

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

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

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2020 Professor of Anthropology and T.T. and W.F. Chao Professor of
Transnational South Asian Studies, Rice University
Faculty Affiliate, Medical Humanities Program, Rice University
Faculty Affiliate, Center for Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies
2015-2019 Professor of Ethnic Studies, University of California, San Diego
2013-2014 Visiting Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Jaffna,
Sri Lanka
2012 Visiting Associate Professor, Nepa School of Social Sciences
Kathmandu, Nepal
2005-2006 Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology,
Princeton University
2002-2003 Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Women's
Studies, Brandeis University
1998-2014 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

2020-22 NEH Summer Institute, Director "Art and Composite Culture
in South Asian History" University of San Diego (declined)
2019-22 American Institute of Sri Lankan Studies Research Fellowship
2021 BRIDGE research symposium grant "Covid-19, Vulnerable Communities
and Public Health" April 30, 2021. Rice University
2018-19 UCHRI Multi-Campus Faculty Working Group, (with Razvan Amironesei,
Lilly Irani, Davide Panagia, Babak Rahimi) "Cybernetic Algorithms and
Biomimetic Processes-An Inquiry into Contemporary Modes of the
Government of Living Systems"
UCSD Division of Social Sciences Special Initiatives Fund (South Asia
Initiative)

2016-20 International Institute Seed Grant, UCSD Office of the Chancellor
(with Maureen Feeley, Nancy Postero, Pamela Ratcliffe, Akos Rona-Tas,
Sharon Rose) 5 years

2014-15 Andrew W. Mellon Fellow, Stanford Center for Advanced Study in the
Behavioral Sciences

2013-14 CIES Fulbright Senior Research and Teaching Fellowship, Sri Lanka
 2011 Radcliffe Institute Exploratory Seminar grant, "Gender, Militarization, and Endemic Conflict"
 2005-6 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
 1996-7 Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, 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 Assistant Project Director, Indian Council of Social Science Research, "Marriage Practices in Four Tamil Communities"
 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

PUBLICATIONS

Books

"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-Blackwell, 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).

Special Journal Issue

(Co-editor) "Everyday Militarism" Special Issue of *Feminist Studies* 42(1):7-261, Spring 2016

Under Review

- 2020 "The Algorithmic Turn" (Submitted; under review)
- "Notes on the Story that Comes After" (Submitted; under review)
- "Foolish Generosity" (Submitted; under review)

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2018 "Customary Law, Criminality, and the 'Woman Question' in Late Colonial India" CONTRIBUTIONS TO INDIAN SOCIETY 52 (2): 156-185
- 2016 (with Leisa Meyer) "Preface: Everyday Militarism" Special Issue of FEMINIST STUDIES. 42(1):7-16.
- 2012 "Occupier/Occupied" IDENTITIES: GLOBAL STUDIES IN CULTURE AND POWER. Special Inaugural Issue. 19(4):440-51. (July 2012).
- 2011 "Fragile Facts: On Scholarship and Activism" CULTURAL DYNAMICS. March 2011. 23(1):73-9.
- 2010 (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.
- 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.
- 2002 "September 11: A Feminist Archive" (with Amrita Basu, Paula Giddings, Inderpal Grewal) in MERIDIANS: FEMINISM, RACE, TRANSNATIONALISM. March 2002, 2(2):250-3
- 1999 (with Ali Mir) "On the Politics of Community in South Asian American Studies" Special Issue on South Asian American Studies. Vijay Prashad and Biju Mathew (eds) AMERASIA JOURNAL. 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 "Race and the Culture of Anthropology." THE AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGIST. March 1998. 100(1):70-83.
- 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.
- 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.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

- 2014 "Dying Worlds" in Writing Culture and the Life of Anthropology. Orin Starn (ed). Duke University Press.
- 2013 "Introduction: Geographies of Everyday Occupation" in Everyday Occupations: Experiencing Militarism in South Asia and the Middle East. Kamala Visweswaran (ed). Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.
- 2011 "Introduction: Reconceptualizing Nation and Region in Modern South Asia" pp 1-10; Part I, "Debates about Origins;" pp. 13-15; Part II, "Studying South Asia" pp. 49-51; Part III, "Partition, Nationalism and the Formation of South Asian Nation-States" pp. 115-18; Part IV, "States and Communal Conflict in South Asia" pp. 175-6; Part V, "Development and Liberalization" pp. 221-3; Part VI, "Social Movements" pp. 305-6. in Perspectives on Modern South Asia: A Reader in Culture, History and Representation. Kamala Visweswaran (ed). Wiley-Blackwell.
- 2010 "India in South Africa: Counter-Genealogies for a Subaltern Sociology?" in M. Natarajan and P. Greenough (eds) Against Stigma: Caste, Race, and Justice since Durban. Delhi: Orient-Longman. Pp. 326-74.
- 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.
- 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.
- 1998 "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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 1993 "Predicaments of the Hyphen" in Our Feet Walk the Sky. Women of South Asian Descent (eds). S.F.: Kitchen Table Press.

