

# SADAF JAFFER

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## EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Harvard University; Cambridge MA; expected May 2015**  
Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations: Indo-Muslim Culture; Secondary: Women, Gender and Sexuality  
Dissertation: *Teaching Social Justice in South Asia: Ismat Chughtai's Cosmopolitan Struggle*
- B.S. Georgetown University; Washington, DC; May 2005, cum laude with honors in major**  
Foreign Service: Regional Studies of the Islamic World; Certificate: Muslim-Christian Understanding  
Honors Thesis: *Al-Huda's Islamization: Piety as a Form of Religious, Cultural and Social Negotiation among Pakistani Women*

## AWARDS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Harvard Certificate of Achievement in the Practice of Teaching in Higher Education; May 2012**  
Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning Award recognizes leadership and achievement in teaching pedagogy
- Harvard South Asia Initiative (SAI) Graduate Student Associate Program; 2011-2012**  
Awarded to support research and collaboration with other South Asia focused graduate students
- US Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship; 2010-2011**  
Awarded to support Persian language and Middle Eastern Area Studies at Harvard University
- Harvard Weatherhead Center Pre-Dissertation Grant; 2010-2011**  
Provided support for a pre-dissertation research project in Mumbai, India
- US Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship; Summer 2009**  
Awarded to support Persian language study at University of Wisconsin Persian Immersion Program
- US Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship; Summer 2008**  
Awarded to support Persian language study at the University of Chicago
- Harvard South Asia Initiative Study Grant; Summer 2008**  
Provided support for a research project in Lahore, Pakistan
- UC-Berkeley Urdu Language Fellowship; 2005-2007**  
Funding for two academic years of Urdu language study in Lucknow, India
- UC-Los Angeles Summer Programs for Undergraduate Research Scholarship; Summer 2004**  
Academic enrichment program supporting research on women's piety group Al-Huda supervised by Professor Vinay Lal
- National Security Education Program David L. Boren Scholarship; 2003-2004**  
Selected to pursue an academic year of Arabic language and cultural immersion in Cairo, Egypt

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE (HARVARD UNIVERSITY, CAMBRIDGE MA)

- Graduate Teaching Consultant; Public Speaking; Spring 2012-Present**  
Professor Elise Morrison; Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning  
Provide one-on-one consultations for graduate students to develop effective public speaking skills for the classroom
- Teaching Fellow, Second Year Urdu Hindi; Spring 2012**  
Professor Richard Delacy; Department of South Asian Studies  
Served as a resource for students needing extra help and evaluated student assignments
- Teaching Fellow, Modern India and South Asia; Fall 2011**  
Professors Sugata Bose and Amartya Sen; Program in General Education  
Managed sectioning and grading for course as a whole, created lesson plans and taught two sections weekly
- Teaching Fellow, Sex and the Citizen: Race, Gender and Belonging in the United States; Spring 2011**  
Professor Caroline Light; Program in General Education  
Collaborated on lesson plans, taught one section weekly, graded assignments and held office hours
- Teaching Fellow, Introductory Urdu Hindi; Fall 2009-Spring 2010**  
Professor Richard Delacy; Department of South Asian Studies  
Collaborated on lesson plans, taught two sections weekly, graded assignments and held office hours

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE AND PUBLIC SERVICE EXPERIENCE

### **Currier House Fellowships Advisor, Harvard University; Cambridge MA, Fall 2009-Spring 2011**

Managed nominations for grants and scholarships; conducted mock interviews and strengthened student applications

### **Currier House Resident Tutor, Harvard University; Cambridge MA; Fall 2009-Spring 2011**

Provided academic and non-academic advising on course selection, discrimination and mental health issues

### **Student Liaison, UC-Berkeley Urdu Language Program; Lucknow, India; Fall 2006-Spring 2007**

Oriented students to life in India, organized enrichment field trips and served as a resource for study abroad students

### **Research Analyst, USMC Center for Advanced Operational Culture Learning; Quantico VA; Summer 2006**

Produced and edited cultural education materials for the Marine Corps including country guidebooks and multimedia

### **Intern, USMC Center for Advanced Operational Culture Learning; Quantico VA; Summer 2005**

As part of the inaugural team, critiqued existing cultural education programs in order to establish future priorities

### **Research Assistant, Georgetown University Center for Contemporary Arab Studies; Washington DC; 2004-2005**

Conducted research, managed and analyzed material on Islamic Family Law for Professor Barbara Stowasser

### **College Intern, US Department of State Bureau of South Asian Affairs; Washington DC; Summer 2003**

Provided support on issues of democracy building, women's rights, and trafficking in persons at the Afghanistan Desk

### **Research Assistant, Georgetown Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding; Washington DC; 2002-2003**

Conducted research, managed and analyzed material on Muslims in the West for Professor Yvonne Haddad

## PUBLICATIONS

"Women's Autobiography in Islamic Societies: Towards a Feminist Intellectual History." *Journal of Women's History*. (invited and in preparation)

Review of "Racialized Bodies, Disabling Worlds: Storied Lives of Immigrant Muslim Women by Parin Dossa." *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* vol. 26 no. 4 (Fall 2009): 129-130.

"Constructing Piety: A Closer Look at Farhat Hashmi's Controversial Al-Huda Foundation." *Chowrang* (Fall 2005): 48-49.

## PAPERS PRESENTED

"Researching Life-History in Mumbai." Presented at SNDT Women's University, Mumbai, India; January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

"Ismat Chughtai's Call to Social Justice." Presented at the Women's Autobiography in Islamic Societies: Representation and Identity Conference, American University in Sharjah, UAE; October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

"Is the Global Narrative about Pakistan Fact or Fiction?" Invited panelist for the South Asia Initiative Pakistan Series at Harvard University, Cambridge MA; March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2011.

"Women's Education in Ismat Chughtai's Autobiography." Presented at the Women's Autobiography in Islamic Societies Conference, India International Center, New Delhi, India; December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

"Dangerous Subjects: The Obscenity Trials of Ismat Chughtai and 'John' Radclyffe-Hall." Presented at the National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference, Denver CO; November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

"Ismat Chughtai's Autobiographical Struggle for Self-Definition." Presented at the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison WI; October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

"Ancient Hatreds? Questioning Identities in South Asia." Presented at Currier Big Ideas, Currier House, Harvard College, Cambridge MA; April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

"An Autobiography of Ismat Chughtai as a Source for the Intellectual History of South Asia." Presented at the South Asian Studies Association Conference, Los Angeles CA; April 11<sup>th</sup> 2010.

## LANGUAGES

**Urdu** (fluent), **Hindi** (advanced), **French** (advanced), **Persian** (intermediate), **Arabic** (intermediate).