

University

2020-2021 Interviewer, College of Osteopathic Medicine
 2020-pres. Faculty sponsor, Gamma Sigma Kappa
 2019-pres. American Studies Minor Committee
 2017-pres. University Convocations Committee
 2017-2020 CHSS College Scholarship Committee

Department

2020-2021 Chair, Search Committee: Historian of East Asia
 2020-pres. Chair, Undergraduate Studies Committee
 2017-2020 FES Committee
 2017-2020 Co-Chair: Scholarship Committee
 2018-2019 Search Committee: Historian of Latino/a America

2015 Search Committee: Historian of Sub-Saharan Africa
2015 Budget Committee
2013–2016 Graduate Committee

SHSU Speaking and Other Engagements

2021 Keynote Speaker, “Expanding Racial Geographies: Centering Asian American History,” Phi Alpha Theta Induction Ceremony (Apr. 14).

2019 Invited Panelist: Immigration Paradox, Phi Alpha Theta event (Sept. 17).

2015 Invited Speaker: SHSU Common Reader Author’s Forum, Film Series, “Who is Dayani Cristàl?” (Nov. 18).

2015 Presenter: “‘The Neighborhood Went Bad’: The Persistence of Racial Segregation in Post-Jim Crow Era Houston,” CHSS Faculty Colloquium (Oct. 28).

2015 Invited Speaker: “Current Race Relations in the US,” lecture, SHSU Global Center for Journalism and Democracy (Sept. 14).

2015 Invited Contributor: “Meet the Professor,” series, Dept. of Marketing and Communications (April 9).

2015 Presenter: History Department Brown Bag Workshop (April 8).

2015 Invited Speaker: SHSU “Prof Talk” series, Dept. of Residence Life (March 31).

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

2021-2023 Texas State Historical Association, 2022 Annual Meeting Program Committee Member, El Paso
2021-2024 Immigration and Ethnic History Society, Theodore Saloutos Book Award Committee Member
2020-2022 Texas State Historical Association, 2022 Annual Meeting Program Committee Member, Austin
2020-2021 Immigration and Ethnic History Society, Outstanding Dissertation Award Committee Member

SERVICE: PRE-DOCTORAL

2012–2013 Race Scholars at Rice, Kinder Institute for Urban Research (Rice University)
2010–2012 Co-Chair, Transnational Asia Graduate Student Conference (Rice University)

PUBLIC HISTORY/WRITING

2020 “International Students as Political Pawns . . . Again,” Blog post for the Immigration and Ethnic History Society (Aug. 5), <https://www.iehs.org/international-students-as-political-pawns-again/>

2013 “Difficult Subjects: Teaching Professors How to Teach Race” article co-authored with Jenifer Bratter for *HUM Magazine*, May 2013.

2013 Project Manager, Houston Asian American Archive, Chao Center for Asian Studies, Rice University (Jan.–Aug.).

2012 Lead Lecturer, Oral History Theory and Methodology, Summer Internship Program, Houston Asian American Archive, Chao Center for Asian Studies, Rice University (May–July).

2011 “Houston: Racial and Ethnic Diversity,” essay co-authored with Cary D. Wintz and Kent McGaughy, Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting program guide (October).

2007; 2011 Interviewer, Oral History of Houston Project, Center for Public History, University of Houston (May–Dec.; May–Oct.).

2006–2007 Heritage Society Museum (Houston, Texas)
Graduate Student Coordinator, “Coming to Houston” exhibit. Researched, procured, and assembled full exhibit representing im/migrant experiences in Houston (Nov.–June).

BOOK-RELATED EVENTS

2021 “Houston Matters” radio show interview with Craig Cohen (June 3)

2021 Pandemic Book Club, book discussion, guest participant (May 11)

2021 “Redefining the Immigrant South,” SHSU faculty book talk and panel discussion, sponsored by CHSS DiveIn and the Dept. of History (Apr. 26)

2021 “A Quiet Intervention: Redefining the Immigrant South,” Spring Book Panel Discussion, Immigration and Ethnic History Society (Apr. 23)

2021 “When the Whole is More than the Sum of its Parts: South Asian American Women Immigrants,” Invited guest speaker, St. Louis University, Class: US Women’s History, Instructor: Torrie Hester, (Mar. 31)

2021 History Summit, virtual book festival (Mar. 12)

2020 Book talk on *Redefining the Immigrant South*, LSC Writers Speakers and Ideas series (Sept. 22)

2020 Interview on *Redefining the Immigrant South*, New Books Network podcast (Aug. 21), <https://newbooksnetwork.com/uzma-quraishi-redefining-the-immigrant-south-unc-press-2020/>

2020 Blog post on *Redefining the Immigrant South*, The Page 99 Test (June 22), <http://page99test.blogspot.com/2020/06/uzma-quraishis-redefining-immigrant.html>

EDITING EXPERIENCE

2012; 2010 *Journal of Southern History*, Rice University
Editorial Staff: Performed first-phase editing (Summer; Spring)

LANGUAGES

Urdu/Hindi (Both: Native Conversational; Urdu: Basic Reading, Writing)

Spanish (Basic Conversational)

Arabic (Elementary Reading, Writing)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association (AHA)
Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS)
Immigration and Ethnic History Society (IEHS)
Organization of American Historians (OAH)
Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)
Texas State Historical Association (TSHA)

REFERENCES

Neil Foley	Robert H. and Nancy Dedman Chair in History	Southern Methodist University	foleyn@smu.edu
John Boles	William P. Hobby Professor of History	Rice University	boles@rice.edu
Brian Domitrovic	Associate Professor; Former Dept. Chair	Sam Houston State University	bfd001@shsu.edu