

# ABHISHEK BHATI

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## EDUCATION

<b>Ph.D., Public Administration</b> University of Nebraska, Omaha	2018
<b>M.A., Social Entrepreneurship</b> Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai	2010
<b>B.A., Business Economics</b> University of Delhi, Delhi	2008

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

<b>Bowling Green State University</b> Director, Asian Studies Program	2018 - Present 2023 - 2025
Department of Political Science Associate Professor Assistant Professor	2022 - Present 2018 - 2022

## AWARDS

<b>Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award</b> Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board	2025 - 2026
<b>Nominated for Outstanding Early Career Award</b> Bowling Green State University	2023
<b>Wilson C. "Bill" Levis Fundraising Research Award</b> Association of Fundraising Professionals (\$5,000)	2021
<b>Center for Faculty Excellence Certificate of Appreciation</b> Bowling Green State University	2019, 2020
<b>Dissertation Scholarship</b> University of Nebraska at Omaha (\$2,000)	2017
<b>Penn Social Impact Doctoral Fellowship Program</b> University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia	2016
<b>Emerging Scholars Award</b> Association for Research on Nonprofit Org and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA)	2015
<b>Graduate Research and Creative Activity Award</b> University of Nebraska at Omaha Research Scholarship (\$4,711)	2014

## PUBLICATIONS

### Journal Articles

Bhati, A., & McDonnell, D. (2024). Message content and diversity as an effective nonprofit fundraising strategy on social media. *Nonprofit Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, 54(3), 721-736.

Bhati, A., & Burk, A. (2024). The landscape of community-based giving days in the United States. *The Foundation Review*, 15(4), 9-18.

Ma, Y., Beaton, E., & Bhati, A. (2023). Sexual harassment policies in nonprofits. *Nonprofit Management and Leadership*, 33(2), 411-426.

Bhati, A. (2023). What can postcolonial theory contribute to the study of social equity? *Public Administration Review*, 83(1), 203-209.

Bhati, A. (2023). Is the representation of beneficiaries by International Nongovernmental Organizations (INGOs) still pornographic? *Journal of Philanthropy and Marketing*, 28(4), 1-19.

Bhati, A. (2021). What implicit racial bias has got to do with giving? Learnings from fundraising experiment. *VOLUNTAS: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations*, 32(2), 340-350.

*Won Best Paper Award in VOLUNTAS for the Year 2020*

Bhati, A., & Hansen, R. (2020). A literature review of studies in fundraising using experimental methods. *Journal of Behavioral Public Administration*, 3(1), 1-19.

Bhati, A., & McDonnell, D. (2020). Success in an online giving day: The role of social media and budget size in fundraising. *Nonprofit Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, 49(1), 74-92.

*Top 10 Most Read Paper in NVSQ (2019-2024)*

Brown, C., & Bhati, A. (2019). Growth of community-based giving days in the United States: The landscape and effects. *The Foundation Review*, 11(2), 7-20.

Bhati, A., & Eikenberry, A. M. (2016). Faces of the needy: The portrayal of destitute children in the fundraising campaigns of NGOs in India. *International Journal of Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Marketing* 21(1), 31-42.

Bhati, A. & Mathew, M.J. (2011). Talent acquisition and retention in social enterprises. *Journal of Security and Sustainability Issues* 1(1), 39-53.

### Book Chapters

Bhati, A., & Eikenberry, A. M. (2023). A critical fundraising perspective: Understanding the beneficiary experience. Book Chapter in *The Fundraising Reader*, edited by Beth Breeze, Donna Day Lafferty and Pamala Wiepking, Routledge.

Bhati, A., & Hansen, R. (2023). Testing fundraising practices and techniques. Book Chapter in *The Fundraising Reader*, edited by Beth Breeze, Donna Day Lafferty and Pamala Wiepking, Routledge.

