

## CURRICULUM VITAE 2007

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### EDUCATION

- 2001-  
Present                      Ph.D. Candidate, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education,  
University of Toronto  
Department of Adult Education and Counselling Psychology  
Dissertation: *Post-Conflict Development and Reconstruction in  
Afghanistan: Case Study on the Afghan Women's Organization  
(AWO)*
- 2000                              M.A. Ontario Institute for Studies in Education,  
University of Toronto  
Thesis: *In Search of Global Civil Society: A Critical Exploration*
- 1997                              B.A. Honors Specialist in International Development Studies  
University of Toronto (With Distinction)

**Awarded Distinction as Great Minds Alumni, University of Toronto**

### EMPLOYMENT

- January 2007- Present              Sessional Instructor, Distance Education  
Department of Sociology  
Ryerson University  
Toronto, Ontario  
-Course Instructor for "Women and Islam"
- June -- Present                      Gender and Development Consultant  
Canadian International Development Agency,  
Afghanistan Task Force  
Ottawa, Ontario  
-Responsible for the preliminary gender assessment of the  
Arghandab Valley Project Area in Kandahar, Afghanistan
- September 2007-  
Present                              Graduate Research Assistant  
Women and Gender Studies Institute,  
University of Toronto  
-Research Focus: Feminist development politics;  
Gender mainstreaming in development practice

January 2005- 2007	<p>Part-Time Instructor          Community Worker Program          George Brown College          Toronto, Ontario</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Developed introductory course on Sociology</li> <li>-Course Instructor for “Introduction to Sociology” ,              “Introduction to Political Science”, “Community              Organization”</li> </ul>
June –August 2006	<p>Visiting Scholar          Higher Education Commission, Government of Pakistan          Islamabad, Pakistan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Developed and implemented workshops on research and              policy analysis for graduate students ;Assisted to establish              new research facility</li> </ul>
September 2004 - April 2007	<p>Teaching Assistant          Department of Sociology &amp; Centre for Transnational and          Diaspora Studies, University of Toronto          Mississauga and Toronto, Ontario</p>
January 2001- June 2003	<p>Gender and Post-Conflict Development Consultant          Afghan Women’s Organization          Toronto, Canada and Kabul, Afghanistan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Conceptualized and Developed CIDA funded transitional              recovery project for over 60 Afghan women’s              organizations in Kabul and Jalalabad, Afghanistan</li> <li>-Supervised developemnt of training modules on women’s              health and gender and human rights.</li> <li>-Hired and Supervised training team of 9 consultants</li> <li>-Authored final report</li> </ul>
March 2000- September 2001	<p>Director          Hague Appeal for Peace, United Nations office          New York, USA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Founding member of Women, Peace and Security NGO              coalition (alongside Amnesty, WILPF, International Alert)              joined by UNIFEM to press for the historic and              unprecedented 1325 Security-Council Resolution on              Women, Peace and Security.</li> <li>-Coordinated and implemented NGO information sessions              on peace education, militarization, globalization and              disarmament for various UN conferences and Preparatory              Committee meetings including: Conference on Small Arms              and Light Weapons, UN-DPI annual conference, NGO</li> </ul>

Beijing+5 “Women 2000” working session.  
-Conceptualized and developed the first peace and disarmament education pilot project for the United Nations Department for Disarmament Affairs in four countries: Albania, Cambodia, Peru and Niger. Proposal approved for commencement in April 2001 with a budget of over \$2 million

June 1997 -  
August 1997

Coordinator, Special Projects on International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and Human Rights  
Canadian Red Cross Society, Ontario Division  
Mississauga, Ontario  
-Co-Editor of an educational resource and activity book entitled “Hand in Hand: Combat and Camaraderie”. Developed to sensitize young people about the importance and significance of IHL and the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, as well as to outline the roles and current initiatives of the Red Cross and UN in these areas.

August 1995 -  
April 1996

Gender Research and Monitoring Officer  
Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief (CPAR),  
University of Toronto (Co-Op Placement)  
Lilongwe, Malawi Central Africa  
-Initiated and organized gender workshops with UNFPA for local NGOs operating in the country.  
-Initiated, researched and developed proposal for a micro-enterprise program targeting marginalized rural/urban women.  
-Program assistant for the AIDS Prevention Program.  
-Chairperson for CPAR-Malawi’s national strategic planning and evaluation retreat.  
-Supervised an eight-month intensive evaluation of the Training for Transformation - Community Empowerment Program.

