

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

MARY LYON AWARD 2020

PRESENTED TO



Aleefia Somji '09

ALEEFIA SOMJI, CLASS OF 2009, the Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College is pleased to honor you with the Mary Lyon Award. This award is presented to an alum who graduated no more than fifteen years ago and who has demonstrated sustained achievements in their life and career consistent with the humane values that Mary Lyon exemplified and inspired in others.

Aleefia, as a health and research analyst, your work has helped raise awareness about HIV and AIDS in India and across the globe.

After graduating from Mount Holyoke, you received a master's degree in the control of infectious diseases from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and a doctorate from the Boston University School of Public Health. You were the first recipient of the Global Engagement Award from the McCulloch Center for Global Initiatives for your work in raising awareness around the risks and prevention of HIV and AIDS in India. Your career has been dedicated to global health service, working on topical issues such as malaria, HIV, tuberculosis, antibiotic resistance, and maternal health in locations around the world, including Tanzania, where you grew up.

A recognized scholar in your field, your work bridges the gap between science and policy, and you have been published in numerous journals. You served as senior research analyst at the Center for Disease Dynamics, Economics and Policy, based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and Washington, D.C. You are currently the senior advisor for monitoring, evaluation and research at Management Sciences for Health in Arlington, Virginia, a nonprofit global health organization.

ALEEFIA, in recognition of your exceptional early career achievements and in anticipation of your future contributions to health policy, the Alumnae Association is honored to present you with the Mary Lyon Award.

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