

Madiha R. Tahir

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Education **Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism** May 2009

- M.S.; (Broadcast Television and Radio)
- Coursework: Broadcast (video shooting, editing, production of packages); Radio Skills; Multimedia Newsroom (multimedia slideshows, interactive graphics)
- Thesis: Iraqi Refugees Build New Lives in New York City –Sept 2008

New York University April 2007

- M.A. Near Eastern Studies
- Fluent: Urdu and Hindi; basic knowledge of Arabic
- Awarded full scholarship and stipend for studies

Barnard College of Columbia University May 2003

- B.A.; *magna cum laude*
- Double Major: Asian & Middle Eastern Cultures, Political Science
- Honors thesis: violence, identity, and international law in the Palestinian-Israeli conflict

Journalism Experience

Aug 2006 –present **Alfred I. duPont Awards –Administrative** New York, NY

- Excerpted video and audio clips of winning programs for ceremony
- Assisted in production of duPont Awards documentary, produced by Rainmedia.
- Made video and audio ready for online viewing and judging process and worked with director to develop online process for duPont Awards
- Supervise two research assistants and 25 volunteers for ceremony
- Coordinate duPont site web updates: CMS familiarity

Nov 2008 **Current TV Collective Journalism –Co-produced, Shot and Edited** New York, NY

- Package: profile of a former Bears Stearns worker after the financial market collapse

May 2008 **Network 2020, Pakistan Policy Research –Field Researcher** Pakistan

- Co-produced report on US-Pakistan relations: [A Different Kind of Partner](#)
- Traveled across Pakistan—from Karachi to Peshawar—in 8 member team
- Conducted approx. 60 field interviews (ambassadors, radical Islamists, businessmen, university chancellors, politicians, Pakistani military, intellectuals and persons-on-the-street.)
- Presented report at New York Law School Panel

Feb 2008 **Current TV Short Segment –Co-produced, Shot and Edited** New York, NY

- Package: an online medical practice that claims to cut the cost of healthcare for New Yorkers.

May 2006 –July 2006 **Showtime Documentary "Shame" –Freelance Translator** New York, NY

- Translated footage from Urdu to English

Apr 2006 –Oct 2006 **Documentary for Current TV –Production Associate** New York, NY

- Conducted Urdu interviews with family of Brooklyn immigrant charged with planning to bomb New York City subways
- Gained access to family and the prosecution and defense teams for interviews
- Translated footage from Urdu to English

Nov 2005 –Nov2006 **Arab Studies Journal –Book Review Editor** New York, NY

- Edit and review articles for submission; academic journal
- Solicit articles and book reviews

Policy & Administrative Experience

Jul 2005- Jan2006 **South Asian Construction Workers' Project –Organizer** New York, NY

- Involved in launch; organization lobbying for fair wages for immigrant workers
- Interviewed workers and served as translator to establish case histories for lawsuits

2003- 2006 **Coney Island Avenue Project (immigrants' rights)** Brooklyn NY

- Media work around immigrants' rights: press releases and press conferences.

Oct 2003- Jul 2004 **Afghan Communicator (community non-profit) – Program Coordinator** Queens, NY

- Edited and did lay-out of bi-monthly Community Bulletin; wrote articles
- Commissioned free-lance submissions
- Created internship program and supervised 2 volunteers

Skills/ Interests

- Video and Audio: Final Cut Pro, Avid, ProTools
- Web: Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Bridge, Audacity, Soundslides, CSS, basic Flash skills, CMS familiarity
- Languages: Urdu and Hindi (South Asia); basic Arabic

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Projects

PRINT

- [Chaos Theory: How Pakistan was Cast as a Failed State](#) | *Columbia Journalism Review Online*
- [Pakistan: Vibrant Media, Living with Threats](#) | *International Newsroom*
- [From No Help to Self-Help: Iraqi Refugees in the US Struggle to Rebuild Lives](#) (Masters Thesis) | *Columbia Journalism School*

MEDIA

- MULTIMEDIA: [Payback: Remittances in NYC to Pakistan](#) | *Global Post*
- MULTIMEDIA: [Bread & Burlesque: A Performer Survives the Bare Economy](#) (Photo slideshows, video and blog) | *Coping in NY*
- RADIO: [The Plight of Disappeared Pakistanis](#) | *Free Speech Radio News*
- VIDEO: [Edoc: Williamburg Doctor's Internet Practice](#) (original content) | *Current TV*
- VIDEO: [Deaf Dance Student Feels the Rhythm](#) | *Columbia Journalism School*
- VIDEO: [Billyburg Burlesque](#) | *Coping in NY*
- VIDEO: [Credit and Cupcakes: How to Survive the Financial Crisis](#) (Bear Stearns Worker Profile; original content) | *Current TV*
- VIDEO: [Swat in Brooklyn: The War Comes Home](#) | Current Project