

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

1990 Ph.D. Anthropology, Stanford University  
1987 A.M. Anthropology, Stanford University  
1984 A.B. Highest Honors, Anthropology, U.C. Berkeley  
Phi Beta Kappa

### ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2012 Visiting Associate Professor, Nepa School of Social Sciences  
2005-2006 Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology,  
Princeton University  
2002-2003 Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Women's  
Studies, Brandeis University  
1998- Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of  
Texas, Austin  
1994-1997 Assistant Professor of Anthropology, University of  
Texas, Austin  
1991-1994 Assistant Professor of Anthropology, New School for  
Social Research

### GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2011 Grant for Radcliffe Institute Exploratory Seminar, "Gender,  
Militarization, and Endemic Conflict"  
2010 "Occupation, Militarization, and Post-Conflict Societies:  
Rethinking Frames of Analysis" Social Science Research Council, Program  
on Inter-Asian Connections, Workshop Director Alternate  
2005 South Asia Research Fellowship, Institute of International and  
Regional Studies, Princeton University  
2001-2 Bunting Fellowship, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study,  
Harvard University  
2000 Dean's Fellow, University of Texas, Austin  
1999 ITAC Grant, "Asian-American Publics" University of Texas, Austin  
1998 Alternate, Bellagio Rockefeller Center Residency  
1996-7 Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship, Sawyer Seminar Program,  
Chicago Humanities Institute, University of Chicago  
1996 University of Texas, Faculty Summer Research Award  
Junior Fellow, British Studies Seminar, UT Austin  
1995-6 American Institute of Indian Studies, Senior  
Research Fellowship  
1994-5 CIES Fulbright, Senior Research Fellowship  
1992-4, Indian Council of Social Science Research, "Marriage Practices  
in Four Tamil Communities" (Assistant Project Director).

- 1993 New School for Social Research, Faculty Development Grant on Multicultural Education
- 1992 New School for Social Research, Faculty Travel Grant
- 1988-9 American Association of University Women, Dissertation Fellowship
- 1987-8 U.S. Department of Education Fulbright-Hayes Fellowship, accepted  
American Institute of Indian Studies Junior Fellowship, declined  
IIE Fulbright, declined
- 1985 FLAS Summer Language Award, Tamil, UW Madison
- 1984 Kroeber Prize, Best Senior Thesis in Anthropology  
President's Undergraduate Fellowship, UC Berkeley

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### Books

"Histories of Rights; Histories of Law" (partial ms.)

"A Thousand Genocides Now: Gujarat in the Making of the Modern Imaginary of Violence" (Under contract; Duke University Press)

(Editor) Everyday Occupations: Experiencing Militarism in South Asia and the Middle East. University of Pennsylvania Press, 2013.

(Editor) Perspectives on Modern South Asia: A Reader in Culture, History and Representation, Wiley-Blackwells, 2011.

Un/common Cultures: Racism and the Rearticulation of Cultural Difference, Duke University Press, 2010 (Navayana Press edition, 2011).

Fictions of Feminist Ethnography. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1994. Second printing, 1996, Third printing, 1997. Fourth printing, 2003. (Oxford University Press edition, 1996).

### Articles and Reviews

- 2013 "Introduction: Geographies of Everyday Occupation" in Everyday Occupations: Experiencing Militarism in South Asia and the Middle East. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.

"Review of Partha Chatterjee, 'The Black Hole of Empire: History of a Global Practice of Power'" AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGIST. (Forthcoming)

- 2012 "Occupier/Occupied" Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power. Special Inaugural Issue. 19:4 (October 2012).

"Review of Saadia Toor 'The State of Islam: Culture and Cold War Politics In Pakistan'" INTERNATIONAL FEMINIST JOURNAL OF POLITICS.

(Forthcoming)