### **SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY**

#### **Awards**

2002-2006

Ontario Graduate Scholarship

#### **Scholarly Publications:**

2008

Chishti, Maliha and Cheshmak Farhoumand-Simms.  
“Transnational Feminism and the Women’s Rights Agenda

in Afghanistan” *forthcoming* in Zubeida Jalalzai and David Jefferess (eds). *Globalizing Afghanistan: Terrorism, War and the Rhetoric of Nation-Building*. Durham: Duke University Press

- 2006 Women, Gender and Human Rights. In Suad Joseph (ed) *Encyclopaedia of Women in Islamic Cultures*. Vol. 2 p. 597-98. Netherlands: Brill Academic Publishers
- 2006 International Feminism and Women’s Organizing. In Suad Joseph (ed) *Encyclopaedia of Women in Islamic Cultures*. Vol.2 p.599-600 Netherlands: Brill Academic Publishers
- 2003 “An Enemy in Waiting” *Fireweed: A Feminist Quarterly* Special Issue on Women and War. 5(2): 48-63.
- 2002 “The International Women’s Movement and the Politics of Participation for Muslim Women” *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences*.19(4):22-34
- 2002 Review of: Khan, Shahnaz. 2000. *Crafting a North American Muslim Identity*. Gainesville: University Press of Florida. *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences*. 19(4):98-101

#### **General Publications:**

- 2002 Feminist “Feminism and Islam-Oil and Water? Resisting the Gaze.” *Azizah Magazine*, Summer Issue.
- 1998 “Combat or Camaraderie: International Humanitarian Law: Resource Guide”, Canadian Red Cross Society.

#### **Invited Academic Presentations and Public Talks**

- 2007 “The Shifting Ground of International Aid: Multiple Ideologies Talk Back”. University of Toronto, School of Continuing Studies, University Lecture Series. December 12, 2007
- 2006 “Gender, Human Rights and Post-Conflict Recovery”. 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on International Development. Harvard University, Cambridge Massachusetts, April 8.

- 2006 "The Role of Women in Islam" .University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, March 14.
- 2005 "De-Mystifying Development and the New Security Agenda". George Brown College, Toronto, Ontario, Feb 19.
- 2004 "Post-war Reconstruction: Lessons Learnt?" Centre for Refugee Studies, York University Summer Institute, Toronto, Ontario, June 7.
- 2003 "Women's Movement in Afghanistan: Constraints and Possibilities". Women and Gender Studies Institute, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, December 4.
- 2003 "Hit and Run: Implications of the Neo-Imperialist Attack on Afghanistan". Keynote Address. Center for Popular Economics Summer Institute, Smith College, Northhampton MA, August 8.
- 2002 "Women, Peace and Security: Implications of SCR 1325" Centre for International Women's Rights, York University, Toronto, Ontario, February 23.
- 2001 "Global Civil Society and the Women's Movement: Why the buzz around Security Resolution 1325? Yale University, New Haven CT, April 20.

#### **Refereed Academic Conferences**

- 2006 "Toward Critical Multivocality in International Aid: Resisting the Rescue" Paper presented at Association of Muslim Social Scientists (AMSS) Conference, Hartford Seminary, Hartford CT, October 27-29.
- 2005 "Post-war (Re)Construction and Education: The Case for Greater Critical Education by Adult Educators". Paper presented at Canadian Association for the Study of Adult Education (CASAE), University of Western, London, Ontario, May 28-31.
- 2004 "Higher Education in Post-Conflict Afghanistan: Dismantling Knowledge Systems". Paper presented at the XII World Congress of Comparative and International Education. Havana, Cuba. October 25-29.
- 2004 "Post-War Afghanistan and The Politics of Women's Organizing. Paper accepted for Special Topics Panel: Women, War and Resistance Education

in Transformative Context. CASAE Conference, May 27-30 2004.  
University of Victoria, British Columbia.

