

Education

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

Masters of Science in Comparative Media Studies.
Cambridge, MA. June 2008 (expected).

- ✦ **Researcher for the Centre for future Civic Media (2007-2008):** Research, analyze, and develop new technologies to enable civic engagement, citizen journalism, and community building. Designing and implementing a communications system that employs cell phones and automated hand-held devices to make community radio more interactive
- ✦ **Media Analyst for the Convergence Culture Consortium (2006-2007):** research and analyze citizen journalism, social networking sites, virtual worlds, and trends surrounding online user-generated content and online advertising campaigns.
- ✦ **Researcher at the Berkman Center for Internet and Society (2006-Present):** Monitor international citizen journalism initiatives for the Citizen Media Law Project, an initiative aimed at training citizen journalists and ensuring legal rights for bloggers.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Arts with High Honors in English and American Literature and Language
Cambridge, MA. June 2002.

- ✦ Recipient of the John Harvard Scholarship, 2000-2001, and the Harvard College Scholarship for Academic Achievement

Work Experience

THE NEWS

Columnist
Karachi, Pakistan. Dec '06 - Present

- ✦ Write op-eds on Pakistani politics, media, technology, and the intersection of the Internet and democracy

HEARLD MAGAZINE

Features Editor.
Karachi, Pakistan. Feb '06 - Aug '06

- ✦ Wrote feature articles and investigative reports on internal conflict, human rights and gender issues, social and media trends, low-income housing, as well as book reviews, opinion pieces, and celebrity profiles
- ✦ Organized and commissioned the features section, including feature articles, reviews, sports features, interviews, celebrity profiles, event coverage, interviews, photojournalism, and portfolios.

Managed features team, including reporters and desk editors; liaised with contributing writers, photographers, and public relations officers from the public and private sectors.

THE FRIDAY TIMES

Staff Writer / Features Editor.

Karachi, Pakistan. Jan '03 - Jan '04

Wrote weekly column on popular culture, current events, film, art, and celebrity.

LETS GO PUBLICATIONS (AFFILIATE ST. MARTIN'S PRESS, NY)

Associate Editor Let's Go: *Chile 2003*

Karachi, Pakistan. Feb '02 - Aug '02

Edited, compiled, and formatted information submitted by on-location research-writers

Wrote and researched background sections of travel guide, including "Discover Chile", "Life and Times", "Facts for the Traveler", and "Alternatives to Tourism"

Liaised with map editor and production manager at St. Martin's to produce cover design and text lay-out

SOCIAL POLICY DEVELOPMENT CENTER (SPDC)

Summer Intern in Non-Profit Organization focusing on Research and Social Development.

Karachi, Pakistan. Summer 2001.

Wrote and researched a report on the madrasah (Islamic school) curriculum in Karachi for Amnesty International.

Awards

PRIX LORENZO NATALI/ EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Won Second Prize for Reporting on Human Rights and Democracy

Brussels, Belgium. March '06

Selected from over 1,000 entries to receive the Grand Jury's Honorable Mention Lorenzo Natali Prize as awarded by the European Union.

PAKISTAN PRESS FOUNDATION / UNESCO

Recipient 'Gender in Journalism Award 2005'

Karachi, Pakistan. May '05

Selected from over 100 entries to receive award for article titled "In the Wake of Violence" on legal fallacies and flawed public policies that facilitate domestic violence.

Computer Skills

- ✂ Microsoft Office
- ✂ Adobe Photoshop
- ✂ Final Cut Pro
- ✂ Dreamweaver
- ✂ Audacity

Language Skills

- ✂ Native Proficiency in Urdu / Hindi
- ✂ Reading / Writing proficiency in French