Art Catalogue

- 2006 (with Mani Shekar Singh) "Introduction and Interview" Santosh Kumar Das/The Gujarat Series: An Introduction. University of Texas South Asian Institute, Publications Series. Pp. 4-8; 38-42.

Encyclopedia Entries

- 2008 "Feminism: South Asia" OXFORD ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE MODERN WORLD. Peter Stearns(ed).Oxford University Press.DOI:10.1093/acref/9780195176322.001.0001
- 2000 "Ethnography" ROUTLEDGE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF FEMINIST THEORIES. Lorraine Code (ed). London: Routledge. Pp. 183-4.
- 1996 "Postcolonialism" ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY. (Human Area Relations Files, Yale) David Levinson and Melvin Ember (eds). Vol. 3: 988-93. N.Y: Henry Holt.

Book Reviews

- 2007 "South Asian Diasporic Politics: Review of Monisha Das Gupta, Unruly Immigrants. ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL WEEKLY, 42(29):3010-11, July 21, 2007.
- 2006 "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 "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 "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.
- 2001 "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
- 1998 "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 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.
- 1994 "Review of Rereading Cultural Anthropology" by George Marcus (ed). AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGIST. 96(2):470-1, June 1994.

Work in Progress

(Editor) "Opticalities" Mss.

(Editor) "Thirty Hours of Freedom: The Short Stories of J.E. Jeyaseelan"

Academic Reports

- 2018 (with Saiba Varma, et. al. "Proposal for the Establishment of a Minor in South Asian Studies at the University of California, San Diego," September 2018.
- 2012 "Nepa School for Social Sciences and Humanities, Diploma Course Evaluation for the Higher Education Support Program," Open Society Institute, Soros 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.
- 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 "Proposal for Establishing a Program in Asian American Studies at the
University of Texas" (with the Asian American Relations Group) June 1998

ORGANIZED CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

Co-Organizer, Rice Anthropology Colloquium, 2020-2

Co-organizer, "Field Guide to the Patchy Anthropocene" lecture and workshop
with Anna Tsing. November 11-12, 2021

Organizer, "Anthropoesia and Ethnography" Colloquium with Ather Zia, November
3, 2021

Co-Organizer, Rice Anthropology Chair's Lecture, Spring and Fall 2021

Co-Organizer, South Asia Initiative Seminar, UCSD Winter and Spring 2019

Organizer, "Race, Identity and Graphic Art: A Cartoon Workshop with Vishavjit
Singh" May 15, 2018, UCSD.

Convener, UCSD Workshop, "Opticalities" March 16-18, 2018

Organizer, South Asia Initiative Seminar, UCSD, Fall 2017

Co-Organizer, South Asia Initiative Seminar, UCSD Winter and Spring 2017

Organizer, Screening and Discussion of Documentary Film, "Southwest of Salem:
The Story of the San Antonio Four" with filmmaker Elvia Mendoza. May 31,
2017, UCSD.

Organizer, "Genre and Theory: Strategies Toward Better Writing and Publishing"
discussion with Ken Wissoker, Editorial Director, Duke University Press.
May 22, 2017, UCSD.

Organizer, "Standing as Rock, Imagining Futures" Panel Discussion with
playwright Cherie Moraga, UCSD Ethnic Studies, December 1, 2016.

Convener, UCSD Workshop, "Trauma and Mental Health in 'Post-Conflict'
Societies" November 4-5, 2016

Organizer, Screening and Round Table Discussion of Documentary Film, "For the
Love of a Man," with filmmaker Joyojeet Pal. April 3, 2016, UCSD.

Organizer, Brown Bag Lunch Series, UCSD Ethnic Studies, Fall-Winter 2015-16

Organizer, "Masculinity from the Margins: Revisiting the Documentary Subjects
of Anand Patwardhan" South Asia Institute Seminar, March 7, 2013.