- 2004      “Working for Peace and Justice Across diversity in Unity”. Paper presented for Spirit Matters: Wisdom Traditions and the “Great Work” International Conference, The Transformative Learning Centre in collaboration with United Nations University of Peace (Costa Rica), Paulo Freire Institute (Brazil), Centre for Ecology and Spirituality, David Suzuki Foundation, and Institute for Environmental Studies Toronto, Canada. May 13-16 .
- 2003      “Post-Conflict Reconstruction and the Liberal Project to Construct Civil Society from Scratch”. Paper presented for Transformative Learning Centre International Conference, OISE/University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, October 17- 19.
- 2003      “The Social Construction of a Political Enemy”. Paper presented at Association of Muslim Social Scientists (AMSS) Conference, University of Indiana, Bloomington Indiana, September 26-28.
- 2002      “Spirituality and Environmental Ethics: The Future of Sustainable Development”. Paper presented at Association of Muslim Social Scientists (AMSS) Conference, America University, Washington DC, October 25-27.
- 2002      “Participation and Capacity Building During Humanitarian Emergencies: A Critical Reflection”. Paper presented at Canadian Association for the Study of Adult Education (CASAE), OISE/University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, May 30-June 1.
- 2002      “Educating for Peace: Making the Critical Connections”. Paper presented at Canadian Association for the Study of Adult Education (CASAE), OISE/University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, May 30-June 1.
- 2001      “Islam, Spirituality and Peace”. Paper presented at OISE/UT Transformative Learning Centre Conference, OISE/University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, November 1-3, 2001.
- 2001      “Anti-Racism and Minoritized Thought”. Paper presented at OISE/UT Transformative Learning Centre Conference, OISE/University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, November 1-3, 2001.
- 2001      “Muslim Women and the Politics of Coalition Building”. Paper presented at Association of Muslim Social Scientist Annual Conference, University of Michigan, Dearborn Michigan. October 26-28, 2001

- 2001 "Educating for Peace: Update on the Global Campaign for Peace Education". Paper presented at the Canadian Peace Research Association (CPREA), Annual Conference, Queens University, Kingston, Ontario, June 1-3, 2001.

### **Undergraduate Guest Lectures**

- 2007 "Women's Health and Human Rights". Introduction to Global Health and Human Rights, University of Toronto. (Instructor: Dr. Paul Hamel)
- 2006 "The Shifting Politics of Aid Intervention". Political Sociology, Department of Sociology, University of Toronto. (Instructor: Dr. Sara Abraham)
- 2005 "Women and International Advocacy for Violence Prevention." Violence and Safety, University of Toronto, Women's Studies Program. (Instructor: Dr. Rachel Gorman)
- 2004 "Peace and Post-Conflict Reconstruction." Political Sociology, Department of Sociology, University of Toronto. (Instructor: Dr. Sara Abraham)
- 2004 "International Women's Movement and the Politics of Identity, Representation and Advocacy." Gender and Islam, Women's Studies Program, University of Toronto. (Instructor: Dr. Jasmin Zine)
- 2003 "From Women in Development to Gender and Development: A Critical Overview". Scientific Perspectives on Sex and Gender, Women's Studies Program, University of Toronto. (Instructor: Dr. Jasmin Zine)
- 2003 "Ethics of Humanitarianism." Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies, Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Toronto. (Instructor: Cheshmak Farhoumand-Simms)
- 2002 "Media and Democracy". Journalism and Diversity, School of Journalism, Ryerson University. (Instructor: Lalita Krishna)

### **MEDIA APPEARANCES**

- 2005 "Me and the Mosque." Documentary, Zarqa Nawaz, Producer, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation
- 2004 "Religious Extremism: Are We Responsible?" Test of Faith, Host: Valerie Pringle, VisionTV.

- 2003            “Beyond the Frame: Alternative Perspectives on the War on  
Terrorism.” Documentary, Also featuring Noam Chomsky and Naomi  
Klein, Media Education Fund, Producer.
- 2001            “Understanding the Ummah.” Town Hall, Host: Andy Barrie, CBC Radio  
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**References:**

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      Assistant Professor  
      Department of Sociology  
      Wilfrid Laurier University  
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2.     Dr. Shahrzad Mojab  
      Professor and Director  
      Women and Gender Studies Institute, University of Toronto  
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      OISE/University of Toronto  
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