- "Review of Anand Pandian and Daud Ali 'Ethical Life in South Asia'"  
JOURNAL OF ANTHROPOLOGICAL RESEARCH. (Forthcoming).
- 2011 "Fragile Facts: On Scholarship and Activism" CULTURAL DYNAMICS. March 2011. 23(1):73-9.
- 2010 "Review of Jonathan Spencer, 'Anthropology, Politics and the State: Democracy and Violence in South Asia'" CONTRIBUTIONS TO INDIAN SOCIOLOGY. 44(3):435-7.
- "Review of Raka Ray and Seemin Quayum, 'Cultures of Servitude: Modernity, Domesticity and Class in India'" JOURNAL OF ANTHROPOLOGICAL RESEARCH. December 2010. 67:308-10.
- "Review of Rita Kothari, 'The Burden of Refuge: The Sindhi Hindus of Gujarat'" INTERVENTIONS. 12(3): 477-78.
- "Review of Tanika Sarkar, 'Rebels, Wives, Saints: Designing Selves and Nations in Colonial Times'" JOURNAL OF HINDU STUDIES. 3(3): 379-381.
- 2009 "India in South Africa: Counter-Genealogies for a Subaltern Sociology?" in Murli Natarajan and Paul (eds) Against Stigma: Caste, Race, and Justice Since Durban. Delhi: Orient-Longman. Pp. 326-74.
- (with Michael Witzel et. al) "The Hindutva View of History: Rewriting Textbooks in India and the U.S." GEORGETOWN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. 10(2):101-12.
- 2008 "Review of Leela Fernandez, 'India's New Middle Class: Democratic Politics in an Era of Economic Reform'" ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL WEEKLY. 63(21):23-5. May 24-30, 2008.
- 2007 "South Asian Diasporic Politics: Review of Monisha Das Gupta, Unruly Immigrants. ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL WEEKLY, 42(29):3010-11, July 21, 2007.
- "Colonial Legacies and Contemporary Land Rights Struggles in India" CITATION. Online Journal of the Subaltern-Popular Workshop.
- 2006 (with Mani Shekar Singh) "Introduction and Interview" Santosh Kumar Das/The Gujarat Series: An Introduction. University of Texas South Asian Institute, Publications Series.
- "Review of Fraternal Capital: Peasant Workers, Self-Made Men and Globalization in Provincial India" Stanford University Press. 2004. American Anthropologist. Volume 108(1): 235-236. March 2006.
- 2005 "Review of Unfamiliar Relations: Family and History in South Asia" INDIAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL HISTORY REVIEW. Delhi, Permanent Black, 2004.

- 2004 "Gendered States: Rethinking Culture as a Site of South Asian Human Rights Work" HUMAN RIGHTS QUARTERLY. 26(2):483-511.
- "Introduction: Engendering Violence: Boundaries, Histories and the Everyday" Special Issue on "Gendered Violence in South Asia: Nation and Community in the Postcolonial Present (with Sukhanya Banerjee, Angana Chatterji, Lubna Chaudhury, Manali Desai, and Saadia Toor) CULTURAL DYNAMICS. Vol 16 (2/3):125-39.
- "Review of Trans-Status Subjects: Gender in the Globalization of South and Southeast Asia. Edited by Sonita Sarkar and Esha Niyogi De" AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGIST. 107(1): 165-6.
- "Review of Becoming American, Being Indian: An Immigrant Community in New York City" JOURNAL OF ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES. 7(1): 84-7.
- 2003 "The Interventions of Culture: Claude Levi-Strauss and the Internationalization of the Modern Concept of Race" in Robert Bernasconi(ed). Race and Racism in Continental Philosophy. Bloomington: Indiana University Press.
- "Review of Colonial Feminists in India by Bharathi Ray" INDIAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL HISTORY REVIEW. 41(3):352-55.
- "Review of A Time for Tea: Women, Labor and Post/Colonial Politics on an Indian Plantation by Piya Chatterji" AMERICAN HISTORICAL REVIEW. April 2003. 108(2):499-500.
- 2002 "September 11: A Feminist Archive" (with Amrita Basu, Paula Giddings, Inderpal Grewal) in MERIDIANS: FEMINISM, RACE, TRANSNATIONALISM. March 2002, 2(2):250-3
- 2001 "An Idea of Race, A Philosophy of Hierarchy: Louis Dumont's Homo Hierarchicus" in Robert Bernasconi (ed). Race: Blackwell Readings in Continental Philosophy. London: Blackwell. pp.205-17.
- "Review of Asian/American: Historical Crossings of a Racial Frontier by David Palumbo-Liu" AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGIST.103(1):52-3.March 2001.
- 2000 "Review of Questions of Travel by Caren Kaplan and Dangerous Liaisons Anne McClintock, Aamir Mufti, and Ella Shohat(eds). SIGNS. 25(2): 570-2
- 1999 (with Ali Mir) "On the Politics of Community in South Asian American Studies" AMERASIA JOURNAL. Special Issue on South Asian American Studies. Vijay Prashad and Biju Mathew(eds). 25(3): 97-110.
- "Affective States" TOPOI. Special Issue on Philosophy and the Crisis of the Humanities. David Lloyd (Guest Editor). 18:81-86.