Organizer, "Racial Formations in the 21st Century: A Round Table Discussion with
Michael Omi" January 28, 2013.

Organizer, "Asian Americans and Fisher v. Texas" Panel Discussion, UT Austin,
November 27, 2012.

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
Thiranyagama," 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

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

INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

2021 "Fields of Contestation: Black Studies and Anthropology" with Jennifer Nash. Department of Anthropology, Harvard University. November 29, 2021

"Genocide/Genre" Department of English, Johns Hopkins University
March 24, 2021

2019 "Deep Impunity" Institute for South Asia Studies, University of California Berkeley, February 7, 2019

2018 Plenary Address, "The Algorithmic Turn" Annual Meetings of the SVA American Ethnological Society. Philadelphia, March 22-24, 2018.

"Deep Impunity" Institute for International, Global and Regional Studies, UC Irvine. May 17, 2018

"The Algorithmic Turn" Department of Anthropology Seminar, UCLA. January 11, 2018

2017 Gusfield Lecture, "Democracy as a Sign of Corruption" Sociology Department, UCSD, April 4, 2017

"A Thousand Genocides Now" Department of Anthropology Seminar, Stanford University, January 30, 2017

2016

Keynote Address, "Civil Neoliberalities" Conference on Crossroads in Cultural Studies, University of Western Sydney, Australia. December 14-16, 2016

"Science Studies, Textbooks and Merchants of Doubt" UCSD Science Studies Colloquium, October 10, 2016

Introductions to a Diary: Reflections on an Aesthetic Sensibility" Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetics, Eastern University. Batticaloa, Sri Lanka. July 22, 2016.

Keynote Address, "Genocide/Diaspora" Fourth Annual Conference on Critical South Asian Studies, University of York, Toronto. March 17-18, 2016.

"Deep Impunity" Center for Humanities, February 29, 2016, UC San Diego

2015 Keynote Address, "Militancy and Mercenary Nationalism: Sikhs and Muslims in the South Asian Security State" Conference on Reimagining Global Challenges and Regional Emergencies in Africa, the Middle East and South Asia. UC Santa Barbara, June 1, 2015

"Genocide/Diasporas" South Asia Studies Seminar, Stanford University, May 3, 2015.

"A Theory of Everything?" Fellows Seminar, Center for Study in the Advanced Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University. February 11, 2015.

"Genocide/Diasporas" Department of Ethnic Studies, UC San Diego. January 29, 2015

2014 "Registering the Violence of Law: Judicial Irony in Gujarat since 2002" South Asia and International Studies Colloquium, UC San Diego, November 20, 2014

"Reflections on a Diary: The Art of Method" Department of Fine Arts. University of Jaffna. June 11, 2014

'Anthropology and Method" Department of Theatre Arts, Eastern University, Batticaloa, June 3, 2014

"Dying Worlds" English Department, Peradeniya University, April 3, 2014.

"On Judicial Irony" International Center for the Study of Ethnicity March 25, 2014, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

2013 "Rethinking the Archive of Sexual Violence" Department of Women's Studies, University of Maryland, College-Park. March 1, 2013.

"Peacetime Militarization and Legal Impunity in Sri Lanka" Munk School of Global Affairs Conference on 'A World in Flux: the Movement of Conflict in the 21st Century,' University of Toronto, March 21-2, 2013.

"Social Media, Social Movements, and Indian Society" Facebook, Austin. March 12, 2013

2012 "Democracy as a Sign of Corruption" Conference on Global Affirmative Action in a Neo-liberal Age" Duke University, November 8-10, 2012

"Genocide/Genre" Program in Gender and Sexuality Studies, Princeton University. January 18, 2012.

2011

"India's Anti-Corruption Movement in Context" World Affairs Council of Houston. January 11, 2012.

"Sexual Violence and the Science of New Social Media" Keynote Address, Conference on "Health Rights at the Crossroads: Women, New Science, and Institutional Violence." Department of Anthropology, History & Social Medicine, and the UCSF Center of Expertise in Women's Health and Empowerment. November 7, 2011

"Genocide/Genre" Lecture, Departments of Anthropology and Feminist, Gender, and Women's Studies. Cornell University. February 1, 2011.

