

# Uzma Quraishi

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## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. History, Rice University. Fields: 20<sup>th</sup> Century U.S. History, World History, and Sociology of Migration

M.A. History, University of Houston

B.A. English, History, and Secondary Education, University of Houston

## **PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

2013–present Sam Houston State University: Assistant Professor of History

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

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Book Manuscripts**

“Redefining the Immigrant South: Indian and Pakistani Immigration to Houston during the Cold War” (forthcoming, Spring 2020, UNC Press, New Directions in Southern Studies series).

“Seizing the Moment: The Asian Indian Diaspora and the Uses of India's Independence (manuscript currently in progress).

### **Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters**

2019 Epilogue, “Studying Race and Place in Houston,” in *The Past and Present of Race and Place in Houston, Texas*, edited by Brian D. Behnken, Alexander X. Byrd, and Emily S. Straus (currently in progress).

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 2019, Vol. 38, No. 4). <https://www-jstor-org.ezproxy.shsu.edu/stable/10.5406/jamerethnhist.38.issue-4>

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**

2018 Kyle Shelton, ‘Transportation, Politics, and Development in Houston’ in *Pacific Historical Review* (forthcoming).

2016 Ahmed Afzal, ‘Lone Star Muslims: Transnational Lives and the South Asian Experience in Texas,’ in *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' in *Journal of Southern History*, Vol. 81, No. 4 (November).

2013 Nancy Buirski, director, 'The Loving Story' in *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' in *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' in *Journal of Southern History*, Vol. 76, No. 2 (May).

2008 Pawan Dhingra, 'Managing Multicultural Lives: Asian American Professionals and the Challenge of Multiple Identities.' (Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2007) in *Journal of American Ethnic History*, Vol. 27, No. 4.

### **Other Publications**

2013 "Difficult Subjects: Teaching Professors How to Teach Race" article co-authored with Jenifer Bratter for HUM Magazine, May 2013.  
[http://issuu.com/hummagazine/docs/hum\\_magazine\\_may\\_e-magazine?e=5229226/2677646](http://issuu.com/hummagazine/docs/hum_magazine_may_e-magazine?e=5229226/2677646)

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).

### **AWARDS AND GRANTS**

2018 William Appleman Williams Junior Faculty Research Grant (Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations)

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)

2012 W. Edwin Bryan, Jr. Travel Award, Rice University

**RESEARCH AREAS:**

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

**CONFERENCES AND ROUNDTABLES**

**Papers Presented, Unless Otherwise Noted**

2019 “Food, Race, and Postcolonial Identities in Immigrant Houston,” American Historical Association, Pacific Coast Branch (Las Vegas, Nevada, July 31–August 1, 2019).

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, California, August 2–4, 2018).

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, CA, April 12–14).

2018 (Organized Panel) “Dizzying, Dazzling Houston: Rifts and Realignments 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, TX, 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**

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**

<b>Undergraduate</b>	<b>Graduate</b>
United States History, since 1876	United States History, 1876–1933
Recent America, 1945–present	Contemporary America, 1933–present
Immigration and Ethnicity in Amer. History	Urban and Suburban 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	

**SERVICE AT SHSU**

**University**  
 2017–2019 University Convocations Committee  
 2017–2019 CHSS CollegeScholarship Committee

**Department**

2018–2019 Search Committee: Historian of Latino/a America

- 2017–2019 Co-Chair: Scholarship Committee
- 2017–2019 FES Committee
- 2015 Search Committee: Historian of Sub-Saharan Africa
- 2015 Budget Committee
- 2013–2016 Graduate Committee

### **Speaking and Other Engagements**

- 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," a lecture for Polish journalists, Global Center for Journalism and Democracy (Sept. 14).
- 2015 Invited Contributor: "Meet the Professor" series for social media platforms, 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).

### **PUBLIC HISTORY EXPERIENCE**

- 2013 Project Manager, Houston Asian American Archive, Chao Center for Asian Studies at Rice University (Jan.–Aug.)
- 2012 Lead Lecturer in Oral History Theory and Methodology, Summer Internship Program, Houston Asian American Archive, Chao Center for Asian Studies at Rice University (May–July)
- 2010; 2011 Guest Lecturer in Oral History Methods, Summer Internship Program, Houston Asian American Archive, Chao Center for Asian Studies at Rice University (May)
- 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)

### **EDITING EXPERIENCE**

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

**LANGUAGES**

Urdu/Hindi (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)

Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)

Organization of American Historians (OAH)

Texas State Historical Association (TSHA)