- "What Can Be in a Museum Catalog? Family, Politics and the Indian Diaspora" SAGAR. (Special Issue: South Asian Diasporas). 6:1-12, Fall 1999.
- 1998 "Ethnography" ROUTLEDGE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF FEMINIST THEORIES. London: Routledge.
- "Race and the Culture of Anthropology." THE AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGIST. March 1998. 100(1):70-83.
- "Wild West Anthropology and the Disciplining of Gender" in Gender and the Origins of American Social Science. Helene Silverberg (ed). Princeton University Press. pp. 86-123.
- "Review of 'New Formations, New Questions: Asian American Studies'" Special issue of POSITIONS, JOURNAL OF ASIAN STUDIES. 1(3):308-11. October 1998.
- "Review of A Passion for Difference by Henrietta Moore." AMERICAN ETHNOLOGIST. 25(1):23-4. February 1998.
- 1997 "Review Essay: Histories of Feminist Ethnography" ANNUAL REVIEW OF ANTHROPOLOGY. 26: 591-621.
- "Diaspora By Design: Flexible Citizenship and the South Asian Diaspora in U.S. Racial Formations." DIASPORA. Spring 1997. 6(1):5-29.
- "Review of Colonial Masculinity by Mrinalini Sinha." JOURNAL OF ASIAN STUDIES. 56(3):838-9. August 1997.
- "Review of Feminist Dilemmas in Fieldwork." Diane Wolf (ed). AMERICAN ETHNOLOGIST. 24(2):461-2, May 1997.
- 1996 "Small Speeches, Subaltern Gender: Nationalist Ideology and its Historiography" SUBALTERN STUDIES, IX: 83-125. Shahid Amin and Dipesh Chakrabarty (eds). Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- "Postcolonialism" ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY. (Human Area Relations Files, Yale) David Levinson and Melvin Ember (eds). Vol. 3: 988-93. N.Y: Henry Holt.
- 1994 "Betrayal: An Analysis in Three Acts," in Postmodernism and Transnational Feminist Practices. Inderpal Grewal and Caren Kaplan(eds). University of Minnesota Press. pp.90-109.
- "Review of Rereading Cultural Anthropology" by George Marcus (ed). AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGIST. 96(2):470-1, June 1994.
- 1993 "Predicaments of the Hyphen" in Our Feet Walk the Sky. Women of South Asian Descent (eds). S.F.: Kitchen Table Press.

1988 "Defining Feminist Ethnography" INSCRIPTIONS. 3/4: 27-44.

"Illegal Slum Evictions in Madras City: The Case of Wallace Garden"  
ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL WEEKLY. October 8, 1988.

#### Academic Reports

2012 "Nepa School for Social Sciences and Humanities, Diploma Course Evaluation. Higher Education Support Program," Open Society Foundation. July 18, 2012.

2009 (with Amrita Basu, et. al.) "Reframing a Regional Approach to South Asia: Demilitarization, Development and Sustainable Peace" NYU Institute of Public Knowledge, Ad Hoc Working Group on South Asia. May 4, 2009. <https://www.nyu.edu/ipk/files/docs/misc/6152154314a0d91053299c.pdf>

2006 (with Amrita Basu, et. al) "South Asia Area Center Title VI Report on California Textbooks" Submitted as Testimony to California Board of Education, February 21, 2006.

2005 "Report on Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA-India)-UT/LBJ School of Public Affairs Exchange Program," University of Texas, South Asia Institute. September 2005.

1998 "Report on Establishing a Program in Asian American Studies at the University of Texas" (with Asian American Relations Group). June 1998.

1997 (with Uma Chakravarti, R. Geetha, and Shyamala Ramakrishnan)  
"Marriage Practices in Four Tamil Communities" Study Prepared for the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi, India.

#### Interviews and Other Media

2011 Interview, "Selective Morality--Businesses Eye Gujarat Covetously but Stigma Stays" OUTLOOK INDIA. October 3, 2011.

2009 Interview, "Meet Kamala Visweswaran: Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Texas" AAUW DIALOG. November, 6, 2009

"Academics to Obama: Forget the Militaries! Demilitarization, Development and Sustainable Peace" HIMAL MAGAZINE, July 2009.

2008 Interview, "Could Obama Use Some Scholarly Advice on One of His Advisors?" SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER. December 2008.

2001 "Interview: The Many Different Forms of Islam" OUTLOOK INDIA. October 5, 2001.

