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Seema Yasmin

Clinical Assistant Professor, Medicine - Primary Care and Population Health

Bio

BIO

Seema Yasmin is an Emmy Award-winning journalist, poet, medical doctor and author. Yasmin served as an officer in the Epidemic Intelligence Service at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention where she investigated disease outbreaks and was principal investigator on a number of CDC studies. Yasmin trained in journalism at the University of Toronto and in medicine at the University of Cambridge.

Yasmin was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in breaking news in 2017 with a team from The Dallas Morning News and recipient of an Emmy for her reporting on neglected diseases. She received two grants from the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting. In 2017, Yasmin was a John S. Knight Fellow in Journalism at Stanford University investigating the spread of health misinformation and disinformation during epidemics. Previously she was a science correspondent at The Dallas Morning News, medical analyst for CNN, and professor of public health at the University of Texas at Dallas.

Her writing has earned awards and residencies from the Mid Atlantic Arts Council, Hedgebrook, the Millay Colony for the Arts and others. Her first book, *The Impatient Dr. Lange* (Johns Hopkins University Press, July 2018) is the biography of an AIDS doctor killed on Malaysia Airlines flight MH17. Her second book, *Debunked! Pseudoscience, Medical Myths and Why They Persist*, is forthcoming in November 2019. A major title about women is forthcoming from HarperCollins in 2020.

Yasmin's unique expertise in medicine, epidemics and journalism has been called upon by The Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues, the Aspen Institute, Skoll Foundation and others.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Clinical Assistant Professor, Medicine - Primary Care and Population Health

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Mayborn Award for Literary Non-Fiction, Mayborn School of Journalism, University of North Texas. (2015)
- Mayborn Award for Literary Non-Fiction, Mayborn School of Journalism, University of North Texas (2016)
- Westfield Trust Prize for Academic Excellence, Queen Mary University of London (2005)
- Unit Commendation, United States Public Health Service (2014)
- Public Health Award for Media Excellence in Print Media, Texas Public Health Association (2015)
- National Health Journalism Fellowship Award, Center for Health Journalism, University of Southern California (2015)
- John P. McGovern Award in Health Promotion, University of Texas at Austin (2016)

- Physician Excellence in Reporting, Texas Medical Association (2016)
- Finalist, Pulitzer Prize (2017)
- Reporting award, Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting (2015)
- Reporting award, Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting (2017)
- Emmy, National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (2016)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- MD, University of Cambridge
- Journalism, University of Toronto
- Biochemistry, Queen Mary University of London

Teaching

COURSES

2019-20

- Compassion, Dignity and Empathy-Physician Communication Skills: SOMGEN 120, SOMGEN 220 (Aut)
- Media, Medicine & (Mis)information: SOMGEN 121, SOMGEN 221 (Win)
- Specialized Writing and Reporting: Health and Science Journalism: COMM 177C, COMM 277C, EARTHSYS 177C, EARTHSYS 277C (Win)

2018-19

- Specialized Writing and Reporting: Health and Science Journalism: COMM 177C, COMM 277C, EARTHSYS 177C, EARTHSYS 277C (Win)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Viral BS: Medical Myths and Why We Fall for Them**
Yasmin, S.
Johns Hopkins University Press.2021
- **Muslim Women Are Everything: Stereotype-Shattering Stories of Courage, Inspiration and Adventure**
Yasmin, S.
HarperCollins.2020
- **The Impatient Dr. Lange: One Man's Fight to End the Global HIV Epidemic**
Yasmin, S.
Johns Hopkins University Press.2018
- **Use of an online survey during an outbreak of clostridium perfringens in a retirement community-Arizona, 2012.** *Journal of public health management and practice : JPHMP*
Yasmin, S., Pogreba-Brown, K., Stewart, J., Sunenshine, R.
; 20 (2): 205–9
- **The BreakBeat Poets Vol. 3: Halal If You Hear Me**
Yasmin, S.
Haymarket.2019
- **Ebola's Second Coming.** *Scientific American*
Yasmin, S.
2016; 315 (1): 40–45
- **Outbreak of Botulism After Consumption of Illicit Prison-Brewed Alcohol in a Maximum Security Prison--Arizona, 2012.** *Journal of correctional health care : the official journal of the National Commission on Correctional Health Care*

