

## MAHEEN ZAMAN

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### EDUCATION

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Columbia University

**Ph.D. Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies** **2015**

Dissertation: *Appropriating the Past: Memory, Narrative, and Tradition in Modern South Asian Islam* (Successfully defended September 2014)

Columbia University

**M.Phil. Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies** **2011**

Field Exams: 1) Islamic History: Formative Period, 2) Islamic Thought, 3) Theories of Intellectual History and Interpretation

Columbia University

**M.A. Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies** **2009**

Thesis: *Shah Waliullah: An Early Modern or a Mujaddid?*

SUNY Stony Brook University

**B.A. History and Philosophy** **2004**

### AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

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Columbia University, Teaching Fellowship	2013 – 2014
Columbia University, Dissertation Fellowship	2012 – 2013
American Institute of Indian Studies, Urdu Language Fellowship	2011 – 2012
Critical Language Scholarship, Summer Urdu Language Program	2011
Columbia University, Teaching Fellowship	2008 – 2011
Columbia University, Faculty Fellowship	2007 – 2008
Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship, Arabic	2007
Columbia University, GSAS One Point Fellowship	2006

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Columbia University - Teaching Assistant:**

History of the Modern Middle East – with Prof. Rashid Khalidi	Fall 2013
History of the Modern Middle East – with Prof. Rashid Khalidi	Spring 2011

Theories of Cultures – with Prof. Mamadou Diouf	Fall 2010
Contemporary Islamic Civilization – with Prof. George Saliba	Spring 2010
Theories of Cultures – with Prof. Hamid Dabashi	Fall 2009
Introduction to Islam in South Asia – with Prof. Frances Prichett	Spring 2009
Introduction to Islamic Civilization – with Prof. George Saliba	Fall 2008

## PUBLICATIONS

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### ARTICLES IN PREPERATION FOR PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS:

“Narrating Lives, Inventing Tradition: Appropriating Shah Waliullah in the Reformatory Period”  
for submission to *Islamic Studies*.

“Toward a Reception History of ‘Ubaidullah Sindhi’s interpretations of Shah Waliullah”  
for submission to *The Muslim World*.

### PENDING ENCYCLOPEDIA PUBLICATIONS:

Sayyid Ahmed Bareilvi. In: Sharma A (ed). *Encyclopedia of Indian Religions*. Springer, Dordrecht.

Shibli Nu’mani. In: Sharma A (ed). *Encyclopedia of Indian Religions*. Springer, Dordrecht.

Ubaidullah Sindhi. In: Sharma A (ed). *Encyclopedia of Indian Religions*. Springer, Dordrecht.

## PAPER PRESENTATIONS

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“Shah Waliullah in Deobandi and Ahl-i Hadith Cultural Memory”  
American Academy of Religion, Baltimore. November 25, 2013

“Toward a Reception History of ‘Ubaidullah Sindhi’s interpretations of Shah Waliullah”  
The Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison. October 20, 2013

“Contending Visions of Islam: Appropriating Shah Waliullah”  
Duke-UNC Graduate Islamic Studies Conference. February 17, 2013

“Biography as History: Ali Miyan’s Tarikh-i Da’wat-o Azimat”  
The Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison. October 14, 2012

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND EXPERIENCE

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Steering Committee Member, Contemporary Islam Group, AAR. 2014 – 2016.

Organized AAR panel on “Memory Work and Culture Making.” November 2013

Organized Conference on South Asia panel on “The Past and Other Foreign Countries: Urdu History, Biography, and Travelogue.” October 2012

Reviewed Papers for presentation at MESAAS Graduate Conference “Paradigmatic Conflicts and Crisis”, Columbia University. January 2013

Organized Graduate student meetings with and feedback to faculty for Islamic Studies Candidates, Department of Religion, Columbia University. January 2013.

## LANGUAGES

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English, Bengali – Native Languages

Urdu, Hindi – read / write / speak with high proficiency

Arabic – read with high proficiency

Persian – read with medium proficiency

German – read with competency

## MEMBERSHIPS

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American Academy of Religion

American Historical Association

Society for Advancing History of South Asia