- 1999 "The Question of Family in the U.S. Indian Diaspora" SAHELI NEWSLETTER. 3(3):8-9, November 1999.
- 1998 "A Conversation with Madhu Kishwar" SAHELI NEWSLETTER. 2(1):4, March 1998.
- "Asian Americans and Affirmative Action" ASIAN COLLECTIONS. 1:2,7. February 1998.
- 1996 "Gender Asylum in U.S. South Asian Communities." MANAVI NEWSLETTER. 8(3):2-6, December 1996.
- 1989 "Powers of Horror: Ethnographic Film and Cultural Domination." INDIA CURRENTS. December 1989.

#### **ORGANIZED CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS**

- Convener, Exploratory Seminar, "Gender, Militarization, and Endemic Conflict" Radcliffe Institute, Harvard University, April 2-3, 2011.
- Organizer, "Human Rights and the Struggle for Justice in Sri Lanka: A Screening and Discussion of the Film, 'No More Tears Sister' with Sharika Thiranagama," South Asia Institute and Anthropology. April 30, 2010.
- Co-organizer, Workshop on "South Asia and the Politics of Knowledge," Institute of Public Knowledge, New York University, March 1-2, 2009.
- Organizer, "How We Celebrate Freedom: A Screening and Discussion of the Film 'Jashn-e-Azadi' and 'Words on Water' for Gandhi Jayanthi," With filmmaker Sanjay Kak. South Asia Institute, October 2, 2007.
- Organizer, Workshop, "Documentary Film and the Women's Movements in India and Pakistan," with Beena Sarwar and Madhushree Dutta. South Asia Institute, University of Texas, April 10-12, 2007.
- Co-organizer, Seminar on "Modes of Narration in South Asian Histories and Religions" Fall-Spring 2006-7 South Asia Institute, University of Texas.
- Organizer, "Tales of the Night Fairies: Screening and Discussion with the Filmmaker Shohini Ghosh" Princeton University, October 22, 2005.
- Organizer and Curator, Exhibit of "The Gujarat Series" by Santosh Kumar Das" South Asia Institute, University of Texas. April 4-8, 2005.
- Organizer, South Asia Institute, "Regional Perspectives on India: Focus on Gujarat" November 1-5, 2004, University of Texas.
- Organizer, Symposium on "Violence Against Women: Emerging Transnational Approaches" University of Texas Law School, April 28, 2004. UT Austin
- Organizer, Workshop, "The Political Economy of Water Rights in India and the U.S" University of Texas, November 8, 2003.
- Co-organizer, Feminist Pre-Conference on, "Gender, Politics and Nationalism" Annual South Asia Meetings, University of Wisconsin, Madison. October 14, 2003.

Co-organizer, Radcliffe Roundtable on Gender and Human Rights,  
Harvard University, April 19, 2002.

Organizer, Symposium on "Gender in the Politics of Feminism and Nationalism"  
University of Texas, Austin March 25-6, 1999.

Organizer, South Asia Lecture Series, "Rethinking Indian Political Imaginaries"  
UT Austin, Spring, 1999.

Organizer, Symposium on "Affirmative Action in Comparative Perspective: India  
and the United States," University of Texas, Austin, April 10, 1998.

Organizer, Saheli Film Series on "Contemporary South Asian Gender and  
Sexualities" University of Texas, Austin, March 1998.

Co-chair, South Asia Seminar on "Gender and the Politics of Agency," Columbia  
University, Fall 1994

Co-organizer, Symposium on "Recasting Theory: New Perspectives on  
Multicultural Education," New School for Social Research,  
October 14-15, 1993

Organizer, Panel Discussion on "Women and Nationalism" for International  
Women's Day, KPFA Public Radio, March 11, 1989.

#### **JOURNAL EDITORIAL BOARDS**

Editor, (Northamerican) CULTURAL DYNAMICS (1999-2005)

Member, Editorial Board, CULTURAL DYNAMICS, 2005-present

Member, Editorial Board, IDENTITIES, 2011-present

Member, Editorial Board, SOUTH ASIAN DIASPORAS, 2010-present

Member, Founding Editorial Board, MERIDIANS: FEMINISM, RACE,  
TRANSNATIONALISM, 1998-present

Member, Editorial Board, BRIDGES: BERKELEY RESEARCH JOURNAL OF  
SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST ASIA

Member, Editorial Board, SAGAR (UT Austin)

Editorial Consultant, FEMINIST STUDIES (1998-2000)

#### **PEER REVIEWER**

##### Foundations:

NSF, SSRC, ACLS, AAUW

Member, College of Reviewers, Canada Research Chairs Program,  
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (1998-2000)

##### Presses:

Blackwells Publishers, University of California Press, Duke University Press,  
Indiana University Press, Oxford University Press, University Of Minnesota  
Press, Navayana Press, Palgrave Press, University Of Pennsylvania Press,  
Princeton University Press, Routledge, Rutgers University Press, St. Martin's  
Press, Temple University Press, Zed Press.