2010 "Gender and Human Rights in South Asia" Center for the Study of Women and Society, University of Oregon. May 20, 2010

Invited Participant, Workshop on "Global and Regional Challenges." Conference on "Turkish Diplomacy And Regional/Global Order in The Early XXIst Century," Istanbul, Turkey. May 15-16, 2010

2009

"Gender Violence and Contradiction at the Intersection of International Human Rights and Indian Civil Liberties" Presidential Panel, "The Culture of Rights/The Rights of Culture" American Anthropological Society Meetings, Philadelphia, PA. December 2-6, 2009

Rana Watanull Lecture, "A Thousand Genocides Now" Department of Anthropology and Center for South Asian Studies. University of Hawaii, Manoa, March 18-21, 2009

"(Un)Common Cultures and Common Rights," Symposium on "The Culture of Rights/The Rights of Culture," Institute for Research on Women, Rutgers University. February 26-28, 2009.

2008 "Gujarat in the Modern Imaginary of Violence" Department of Anthropology, Cornell University. September 26, 2008

"A Thousand Genocides Now" Center for South Asian Studies, Syracuse University, September 25, 2008

"Civil Society and Ethnic Conflict in India: Rethinking Paradigms" Lecture, Center for Asian Studies and Histories and Regulatory Institutions Network, Australian National University. July 22, 2008

"The Ethnography of Genocide" Conference on "Ethnographies of Activism" London School of Economics, March 1-2, 2008

"'We The People:' Genocide, Sovereignty and Diaspora in the Remaking of South Asian Borders" Workshop on "Border Problems: Theory, Culture, and Political Economy" Social Science Research Council, International Conference on Inter-Asian Connections, Dubai, UAE. February 21-23, 2008.

2007 "A Citizenship of Marriage" Conference on Subaltern Citizens and Their Histories. Emory University, October 13-14, 2006.

"A Thousand Genocides Now: Gujarat in the Modern Imaginary of Violence" Distinguished Lecture, Southern Asian Institute, Columbia University September 25, 2006.

"Empire and the Gender of Liberalism" Conference on Gender and Empire, American University in Cairo, June 7-9, 2006.

"Memory and Witnessing in Local Strategies of Justice" Bellagio Conference on "The Manufacture of Memory: Violence, Institutions, Narrative" May 18-25, 2006.

2005 "Migrations of Memory" Conference on the Pacific and South Asian Diasporas, Center for South Asian Studies, University of Hawaii, Manoa. April 18-20, 2006

"International Law and National Civil Liberties Traditions: The Case of India" Boalt Hall School of Law, Human Rights Program, University of California, Berkeley, April 25, 2005.

"A Thousand Genocides Now" Departments of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Southwestern University, April 11, 2005

"U.S. Exceptionalism, Violence Against Women, and Human Rights in South Asia" April 9, 2005, Amnesty International Annual Conference, Austin, TX.

"Conversation with Santosh Kumar Das" Gallery Talk, School of Art, University of Texas, Austin, April 4, 2005.

JOURNAL EDITORIAL AND OTHER BOARDS

Member, Board of Trustees, SAN DIEGO MUSEUM OF ART, 2018-19
Board Member, South Asia Arts Council/CAIS, SAN DIEGO MUSEUM OF ART
2016-18

Editor, FEMINIST STUDIES, 2013-17

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

Member, Editorial Board, CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY, 2021-25

Member, International Advisory Board, DIASPORA STUDIES, 2012-present

Member, Editorial Board, IDENTITIES, 2011-present

Member, Editorial Board, SOUTH ASIAN DIASPORAS, 2009-present

Member, Editorial Board, CULTURAL DYNAMICS, 2005-present

Member, Editorial Board, MERIDIANS: FEMINISM, RACE,
TRANSNATIONALISM, 1998-2002

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

Awards:

Judge, Society for Humanistic Anthropology Fiction Award (2015)

Foundations:

NSF, SSRC, ACLS, AAUW, SSHRC, MACARTHUR
Member, College of Reviewers, Canada Research Chairs Program,
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 1998-2000

Presses:

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

Journals:

Anthropology and Humanism, American Anthropologist, American Ethnologist, American Historical Review, Annals Of The American Academy Of Political And Social Science, Biosocieties, Borderlands, 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, Rice Medical Humanities Program Steering Committee (2020-22)
Member, Rice Center for the Study of Women, Gender and Sexuality Steering Committee (2020-22)
Member, Rice Committee for Research on Inequality and Social Equity (CORISE) Steering Committee (2020-21)
Chair, Rice Postdoctoral Search Committee, Political Anthropology (2021-2)
Chair, Rice Biomedical Anthropology Search Committee (2020-21)
Member, UCSD Triton Research and Experiential Learning Scholars Program (TRELS) Committee, Marshall College (2018-19)
Member, UCSD Earl Warren College Executive Committee (2018-20)
Member, UCSD Committee for Limited Submissions in the Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities, Professions and Applied Sciences (2018-20)
Member, UCSD Representative Assembly, Ethnic Studies (2018-19)
Member, UCSD International Institute Scholars at Risk Committee (2017-18)
Member, UCSD Campus Fulbright Selection Committee-South Asia (2017)

Member, UCSD International Institute Graduate Fellowship Committee (2017)
 Member, UCSD Committee on Academic Personnel (2016-17)
 Member, UCSD International Institute Steering Committee, (2016-17)
 Member, UCSD South Asia Initiative (SAI) Steering Committee (2016-19)
 Member, UCSD Division of Social Sciences Building Advisory Committee (2016)
 UCSD Representative Assembly Alternate, Ethnic Studies (2016)
 Member, UCSD Department of Ethnic Studies Awards Committee (2015-16)
 Member, UCSD Critical Asian-American Studies Committee (2015-16)
 Member, Executive Committee, UT Center for Asian American Studies (2012-13)
 Member, UT Asian and Asian American Faculty and Staff Association Taskforce
 (2012-13)
 Member, UT Cultural Diversity and Global Cultures Committee (2012-13)
 Member, UT Department of Anthropology Awards Committee (2012-13)
 Member, UT CWGS Women's Human Rights Initiative Grant Committee (2010-11)
 Member, UT Department of Anthropology, Middle East Faculty Search Committee
 (2010-11)
 Member, UT Department of Anthropology Awards Committee (2008-09)
 Member, Native American/Indigenous Studies Faculty Search Committee; (2008-09)
 Member, UT Anthropology/Asian American Studies Faculty Search Committee (2006-
 2007)
 Member, UT Department of Asian Studies, FLAS Committee (2006-07)
 Member, UT Department of Anthropology Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
 (2004-2005)
 Member, UT Department of Asian Studies, FLAS Committee (2003-04)
 Member, UT Women's Studies Executive Council (2003-04)
 Member, UT Department of Asian Studies, FLAS Committee (2000-01)
 Member, UT Department of Anthropology, Executive Committee (2000-01)
 Member, UT University Grievance Committee, UT Austin (2000-01)
 Co-chair, Middle-East Anthropology Search Committee (2000-01)
 Member, UT Department of Asian Studies, FLAS Committee (2000-01)
 Faculty Advisor, UT Asian American Relations Group (2000-01)
 Faculty Advisor, UT TriKone-Tejas (1999-2000)
 Assistant Graduate Advisor, UT Department of Anthropology (1999-2000)
 Chair, UT Department of Anthropology Admissions Committee (1999-2000)
 Member, UT Department of Anthropology, Executive Committee (1999-2000)
 Member, UT Department of Anthropology Graduate Studies Committee (1999-2000)
 Member, UT University Grievance Committee (1999-2000)
 Member, UT Asian American Studies Director Search Committee (1999-2000)
 Member, UT Department of Asian Studies, Tamil Search Committee (1999-2000)
 Member, UT Department of Asian Studies, FLAS Committee (1999-2000)
 Faculty Advisor, UT Asian American Relations Group (1999-2000)
 Faculty Advisor, UT TriKone-Tejas (1998-9)
 Assistant Graduate Advisor, UT Department of Anthropology (1998-99)
 Member, UT Department of Anthropology, Executive Committee (1998-99)
 Member, Department of Anthropology, Search Committee, Sociocultural
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 Member, UT Department of Anthropology, Search Committee, African Diasporas
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 Member, UT Department of Anthropology, Graduate Studies Committee (1998-9)
 Member, Department of Asian Studies, Tamil Language Search Committee (1998-9)
 Member, Department of Asian Studies Admissions and Fellowships Committee (1998-
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 Member, Department of Asian Studies Outreach Committee (1998-9)

Member, UT IIE Fulbright Campus Selection Committee (1998-9)
Member, UT Department of Anthropology, Minority Liaison Committee (1997-8)
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Member, UT Department of Asian Studies Admissions and Fellowships Committee
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