Bhati, A., & Dean J. (2021). Charity advertising: Visual methods, images and elicitation. Book Chapter in *Researching Voluntary Action: Innovations and Challenges*, edited by Jon Dean and Eddy Hogg, Bristol University Press.

Bhati, A., & Eikenberry, A. M. (2021). Decolonizing International Nongovernmental Organizations (INGOs) fundraising narrative. Book Chapter in *The Handbook of Critical Perspectives on Nonprofit Organizing and Voluntary Action*, edited by Roseanne Mirabella, Tracey Coule, and Angela M. Eikenberry, Edward Elgar Publishers.

Bhati, A., & Eikenberry, A. M. (2019). A critical fundraising perspectives: Understanding the beneficiary experience. Book Chapter in *Reframing Nonprofit Organizations: Democracy, Inclusion, and Social Change* edited by Angela M. Eikenberry, Billie Sandberg, and Roseanne Mirabella, Melvin and Leigh Publishers.

### Policy Reports

Wang, J., & Bhati, A. (2023). Government-run national relief funds in Asia during the COVID-19. *International Center for Not-For-Profit Law (ICNL)*. Washington, D.C.

Bhati, A. (2023). Compensation and benefit evaluation of senior center across Ohio. *Wood County Committee on Aging (WCCOA)*. Bowling Green, OH.

Beaton, E., Colchin, E., Ma, Y., & Bhati, A. (2021). Ohio nonprofit COVID-19 survey. A report of wave 3 results. *Philanthropy Ohio and Ohio Attorney General*. The Ohio State University.

Bhati, A., & Eikenberry, A. M. (2016). Omaha Gives! 2015 evaluation. *Omaha Community Foundation Report*, University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Bhati, A., Brown, C., & Eikenberry, A. M. (2015). Omaha Gives! 2014 evaluation. *Omaha Community Foundation Report*, University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Eikenberry, A.M., & Bhati, A. (2014). Omaha Gives! 2013 evaluation. *Omaha Community Foundation Report*, University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Bhati, A. & Mathew, M.J. (2011). The ecosystem for entrepreneurship and new venture creation: Perceptions of Indian entrepreneurs. *Fondazione Cariplo Italy*, Indian Institute of Management Bangalore.

Manimala, M. J., Jose, P.D., & Bhati, A. (2011). Intel sponsored Faculty Colloquium (FC) and India innovation pioneer challenge (IIPC) for entrepreneurship development: An Assessment. *Intel Corporation and Department of Science and Technology, Government of India*, Indian Institute of Management Bangalore.

### Other Publications

Bhati, Abhishek (2024). The impact of social media during online giving days. *Advancing Philanthropy*. Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), 31(3), 34-36.

Bhati, A. & Burk, A. (2022). ePhilanthropy. *Encyclopedia of Nonprofit Management, Leadership, and Governance*, Edward Elgar.

Bhati, A. (2019). S. Khan and S. Siddiqui: Islamic education in the USA and the evolution of muslim nonprofit institutions. *VOLUNTAS: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations*, 30(4), 905-906.

## WORKING PAPERS

Bhati, A. “When government acts as a fundraiser: The case of restricting funding to civil society using national funds by governments in the Southeast Asia.” *Under Review*.

Bhati, A., & McDonnell, D. “The global funding network of Indian nonprofits.” *In preparation*.

## OTHER WRITINGS

Nonprofits get more donations when they vary their Facebook fundraising messages - new research, *The Conversation*, February, 14, 2025. [Link]

Many global charities refrain from ‘Poverty Porn’ imagery to raise money from donors, but stereotypes still distort their pictures, *The Conversation*, December, 8, 2021. [Link]

U.S. nonprofits raised \$2.5 billion on giving tuesday, *The Conversation*, December, 17, 2020. [Link]

Prejudice against people with darker skin may make donors less generous, *The Conversation*, October 20, 2020. (Reprinted in *Associated Press, Houston Chronicle, Albany Times-Union*). [Link]