Journals:

American Anthropologist, American Ethnologist, American Historical Review, Annals Of The American Academy Of Political And Social Science, Biosocieties, Cultural Anthropology, Current Anthropology, Feminist Studies, Frontiers, Gender And History, Gender And Society, Humanity, International Journal of Feminist Politics, International Journal Of Sociology and Anthropology, Internationality, Journal Of Family History, Journal Of Women's History, Law And Society, Signs, Women's Studies International Forum, Violence Against Women.

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Member, UT Cultural Diversity and Global Cultures Committee, Member, Department of Anthropology Awards Committee (2012-13); Member, CWGS Women's Human Rights Initiative Grant Committee (2010-11); Member, Department of Anthropology, Middle East Faculty Search Committee, Member, Department of Anthropology Awards Committee (2008-2009); Member, Native American/Indigenous Studies Faculty Search Committee Member, Anthropology/Asian American Studies Faculty Search Committee (2006-2007); Member, Department of Asian Studies, FLAS Committee, Member, Department of Anthropology Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2004-2005); Member, Department of Asian Studies, FLAS Committee (2003-2004); Member, Women's Studies Executive Council, Member, Department of Asian Studies, FLAS Committee (2000-2001); Member, Department of Anthropology, Executive Committee, Member, University Grievance Committee, UT Austin, Co-chair, Middle-East Anthropology Search Committee, Member, Department of Asian Studies, FLAS Committee, Faculty Advisor, UT Asian American Relations Group, Faculty Advisor, UT TriKone-Tejas (1999-2000); Assistant Graduate Advisor, Department of Anthropology, Chair, Department of Anthropology Admissions Committee, Member, Department of Anthropology, Executive Committee. Member, Department of Anthropology Graduate Studies Committee, Member, University Grievance Committee, UT Austin, Member, Asian American Studies Director Search Committee, Member, Department of Asian Studies, Tamil Search Committee, Member, Department of Asian Studies, FLAS Committee, Faculty Advisor, UT Asian American Relations Group, Faculty Advisor, UT TriKone-Tejas (1998-9); Assistant Graduate Advisor, Department of Anthropology, Member, Department of Anthropology, Executive Committee, Member, Department of Anthropology, Search Committee, Sociocultural Anthropology, Member, Department of Anthropology, Search Committee, African Diasporas Program, Member, Department of Anthropology, Graduate Studies, Committee, Member, Department of Asian Studies, Tamil Language Search Committee, Member, Department of Asian Studies Admissions and Fellowships Committee, Member, Department of Asian Studies Outreach Committee, Member, IIE Fulbright Campus Selection Committee, Faculty Advisor, UT TriKone-Tejas (1997-8); Member, Department of Anthropology, Minority Liaison Committee, Member, Department of Anthropology, Linguistic Anthropology Search Committee, Member, Department of Asian Studies Admissions and Fellowships Committee (1995-6)

Member, University Committee on Diversity, New School for Social Research Chair, Graduate Faculty Minority Student Issues Committee (1993-4); Member, Graduate Faculty Minority Student Issues Committee, New School for Social

Research (1992-3)

**COURSES TAUGHT**

South Asia: History and Ethnography (U/G)  
Introduction to India/South Asia (U)  
Contemporary India (U)  
Gender and Nationalism in South Asia (U)  
Nationalism, Ethnicity and Gender (G)  
The Anthropology of Gender (G)  
Gender, Law, and Citizenship (G)  
The Anthropology of Conflict and Violence (G)  
Introduction to Social Anthropology (U/G)  
American Anthropological Traditions (U/G)  
Postcolonial and Critical Theory (G)  
Alternate Modernities (G)  
Subaltern Studies (G)  
Asian Women in Diaspora (U)  
Feminist Theory: International Perspectives (U/G)  
Feminist Ethnography (G)  
Dissertation Writers Seminar (G)  
Grant Proposal Writing Seminar (G)