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Maisam Najafizada is an Afghan medical doctor with a master's degree in Health Communication and finishing a PhD in Population Health Program at the University of Ottawa (Finished his thesis and submitted for evaluation). For the past five years, his research has focused on evaluation of community health programs, the role of community health workers as a unique type of human resources for health in developing and developed countries, comprehensive primary health care, and international comparison of health system performance. Since 2010 (when he started his graduate studies), he has received over \$200,000 in research funding. He has published multiple peer-reviewed articles and dozens of popular articles.

QUALIFICATIONS

Ph.D., Population Health, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario, 2011-2016
M.A., Health Communication, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario, 2009-2011
M.D., Medicine & Public Health, Ibn Sina Medical Faculty, Balkh University, Mazar-e Sharif, Afghanistan, 2002 – 2008

ACADEMIC POSTS

2011- Teaching Assistant (Guest Lecturer), Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Ottawa, Ottawa

- Occasional Guest Lecturing
- Leading group discussions
- Organization of online virtual blackboard pages
- Integrating new pedagogical technology into lectures
- Exam proctor and evaluator

2011- Research Assistant, Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Ottawa, Ottawa

- Synthesizing research and information with the goal of informing planning, provision of services, policy and program development.
- Helping with grant writing
- Compiling and analyzing quantitative and qualitative data as required for research projects
- Formulating key findings and developing reports and other information products meaningful and useful to various target audiences including policymakers
- Preparing annotated bibliographies, briefing notes or summaries
- Writing reports and manuscripts

NON-ACADEMIC POSTS

Nov 2015 – Analyst, Canadian Institute for Health Information

- Designing evaluation studies on Canadian and international health system performance
- Conducting systematic literature and scoping reviews
- Analyzing and synthesize technical health and economic information
- Writing academic manuscripts to engage in research debate on health system performance internationally
- Writing analysis for policymakers and general audience

Sep 2010 – July 2011 Vice Communication Officer (Volunteer), Canadian Cancer Society,

- Informing the public about the Relay-for-Life event
- Organizing promotional brochures and press conferences for the event
- Talking with and providing information to the media about Relay-For-Life
- Writing and editing articles and stories of cancer survivors, and press releases
- Keeping staff and sponsors up to date with organizational news
- Researching public attitudes and gathering feedback on the event
- Managing communication between staff

Nov 2002 – Aug 2009 Media Monitor, BBC Monitoring, Afghanistan

- Writing programme summaries of northern media daily, including TV, radio and press.
- Translating full text of reports from Dari/Pashto into English
- Writing monitor reports on hot topics of the day using various media organizations as main sources and describing how media has covered a specific issue.
- Writing advisories and commentaries on the media in the north
- Keep track of daily expenses for northern BBC Monitoring Office

AWARDS AND HONORS

1. Central Asia and Afghanistan Research Fellowship, 2014 – 2015
2. Doctoral Research Award, International Development Research Centre, 2012 - 2014
3. Global Supplementary Grant Program (Won thrice), Open Society Foundation 2011 – 2014
4. Admission Scholarship, Population Health, Ottawa University, 2011 - 2015

5. Full Scholarship, Communication Department, Ottawa University, 2009 -2011

PUBLICATIONS

- **Najafizada**, et al. (2015) The role of Community Health Workers in Canada and some other HICS: a scoping review. *Canadian Journal of Public Health*, 106(3), e157-e164 doi: 10.17269/CJPH.106.4747
- Azimi, M. D., **Najafizada** S.A.M, Khaing, I.K., Hamajima, N. (2015) Factors Influencing Non-institutional Deliveries in Afghanistan: Secondary Analysis of the Afghanistan Mortality Survey 2010. *Nagoya Journal of medical Science*. 77, 133-43
- **Najafizada**, S.A.M., Labonte, R., Bourgeault, I. L. (2014) Community health workers of Afghanistan: a qualitative study of a national program. *Conflict and Health*, 8:26 doi:10.1186/1752-1505-8-26
- **Najafizada**, S.A.M (2014). Entrepreneurship and Sustainability in Bamyan. *Weblog of the Journal of Sustainability: Science, Practice, & Policy*. Guest Blog. Available at <http://ssppjournal.blogspot.ca/2014/12/entrepreneurship-and-sustainability-in.html>
- **Najafizada**, S.A.M. (2014) Considering social determinants of maternal health in Afghanistan, *Afghanistan Journal of Public Health*, 2,
- **Najafizada**, M. (2011). Health content of Afghan media, *Master's Thesis*

CONFERENCES

- **Najafizada**, S.A.M., Labonte, R., Bourgeault, I. (2016). *Understanding interaction of gender with health system – a case study of Afghanistan*. Poster session at Canadian Association for Health Service and Policy Conference, 9-12 May, 2016, Toronto, Canada
- **Najafizada**, S.A.M., et al., (2016). *A scoping review of the ranked performance of Canada's health system on the international stage*. Oral session at Canadian Association for Health Service and Policy Conference, 9-12 May, 2016, Toronto, Canada
- **Najafizada**, S.A.M., Labonte, R., Bourgeault, I. (2015). *Stakeholder's perspective: Sustainability of a community health worker program in Afghanistan*, Poster session presented at the Canadian Conference on Global Health, 5-7 Nov, 2015, Montreal, Canada.
- **Najafizada**, S.A.M., et al. (2014). *Community Health Workers Model in Canada and other HICs*, Oral session presented at Canadian Public Health Association Conference, 26-29 May, 2014, Toronto, Canada
- **Najafizada**, S.A.M., Bourgeault, I., Labonte, R., Corrine, P., Torres, T. (2014). *Community Health Workers: Exploring their roles and contributions in ensuring equitable and effective use of services and participation in Canadian Society*. Panel session presented at the 16th National Metropolis Conference, March 12-15, 2014, Gatineau, Canada.
- **Najafizada**, S.A.M., Labonte, R., Bourgeault, I. (2013). *Considering social determinants of maternal health in Afghanistan*. Oral session at Global Supplementary Grant Program Spring Conference, March 19-21, 2013 New York, US.

- **Najafizada**, S.A.M, (2014). *Framing and Representation in the Modern Media*, Mediating plenary session at Global Supplementary Grant Program, Spring Conference, March 27-28, 2014, New York, US.

COMPUTER SKILLS

- Ms Office (Word, Outlook, Excel, PowerPoint, Access),
- Qualitative Analysis Software: NVivo Qualitative Software,
- Quantitative Analysis Software: SAS, SPSS, STATA, Tableau
- Other: HTML, Adobe Audition, and Cool Edit Pro

LANGUAGES

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| - English | Fluent |
| - French | Fair |
| - Persian/Dari | Mother tongue |
| - Hindi and Urdu | Very Good |