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Education **Yale University**, New Haven, CT. Candidate for Ph.D. in Economics. GPA: Honors
Coursework: Financial Economics I & II, Behavioral Finance, Behavioral Economics, Topics in Finance, Probability and Statistics, Econometrics II, III, and IV, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Applied Econometrics, Economic History.
Comprehensive Exams: May 2006, Microeconomic and Macroeconomic Theory (*with distinction*).
June 2007, Finance (*with distinction*) and Econometrics.
Honors and Awards: Yale University Graduate Fellowship 2005-2009.
GRE: 1510, M 800, V 710

Yale University, Masters in Economics, 2006. GPA: Honors.

Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS), Lahore, Pakistan. Bachelor of Science (Honors) 2004. Major: Economics. Minor: Mathematics. GPA: 4.19 (4.3) Major GPA: 4.29 (4.3). Class Rank: 1.

Coursework: Econometrics, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Principles of Finance, Industrial Organization, International Trade, International Finance, Institutional Economics, Development Economics, Multivariate Calculus, Statistics, Probability, Linear Algebra.

Senior Thesis Papers: 1. *Fiscal Decentralization in the Context of Devolution: The Case of the Punjab Provincial Finance Commission (PFC):* Looks at how the PFC distributes funds to districts under the Devolution Program and the effect these transfers have on inter-district equity. Publisher: LUMS-McGill Social Enterprise Development Program.

2. *Development Ranking of Districts in Pakistan:* An index that ranks the districts in Pakistan according to their level of development. Publisher: LUMS-McGill Social Enterprise Development Program.

Honors and Awards: Gold Medal for highest cumulative GPA in class. Gold Medal for highest Economics GPA in class. LUMS Merit Scholarship Award 2002-2004. Placed on the Dean's Honor list for all academic years.

Experience **Yale University**, Fall 2006
Teaching Assistant for Professor William Nordhaus, Intermediate Macroeconomics.

Lahore University of Management Sciences March 2003 to May 2004

Part time Teaching Assistant for Economics courses

- Conducted tutorial sessions, prepared and graded quizzes and exams.

Extra Curricular **Class Representative of Class of 2004 at LUMS.** Organized social and sports events for the class, presented students' problems to faculty and administration and negotiated on their behalf, initiated a community service program to raise money for orphans in Lahore.

Financial Compustat, CRSP, I/B/E/S

Databases

Software: SAS, Stata, Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Matlab (Basic).

Interests: Cricket, Automobiles.

Citizenship: Pakistani, Authorized to work in the US for one year without sponsorship.