

## Abdul Wahab Siddiqi

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### Executive Profile

I am a journalism instructor and former Assistant Professor at the School of Journalism and Mass Communications at Herat University, with a decade of experience as a journalist in Afghanistan. Recognized for nurturing the next generation of media professionals through innovative teaching methods and a deep commitment to promoting journalistic excellence. I am a seasoned researcher with a background in conducting impactful studies in new media and communication, notably contributing to the mission of Internews Europe. A journalist with an extensive portfolio of stories that reflects truthful reporting in challenging environments. I'm passionate about merging my academic expertise with real-world experience to drive progress in the field of journalism and mass communications.

### Core Competencies

- Effective Teaching Skills; successfully used in teaching of Mass Communication courses
  - Skills in the use of the Camera for teaching Photo/Video-Journalism
  - Skills in Developing Mass Communication Syllabus
- Research; Research design, Literature writing, Data collection, and Data analysis
- Software: MS Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access), Adobe (Photoshop, Premiere, Audition), SPSS, Online Survey
- Social Media Management
- Photography
- Translation (English, Persian, and Pashto)

### EDUCATION

**Master of Arts (MA), Journalism and Communication, 2021**

Shanghai Jiao Tong University

**Bachelor of Arts (BA), Mass Communications, 2011**

Herat University

### EXECUTIVE HIGHLIGHTS

**Journalism Instructor 2022-Now**

**Elizabeth Seton High school, Maryland**

- Digital photography: Teaching DSLR camera, composition, exposure, and Adobe light room for photo editing
- Broadcasting journalism: Teaching news and report writing, preparing interviews, report filming, editing TV reports using the Adobe Premier, using studio accessories, and news anchoring

**Editor 2020-Now**

**Afghanistan Women's News Agency (AWNA), Online**

- Lead Women-Centric Content Creation: Direct reporters in producing content relevant to Afghan women.
- Local Relationship Building: Cultivate ties with local sources and outlets for accurate representation.
- Culturally Sensitive Editing: Edit with cultural awareness to authentically portray Afghan women's experiences.
- Set Editorial Standards: Collaborate with reporters to establish standards tailored to Afghan women's needs.

**Journalism Assistant Professor, 2014-2021****Herat University, Herat**

- Effectively Taught: Mass Communication Courses for undergraduate students: Research Methodology, Feature Writing, Public Relations, Communication theories, TV Reporting, News writing, and Media Relations
- Supervised Final Year Students' Projects
- Served as a Member of the curriculum review committees, quality assurance, scientific journal, and faculty scientific council

**Researcher, 2021 - 2022****Internews, Remote**

- Literature searches and writing
- Performed long term data management and file maintenance
- Recruited participants and obtained consent, scheduled, conducted interviews
- Worked on long-term data analysis, generated correspondence, reports, and visualizing

**Deputy Executive Manager, 2016-2021****Afghanistan Institute of Research and Media Studies, Herat**

- Communicated AIRMS goals and operational plans to all levels of the organization and the donors
- Assisted the executive director with strategic planning and coordination of the AIRMS programs, projects, and policy positions
- Managed the AIRMS in the absence of the executive director
- Worked to secure financial support for the NGO, wrote grant proposals, ran pay-for-service programs, and organized fundraisers

**Journalism Trainer, 2011-2015****NAI (supporting open media in Afghanistan), Herat**

- Taught 18 hours a week: Journalism Essentials, TV reporting, Radio package production, Media law, and Access to information. Created lectures and workshops, worked with students one on one to improve their skill.

**News Anchor 2009-2014****Asia TV, Herat**

- Hosted nightly news service. Delivered accurate news to viewers.
- Assisted the newsroom in writing news. In writing news articles, ensuring clarity and accuracy for journalistic standards
- Invited guests to news programs. Utilized interpersonal skills and facilitated insightful discussion.
- Hosted political talk shows. Hosted an informational dialogue on current events and the current political atmosphere.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/AFFILIATIONS**

Scientific Article Reviewer, MEDCOM 2022 Scientific Conference (2022)

Afghanistan Representative, TIKA 2022 Scientific Conference (2021)

**Publication****Taylor & Francis**Media Asia, 2022 <https://doi.org/10.1080/01296612.2022.2122284>*Abdul Wahab Siddiqi, Haroon Hakimi & Faisal Karimi*

In conflict between leaving and staying: identifying the challenges of women journalists and the effects on the intention to leave the journalism profession

**ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE****Volunteer Translator, 2021-2022****Samaritan's Purse, Albania**

- Facilitated translation services between Persian and Pashto for physicians and patients at Shingjin Medical Clinic into English.

**Volunteer Research instructor 2022-2022****American Council, Albania**

- Taught 30 hours of quantitative research and researching "Perceived social support of Afghan refugees in Albania."