- Yasmin, S., Adams, L., Briggs, G., Weiss, J., Bisgard, K., Anderson, S., Tsang, C., Henke, E., Vasiq, M., Komatsu, K.
2015; 21 (4): 327–34
- **Alcohol Production, Prevention Strategies, and Inmate Knowledge About the Risk for Botulism From Pruno Consumption in a Correctional Facility--Arizona, 2013.** *Journal of correctional health care : the official journal of the National Commission on Correctional Health Care*
Adams, L. E., Yasmin, S., Briggs, G., Redden, K., Silvas, S., Anderson, S., Weiss, J., Tsang, C. A., Henke, E., Francies, J., Herrick, K., Lira, R., Livar, et al
2015; 21 (4): 335–42
 - **Rocky mountain spotted fever characterization and comparison to similar illnesses in a highly endemic area-Arizona, 2002-2011.** *Clinical infectious diseases : an official publication of the Infectious Diseases Society of America*
Traeger, M. S., Regan, J. J., Humpherys, D., Mahoney, D. L., Martinez, M., Emerson, G. L., Tack, D. M., Geissler, A., Yasmin, S., Lawson, R., Hamilton, C., Williams, V., Levy, et al
2015; 60 (11): 1650–58
 - **Risk factors for fatal outcome from rocky mountain spotted Fever in a highly endemic area-Arizona, 2002-2011.** *Clinical infectious diseases : an official publication of the Infectious Diseases Society of America*
Regan, J. J., Traeger, M. S., Humpherys, D., Mahoney, D. L., Martinez, M., Emerson, G. L., Tack, D. M., Geissler, A., Yasmin, S., Lawson, R., Williams, V., Hamilton, C., Levy, et al
2015; 60 (11): 1659–66
 - **Community-acquired invasive GAS disease among Native Americans, Arizona, USA, Winter 2013.** *Emerging infectious diseases*
Harris, A. M., Yazzie, D., Antone-Nez, R., Dinè-Chacon, G., Kinlacheeny, J. B., Foley, D., Yasmin, S., Adams, L., Livar, E., Terranella, A., Yeager, L., Komatsu, K., Van Beneden, et al
2015; 21 (1): 177–79
 - **Healthcare-Associated Pertussis Outbreak in Arizona: Challenges and Economic Impact, 2011.** *Journal of the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society*
Yasmin, S., Sunenshine, R., Bisgard, K. M., Wiedeman, C., Carrigan, A., Sylvester, T., Garcia, G., Rose, K., Wright, S., Miller, S., Huerta, R. D., Houser, H., D'Souza, et al
2014; 3 (1): 81–84
 - **Chryseobacterium indologenes in a woman with metastatic breast cancer in the United States of America: a case report.** *Journal of medical case reports*
Yasmin, S., Garcia, G., Sylvester, T., Sunenshine, R.
2013; 7: 190
 - **Female sex workers in Africa: epidemiology overview, data gaps, ways forward.** *SAHARA J : journal of Social Aspects of HIV/AIDS Research Alliance*
Ngugi, E. N., Roth, E., Mastin, T., Nderitu, M. G., Yasmin, S.
2012; 9 (3): 148–53
 - **Human papillomavirus vaccination programs and human immunodeficiency virus epidemics.** *Clinical infectious diseases : an official publication of the Infectious Diseases Society of America*
Yasmin, S., Gerberry, D. J., Blower, S.
2011; 53 (8): 845–46

PRESENTATIONS

- Get Smart, Stay Calm: Ebola in Dallas