CURRICULUM VITAE

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EXPERIENCE

Feb.2018- to date Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC), University of Peshawar, Pakistan

Director

I have recently been appointed Director ORIC of University of Peshawar with the task to support research related activities, processes and controls within the university and to develop a linkage between industry and academia with the aim to commercialize the research work carried out at the university.

Feb.2002- to date Institute of Management Studies, **University of Peshawar, Pakistan**

Assistant Professor/Ex-Director

- Remained Director of the institute since August 2014 till December 2016. Was responsible for all administrative and academic matters related to the institute.
- Teach various subjects of Development, Public Administration, Public Policy and Organizational Behavior to graduate classes and undergraduate classes.
- Worked with students as supervisor on their research thesis and internship reports.
- Developed an academic linkage with the Department of Administration and Organization, University of Bergen, Norway, with Institute of Management Studies, University of Peshawar. Consequently, the two institutes signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to share expertise and resources. The partnership will benefit the faculty and students of the two institutes.
- Developed an academic linkage with Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) and Institute of Management Studies, University of Peshawar. The two institutes signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) under which the students will get exam exemptions and scholarships.
- I was also the convenor of various committees.

Spring 2013

Florida State Unviersity, Tallahassee, FL

Adjunct Professor

Principles of Public Administration (graudate).

Jan. 2000–Jan. 2002 Preston University, Peshawar Campus Lecturer/Students' Counselor

• Worked as permanent faculty member of Preston University at their Peshawar Campus.

Aug. 2008- May 2015

Florida State University, FL, USA

Ph.D. Public Policy and Administration

- Earned Doctor of Philosophy degree in Public Administration and Policy from Askew School of Public Administration & Policy with focus on development policy.
- Thesis titled "The Enigmatic Consequesnces of Security and Development Aid: Evidence From Pakistan". Major Professor, Dr. Ralph Brower and committee members included Dr. Francess Berry, Dr. Lance Dehaven Smith and Dr. Stephen McDowell.
- Received Sweetie Cox Best Doctoral Dissertation proposal award.
- Completed Course work with a CGPA of 3.72

Aug. 2008-July 2010

Florida State University, FL, USA

Measurement & Statistics

- CGPA 3.9
- Courses studied include Structural Equation Modeling (SEM), Hierarchical Linear Modeling (HLM) and Measurement Theory.
- Software learned during the program include SPSS, MPLUS,

Aug. 2004–July 2006 Department of Administration and Organization Theory, University of Bergen, Norway

MPhil. in Public Administration

■ The title of my thesis was "Reforming Political Universities: A Case Study of University of Peshawar

Oct. 1996– Sep. 1998 Institute of Management Studies, **University of Peshawar, Pakistan**

Masters in Public Administration (MPA)

- Scored 3.5 CGPA.
- I got selected to do the internship with the World Wide Fund For Nature (WWF) as part of my Masters program and wrote an internship report on "Preservation of Chilghoza Forest in Sulaiman Range and the role of WWF". My report was highly appreciated by the organization and its findings were incorporated in the annual report of WWF-Pakistan
- I was the President of "Excurssion Committee" of the Institute of Management Studies, University of Peshawar for two consecutive terms.

Pi Alpha Alpha International Public Administration Honor Society, induced 2015.

ISTR Scholarship for paper presentation (2014).

Dissertation Support Grant by the Florida State University (2014).

HEC Conference Presentation Grant (2013).

Research proposal titled "Understanding Perspectives of Those Who Matter: The Impact Measurement of the United States Soft Power Diplomacy" got funded by *Disasters and Community Research Fellowship (DCRF)* (2012).

Sweetie Cox Award for Best Dissertation Proposal (2012).

David Gould Scholarship to present paper in American Society of Public Administration (ASPA) conference (2012).

Fulbright Scholarship for PhD (2008).

Norwegian Government's Quota Scholarship for pursuing MPhil. degree (2005)

CONFERENCE PAPERS NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- Obaid, Z. (2017). "Community Development in Hostile Environments: Evidence from Tribal Areas of Pakistan". Paper to be presented at Annual North East Conference on Public Administration (NECoPA). Burlington, Vermont, USA, November 3-5, 2017.
- Obaid, Z. (2016). "NGOs–State Relationships: Reorientation in the Times of Humanitarian Security". Paper to be presented at Association for Research on Non-Profit Organization and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA). Washington DC, USA, November 17-19, 2016.
- Obaid, Z. (2016). "INGO-Government Relations: Evidence From Unstable Environment". Paper presented at the The International Society for Third-Sector Research (ISTR). Stockholm, Sweden, June 28-July1, 2016.
- Obaid, Z., Brower, R., (2015). "The Enigmatic Challenges of Security and Development: Evidence from Pakistani NGOs". Paper presented at Association for Research on Non-Profit Organization and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA). Chicago, IN, November 19-21, 2015.
- Obaid, Z(2015). "Bridging the gap between civil society and community: Uneasy coalesce of politics and development". Paper presented at the The International Society for

