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EDUCATION

PhD (Sociology), The Ohio State University	2026
M.A. (Sociology), University of North Texas	2020
M.A. (Communication Arts), Pennsylvania State University	2017
B.A. (Rhetoric and Writing), University of Texas at Austin	2015

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- Huang, Tiffany J., Van C. Tran, and **Mehr Mumtaz**. 2026. "Asian Diaspora Research in Ethnic and Racial Studies, 1978–2025." *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01419870.2026.2645421>
- Wise, Jamie, Hollie Nyseth Nzitaira, and **Mehr Mumtaz**. 2025. "Excusing the Self and Blaming Others: Participation in Genocide and the Fundamental Attribution Error." *Journal of Perpetrator Research* 7(1). doi: 10.21039/jpr.7.1.133.
- Mumtaz, Mehr**, Vincent J. Roscigno, & Katherine Sobering. 2024. "Gendered Employment Precarity and Refugee Resettlement in the United States." *The Sociological Quarterly*, 1–21. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00380253.2024.2377382>
- Ronald Kwon, Phoebe Ho, and **Mehr Mumtaz**. 2024. "Perceptions of the Size of the Foreign-Born Population: Do Changes in Multicultural Policies Shape Beliefs?" *Population Research and Policy Review*, 43(49). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11113-024-09896-1>
- Scarborough, William, Katherine Sobering, Ronald Kwon, and **Mehr Mumtaz**. 2023. "The Costs of Occupational Gender Segregation in the Innovation Economy." *Socioeconomic Review*, 21(1), 643–664.

Manuscripts in Progress

- Mumtaz, Mehr**. "Perceptions of State Legitimacy and the U.S. Migration Governance of Afghan Migrants in the Post-2021 Context." (under review).

Draws on 80+ qualitative interviews and ethnographic fieldwork in the U.S. and Pakistan; funded by the Russell Sage Foundation Dissertation Grant and the Mershon Center for International Security Studies Research Grant at the Ohio State University

- Mumtaz, Mehr**, Sinem Esengen, and Someireh Amirfaiz. "From Refuge to the Workforce: Navigating Barriers to Secure Employment by Resettled Refugees in the U.S." (in preparation).

Mixed methods study combining regression analysis of multiple waves of the Annual Survey of Refugees (ASR) with qualitative in-depth interviews with refugees; examines barriers to secure & skills-matched employment among resettled refugees in U.S.

Public Writing

- Mumtaz, Mehr**. 2026. "Afghan migrants stranded in Pakistan after the US suspends refugee resettlement." *The Conversation*. <https://theconversation.com/afghan-migrants-stranded-in-pakistan-after-the-us-suspends-refugee-resettlement-273680>
- Mumtaz, Mehr**, & Someireh Amirfaiz. 2024. "Voices of the Community: Community-Based Action Research with Resettled Refugees in King County, WA." Research Report, New Americans Alliance for Policy & Research. <https://tinyurl.com/4vbk4fyy>
- Mumtaz, Mehr**. 2020. "Refugee Women and Children in Refugee-Led Homes during COVID-19." Identities COVID-19 Blog Series.

RELEVANT RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Dissertation Project — Afghan Migrants in the U.S. and Pakistan 2025–Present
Funded by Russell Sage Foundation (\$15,000) and the Mershon Center for International Security Studies (\$12,114); 80+ in-depth interviews with displaced Afghans, immigration lawyers, and NGO representatives.
- Research Consultant, West Coast Poverty Center, University of Washington 2024
Led community-based action research project with resettled refugees in King County, Washington; co-produced policy report and presented it to practitioners and policymakers.
- Research Intern, Human Service Initiative, Migration Policy Institute, Washington D.C. 2022
Contributed to national policy research on immigrant integration and equitable service delivery for refugees across U.S. state jurisdictions.
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QUANTITATIVE & QUALITATIVE SKILLS

- Quantitative: Regression analysis, large-n survey data analysis, statistical modeling (Stata, R)
- Qualitative: In-depth interviewing, ethnographic fieldwork, community-based participatory research, qualitative coding and interpretive analysis (ATLAS.ti, NVivo).
- Mixed Methods: Methodological triangulation integrating large-n quantitative analysis with qualitative case studies.
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TEACHING & MENTORING EXPERIENCE

- The Ohio State University 2021–Present
Instructor, Sociology of Immigration (3200)
Lab Instructor, Statistics in Social Sciences (3549)
Lab Instructor, Research Methods (3487)
- Mentor – Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program (URAP), 2026
The Ohio State University
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AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Dissertation Research Grant (\$15,000), The Russell Sage Foundation. 2025–2026.
 - Graduate Research Grant (\$12,114), Mershon Center for International Security Studies, Ohio State University. 2025–2026.
 - The Ohio State University Dissertation Fellowship. 2026–2027.
 - Community-Based Research Grant (\$12,000), West Coast Poverty Center, School of Social Work, University of Washington. 2024.
 - Research Grant (\$1,500), Armed Conflicts & (Im)mobility Project, Mershon Center for International Security, Ohio State University. 2024.
 - Research & Travel Award (\$750), Institute for Humane Studies. 2023–2024.
 - Student Travel and Research Grant (\$1,000), Center for Ethnic Studies, Ohio State University. 2021–2022.
 - Institute for the Recruitment of Teachers (IRT) Associate Fellow, Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts. 2019–2020.
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CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND SEMINARS

- “Community-Based Action Research with Resettled Refugees in King County, WA.” Webinar, West Coast Poverty Center, University of Washington. 2025
- Working with the Annual Survey of Refugees Data: Workshop, Urban Institute at Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Conference, Washington D.C. 2025
- Ethnography Summer School, Urban Ethnography Lab, University of Texas Austin. 2025

“Legal Uncertainty, Migration Bureaucracy & (Im)mobility among Displaced Afghans.” Roundtable, Section on Global and Transnational Sociology, ASA Annual Meeting, Montreal. 2024

Summer Institute in Migration Research Methods, University of California, Berkeley. 2024

“Employment Precarity & Refugee Resettlement in the U.S.” Panel Presentation, Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) Annual Meeting, Washington D.C. 2024

“Refugee Resettlement and County-Level Voting Outcomes in 2016 U.S. Presidential Elections.” Roundtable, Section on International Migration, ASA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia. 2023

Summer Institute in Migration Research Methods, University of California, Berkeley. 2022

“Resettled: The Experiences of Refugees with Employment in Texas.” Roundtable, Occupations, Organizations, and Work (OOW), ASA Annual Meeting. 2021

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (ASA); Eastern Sociological Society (ESS); Population Association of America (PAA); International Migration, Integration, and Social Cohesion in Europe (IMISCOE)

LANGUAGES

English (advanced), Urdu (native), Pashto and Punjabi (intermediate), Classical Arabic (basic reading only)