Posting on Facebook is helping nonprofits of all sizes raise money, *The Conversation*, September 30, 2019. (Reprinted in *Associated Press, Chicago Tribune, Fast Company*). [Link]

Decoding Prime Minister Modi’s second win, *Down to Earth*, June 14, 2019. [Link]

Sandhakhpu trek: Attempt at saving the himalayas, *Down to Earth*, March 24, 2017. [Link]

Wrong trek, *Down to Earth*, June 28, 2015. [Link]

## GRANTS

**President’s Innovation Fund: AI in Teaching and Learning** 2024  
Title: “AI for Public Good”  
Principal Investigator: Abhishek Bhati (\$6,100)

**Optimal Aging Institute, BGSU** 2024  
Title: “Community Need Assessment of Older Adults in Wood County”  
Principal Investigator: Abhishek Bhati (\$2,000)

**International Center for Not-For-Profit Law (ICNL)** 2022  
Title: “Impact of National Relief Funds on Civil Freedoms in the Indo-Pacific”  
Principal Investigator: Abhishek Bhati (\$7,100)

**Building Strength Research and Creative Activities** 2021  
Bowling Green State University (\$1,000)

**The Office of Research and Activity** 2017  
University of Nebraska at Omaha  
Dissertation Research Grant (\$5,000)

## TEACHING

**Bowling Green State University** 2018-Present

Introduction to Public Administration, Undergraduate  
Introduction to the Nonprofit Sector, Undergraduate  
Master Public Administration (MPA) Capstone, Graduate  
Government Budget & Fiscal Policy, Graduate  
Nonprofit Administration, Undergraduate and Graduate  
Nonprofit Management & Leadership, Undergraduate  
Politics and Issues of World Development, Undergraduate and Graduate

**University of Nebraska at Omaha** 2016-2018

Nonprofit Organizations and Management, Undergraduate  
Nonprofit Fundraising, Undergraduate

## Invited Talks

**Grant Writing Workshop** April 2024  
Shakespeare & Performance Graduate Program,  
Mary Baldwin University

**AI and Ethical Grant Writing** April 2024  
Center for Nonprofit Resources,  
Greater Toledo Community Foundation

**Glenn Research Colloquium** September 2023  
John Glenn College of Public Affairs, The Ohio State

**Uncovering Racial Bias in Fundraising** November 2021  
Philanthropy and Nonprofit Leadership Institute,  
University of Memphis

**Racial Equity & Philanthropy Panel** February 2021  
Penn Social Policy & Practice, University of Pennsylvania

**Philanthropy & Racial Justice** October 2020  
School of Public Administration,  
University of Nebraska at Omaha

## CONFERENCES

Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations  
and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA) 2015 - Present

International Third Sector Research (ISTR) 2024

Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs,  
and Administration (NASPAA) 2021

## SERVICE

### **Bowling Green State University**

Asian Studies Advisory Committee	2019 - Present
Board Member, Institute for the Study of Culture & Society (ICS)	2022 - 2023
Department of Political Science Job Search Committee	2020 - 2022

### **Profession**

#### **Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA)**

Chair, Best Conference Paper Committee	2022
Member, Anti-Harassment & Discrimination Policy Committee	2021
Ad hoc Reviewer for:	

*International Journal of Public Administration*  
*International Journal of Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Marketing*  
*Journal of International Development*  
*Journal of Public and Nonprofit Affairs*  
*Journal on Education in Muslim Societies*  
*Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*  
*Nonprofit Management and Leadership*  
*Public Administration and Development*  
*Public Administration Review*  
*Public Integrity*  
*The Foundation Review*  
*The Social Science Journal*  
*VOLUNTAS: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations*

### **Community**

Member of Planning Commission	2021 - Present
City of Bowling Green, OH	
Trustee	2022 - Present
Bowling Green Community Foundation	

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