- Third-Sector Research (ISTR), Nihon University, Tokyo, Japan August 27-28, 2015.
- Obaid, Z(2015). "Security Development Nexus: Voices from Tribal Regions and Swat Valley of Pakistan". Paper presented at the South Asian Media & Cultural Studies Conference. Tallahassee, FL, January 22-23, 2015.
- Obaid, Z(2014). "Impact of Securitization of Aid on Development: The role of civil society in a changing world". Paper presented at the annual conference of International Society for Third-Sector Research (ISTR). Muenster, Germany, July 22-25, 2014.
- Obaid, Z(2013). "NGOs as Brokers: Negotiating the Space Between High Risk Human Settlements and Government". Paper presented at Association for Research on Non-Profit Organization and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA). Hartsford, CT, November 21-23, 2013.
- Afaq, A., & Z. Obaid (2013). "Knowledge sharing among NGOs, Government, Donors and Local Communities in Pakistan". Paper presented at annual conference of American Society of Public Administration (ASPA). New Orleans, LA, March 15-19, 2013.
- Obaid, Z (2012). "Boiling Frogs: How to Know when Representative Democracies Are Becoming Garrison States". Paper presented at annual conference of American Socity of Public Administration (ASPA). Las Vegas, NV, March 2-6, 2012.
- Obaid, Z (2008). "The Effect of Power Configuratin And Politics on Higher Education Reforms: a Case Study of University of Peshawar". Paper presented at the International Conference at Aga Khan University Institute of Educational Development, April 08-10, 2008.
- Reforming Political Universities: An Organizational Analysis of University of Peshawar (M.Phil. Thesis) 2006.

REFEREED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- Gul, M., Obaid, Z., & Ali, S., (2017). Liberalization of Media in Pakistan: A Challenge to Democracy. *Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences*.
- Gul, M., Obaid, Z., & Hussain, A. (2016). VOA Dewaa radio: Propaganda or persuasion? *PUTAJ-Humanities and Social Sciences*, 23(1), 67-73.
- Gul, M., Obaid, Z., & Hussain, A. (2014). Who makes decision?: A study of two union councils in Peshawar district of Pakistan. *Journal of Law and Society*, 45(65), 157-190.
- Obaid, Z., Hussain, A., Gul, M. (2013). How public administration theory and practice have contributed to totalitarian tendencies? *Journal of Law and Society*, 44(63), 1-11.
- Obaid, Z. (2013). Book Review: Why Nations Fail: The Origins of Power, Prosperity and Poverty. *International Review of Public Administration*, 18(1), 203-208.
- Obaid, Z. (2012). Book Review: Violence And Social Orders; A Conceptual Framework For Interpreting Recorded Human History. *International Review of Public Administration*, 17(1), 199-203.

INDUSTRY CERTIFICATIONS

- Social Networking Certification. LINKS workshop, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, 2013.
- Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE).
- Microsoft Certified Professional (MCP).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

- President of Fulbright Alumni Association Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chapter.
- Member of American Society of Public Administration (ASPA).
- Member of International Society of Third Sector Research (ISTR).
- Member of Association for Research on NonProfit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA).
- Attended five days extensive workshop, LINKS Center Newtok Analysis Training Workshop. The workshop is one of its kind held every year at Kentucky, Lexington, USA by top professionals of the field from all around the world.

STATISTICAL & OTHER SOFTWARE PACKAGES

SPSS, HLM, MPLUS, UCINET, LATEX, MS Office.

CONTRACTS & GRANTS

- UNDP Community Recovery Project for Youth of FATA 2016. Under this project around 4000 young men and women belonging to five agencies of Federally Adminnistred Tribal Areas (FATA) of Pakistan were provided Business Management and Entrepreunerial Training core areas of Management, Communication, Computers and Accounting. The project also included apprenticeship opportunity of three months for 300 budding entreprenuers from this area. Project Convenor (\$719,000)
- UNDP Validation Assignment for their development projects Project convenor (\$58,000)
- RAHA Project (Rs.600,000)
- PDMA Resource Development. Principal investigator (Rs.160,000)
- FDMA SWIS Agency (Rs.100,000)

REFEREE

Referee of international journal: International Review of Public Administration

REFERENCES

• To be submitted on request.