

# **PROFILE**

Qasim has extensive training in environmental policy, econometrics, and data analysis. He has applied these skills to analyze a range of proposed net-zero carbon policies for the US electric grid with a particular focus on modeling health benefits with a high degree of demographic and geographic detail. The core of his research involves working with large demographics, surveys, energy, and geospatial datasets in Python.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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# QASIM MEHDI

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# **EDUCATION & TRAINING**

PhD | Public Administration Syracuse University | 2018–2023 MPA | Public Administration Syracuse University | 2017–2018 BA | Social Sciences

Lahore University of Management Sciences | 2010–2014

### Professional Experience

### Research Scientist | CARBON SOLUTIONS LLC | 2021-Present

Incorporating data related to socio-economics, health, and environment into the process of planning and locating energy and decarbonizing-related infrastructure while prioritizing environmental justice and equity considerations.

Thriving Earth Exchange Community Science Fellow | American GeoPhysical Union | 2023 – Present

Co-developing community science projects that produce on-the-ground impact in local communities.

# Post-Doctoral Research Associate | University of Virginia | 2023

Built datasets for a dashboard, 'Data Commons, ' that tracks socio-economic, environmental and health indicators for the Virginia Department of Health.

# **PUBLICATIONS**

- Mehdi Q, Nabatchi T. Saving the Salmon: Examining the Cost-Effectiveness of Collaboration in Oregon. Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory. 2022 August; 33 (3): 498-511
- Vasilakos PN, Shen H, Mehdi Q, Wilcoxen P, Driscoll C, Fallon K, Burtraw D, Domeshek M, Russel AG. US Clean Energy Futures – Air Quality Benefits of Zero Carbon Energy Policies. Atmosphere. 2022 July; 13 (9):1401

# **PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- Assessing the Environmental Justice Implications of Decarbonizing the US Electric Gris: Estimating Changes in Asthma Exacerbation of Race and Income | Dec. 2023, American Geophysical Union, San Francisco, CA
- How much Environmental Justice is achieved if US decarbonizes its electric grid | Nov. 2022, Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management, Washington DC
- Modelling changes in deposition patterns of pollutants under decarbonization of the US electric grid. | Oct. 2021, National Atmospheric Deposition Program, Madison, WI