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EMPLOYMENT

Senior Economist, City of Boston, Planning Department, 2024-
Assistant Professor of Economics, Colgate University, 2020-2025.
Visiting Scholar, Brown University, 2024.
Visiting Scholar, Boston University, 2023.
Consultant, Yale University Economic Growth Center, 2013-2014.
Research Analyst, Innovations for Poverty Action, 2012-2013.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Economics, Boston University, Boston MA, September 2020.
B.A., Economics, Brown University (*with honors*), Providence, RI, 2012.

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Labor Economics, Development Economics, Health Economics, Gender Economics.

PUBLISHED & ACCEPTED

1. Fatima Aqeel, 2025, "Marriage Search, Gender Norms and Tradeoffs", Accepted, *Journal of Labor Economics*.
2. Fatima Aqeel, 2024, "Removing Barriers to Entry in Medicine: Evidence from Pakistan", *The World Bank Economic Review*, lhad039, <https://doi.org/10.1093/wber/lhad039>.
3. Fatima Aqeel, 2024, "Can Male Dominated Industries Bring Jobs for Women? Evidence from Indonesia", *Environment and Development Economics*, 1-25, doi:10.1017/S1355770X24000354.

WORKING PAPERS

1. Fatima Aqeel, Thea How Choon and Yvette Zhang, 2025, "From Quotas to Questions: How Shifting Gender Ratios Shape Medical Research" (**Job Market Paper**).
2. David Murphy, Fatima Aqeel and Carolina Castilla, 2025, "Women Talking: Intimate Partner Violence, Group Discussions, and their Effects on Social and Economic Ties", Revise and Resubmit, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*.
3. Fatima Aqeel, 2025, "Marriage Preferences under Market Constraints: Evidence from Pakistani Immigrants".
4. Carolina Castilla, Fatima Aqeel and David Murphy, 2025, "Tipples and Quarrels in the Household: The Effect of an Alcohol Mitigation Intervention on Intimate Partner Violence", under review.
5. Fatima Aqeel and Hadia Majid, 2025, "Breaking Barriers? Female Doctors in Male Fields".

WORK IN PROGRESS

1. Greg Howard, David Murphy, Fatima Aqeel, 2025, "Alcohol Mitigation And Future Discounting".
2. Fatima Aqeel, 2025, "Returning to Work with the Motherhood Penalty".
3. Fatima Aqeel and Giovanna Marcolongo, 2025, "Overtime Pay in the Boston Police".

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

Fatima Aqeel, 2022. “Gender Differences in Spousal Search: Evidence from Historic Marriage Ads”, Gender BiAnnual Report, Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), Issue 4, p. 11-12.

INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Lampert Institute Grant, Colgate University, 2023-2024.
Major Grant, Colgate University, 2023-2024.
Rosenstein-Rodan Prize for Best Paper in Development Economics, Boston University, 2019.
Human Capital Initiative Research Fellow, Global Development Policy Center, 2018.
Boston University Summer Fellowship, 2014-2019.
Boston University Graduate Student Fellowship, 2014-2019.
Pakistani Student Scholarship, 2008-2012, Brown University.
Karen T. Romer Undergraduate Teaching and Research Assistant Award, 2011, Brown University.
Omicron Epsilon Delta honor society in economics, 2012.
Chase Manhattan Fund for Sponsored Research Assistantship, 2010-2012, Brown University.

FUNDED RESEARCH (INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP PROJECTS)

Colgate University Research Council, 2022-2025.
Shahid Hussain Foundation Award, 2023.
MBBI Initiative (shared grant for a project), Colgate University, 2022.
Institute of Economic Development, 2019.
National Science Foundation, 2012-2013.
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, 2012-2014.
International Growth Center, 2013-2014.
International Labor Organization, 2013-2014.

CONFERENCES

Southern Economic Association Annual Meeting, November 2025 (planned).
WERISE Conference, Boston University, October 2025 (mentorship panel).
Path2Dev Conference, Lahore Pakistan, December 2023.
Brandeis University Department of Economics Seminar, November 2023 (invited).
Lafayette College Department of Economics Seminar, April 2023.
Colgate University Department of Economics Brown Bag, December 2021, December 2022.
Liberal Arts College Development Economics Group Meeting, March 2021, September 2022.
Lahore University of Management and Sciences, May 2022.
Human Capital Initiative, Boston University, November 2019.
The Northeast Universities Development Consortium, October 2019.

REFeree EXPERIENCE

National Science Foundation, Journal of Development Economics, World Bank Economic Review, Journal of Human Resources, Journal of the Japanese and International Economies, Studies in Microeconomics, Eastern Economic Journal.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Seminar in Gender and Development, Colgate University, 2022-2023.
Core Partition: The Division of British India, Colgate University, 2023.
Introduction to Economics, Colgate University, 2020-2022.
Gender in the Economy, Colgate University, 2021-2022.
Teaching Fellow, Introduction to Microeconomics, Boston University, 2015-2018.

SERVICE

Institutional Review Board Member, Colgate University, 2022-2023.
PhD Dissertation External Evaluator, Karachi University, 2023.
Visiting Assistant Professor Search, Colgate University, 2022.
Mentoring for Women in Economics, Colgate University, 2021-2023.
Graduate School Advising, Colgate University, 2020-2023.

SOFTWARE KNOWLEDGE: STATA, R, ArcGIS, ATLAS.ti, Dedoose, Python.

