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BANDANA PURKAYASTHA

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT (as a Sociologist)

2010	Professor, Sociology & Asian American Studies
2012-2016	Head, Sociology. (Interim Head 2011-2012)
2009-2011	Director of Graduate Studies, Sociology (Interim DGS, 2007-2008)

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Human Rights and Human Security; Migration and Transnationalism; Violence and Peace; Intersectionality; Living Religions; Knowledge Hierarchies; Water, Inequalities and Rights (urban).

Area foci: United States and comparative studies, especially South Asia, Asia, and Asian diasporas.

AWARDS/HONORS

2019	American Sociological Association: Jessie Bernard award.
2019	UConn, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Research Excellence award.
2018	Sociologists for Women in Society: Feminist Mentoring award.
2016	Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies, JNU, India
2016	American Sociological Association/Asia and Asian American Section's <i>Contributions to the Field</i> (career) award.
2013	Hirabayashi Book Award for co-edited <i>Human Rights in Our Own Backyard: Injustice and Resistance in the US</i> (Human Rights Section of American Sociological Association).
2012	Department of Sociology Graduate Students' Award for Mentoring.
2011	Mu Sigma Upsilon Sorority's Phenomenal Woman award.
2010	University of Connecticut Alumni Association Teaching Excellence Award.

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| 2009 | American Sociological Association, Asia and Asian American Section Teaching Award. |
| 2009 | Department of Sociology Graduate Students' Award for Mentoring. |

Other awards and honors. Phi Kappa Phi; Phi Beta Kappa.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND RELATED SUPPORT

2017: Fulbright-Nehru Senior Professional Excellence award.
 2017: SWS Social Action grant (with Anjana Narayan).
 2017-2019: Global Religion Research Initiative grant for international collaboration. (with Anjana Narayan).
 2016: FIRE/UCONN grant for research on immigrants in CT (with Marysol Asencio).
 2015: FIRE/UCONN grant to travel to India (for preliminary research on Water, "Inequalities, Rights).
 2014: American Institute for Pakistan Studies grant for travel to and short-term research in Pakistan.
 2014: Small teaching development grant/UCONN for developing an online course.
 2010: Spencer Foundation with Gaye Tuchman (not funded).
 2009: University of Chicago-Illinois, small grant for work on women in the informal economy.

SCHOLARY ACTIVITIES (selected)

Current Projects:

- Water, Inequalities and Rights (based on data collected in India and the US.
- Immigrants and Refugees in Connecticut (with Marysol Asencio on recent Asian American and Latino migrants and stakeholders on migrant issues in the state).
- Global Religion Research Initiative: Women Living Hinduism and Islam. With Anjana Narayan and scholars in multiple countries. (Multi-disciplinary project on appropriate methodologies and frameworks on living religions, based on South Asian scholarship on these religions).
- Writing projects related to recent talks and plenaries.

Books

Purkayastha, Bandana and Farhan Navid Yousaf. (2019). *Human Trafficking: Trade in sex, labor, and organs*. London: Polity Press.

Sahoo, Ajaya and Bandana Purkayastha. (forthcoming 2019) *Handbook of Indian Transnationalism*. New York: Routledge

Purkayastha, Bandana (ed.) 2018. Migration, Migrants and Human Security. Current Sociology Special Issue and *CS Monograph*. (London: Sage Publications).

Njiru, Roseanne and Purkayastha, Bandana. 2015. *Voices of Internally Displaced Persons in Kenya: A Human Rights Perspective*. Kolkata and London: Frontpage Publications.

Yousaf, Farhan Navid and Bandana Purkayastha. 2015. *Human Trafficking Amidst Interlocking Oppressions: A focus on Pakistan*. Kolkata and London: Frontpage Publications..

Armaline, William, Silfen Glasberg, Davita and Purkayastha, Bandana (equal co-authors) 2015. *The Human Rights Enterprise: Political Sociology, State Power, and Social Movements*. London: Polity Press.

Lucas, Susan, Purkayastha, Bandana, with Miho Iwata 2014. *Still Canadian? Identity, Difference, Ethnicity and Race in the Experience of Canadian Migrants to the United States*. London & Kolkata: Frontpage Publications.

Purkayastha, Bandana, Shweta Majumdar Adur, Miho Iwata, Ranita Ray, Trisha Tiamzon. 2012. *As the Leaves Turn Gold: Asian Americans and Experiences of Aging*. Rowman and Littlefield.

Omara Otunnu, Amii, Purkayastha, Bandana and Sergio Mobilia (eds.) 2012. *Human Rights: Voices of World's Young Activists*. London and Kolkata: Frontpage Publications.

Armaline, William Silfen Glasberg, Davita and Purkayastha, Bandana (equal co-editors) 2011. *Human Rights In Our Backyard: Injustice and Resistance in the US*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.

- Winner of the **2013 Hirabayashi Book Award** from the Human Rights Section of American Sociological Association.

Narayan, Anjana, Purkayastha, Bandana (and authors in collective) 2009. *Living Our Religions: South Asian Hindu and Muslim Women narrate their experiences*. Stirling, VA: Kumarian Press.

Caforio, Giuseppe, Kuemmel, Gerhard, and Purkayastha, Bandana (eds.). 2008. *Armed Conflict and Conflict Resolution: Sociological Perspectives*. Bingley, UK: Emerald Group.

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2005. *Negotiating Ethnicity: Second-generation South Asian Americans Traverse a Transnational World*. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press.

Purkayastha, Bandana and Subramaniam, Mangala (eds.). 2004. *The Power of Women's Informal Networks: Lessons in Social Change from South Asia and West Africa*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

Recent special Issues

Guest editor: Feminisms and Gender in the Indian Diaspora. *Economic and Political Weekly*, Volume 54, April 27, 2019.

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals (2008-2019 only)

Purkayastha, Bandana. (2019). Feminisms and Gender in Indian diasporas. EPW, Vol 54, 33-37

Purkayastha, Bandana and Margaret Abraham. (2019). Being Feminists in the US diaspora. EPW, Vol 54, 66-78.

Purkayastha, Bandana. (2018). Migration, Migrants, and Human Security. *Current Sociology Monograph* Vol.66(2), pp.167-191.

Patil, Vrushali and Purkayastha, Bandana (2018). The transnational assemblage of Indian rape culture, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 41:1952-1970.

Roseanne Njiru and Purkayastha, Bandana. (2017). 'As a woman I cannot just leave the house': gendered spaces and HIV vulnerability in marriages in Kenya, *Journal of Gender Studies* DOI: 10.1080/09589236.2017.1377064

Adur, Shweta and Purkayastha, Bandana. (2017). Claiming "Tradition", Naming the Cause: Examining the Language of Social Identity among Queer South Asians in U.S. *Journal of South Asian Diaspora*, 9: 1-16.

Waring, Chandra and Purkayastha, Bandana (2017). "I'm a Different Kind of Biracial:" How Black/White Biracial Americans with Immigrant Parents Negotiate Race" *Social Identities*. 23: 614-630.

Armaline, William, Glasberg, Davita, and Bandana Purkayastha (2017): De Jure vs. De Facto Rights: A Response to "Human Rights: What the United States Might Learn From the Rest of the World and, Yes, From American Sociology" *Sociological Forum*, 32: 220-224.

Yousaf, Farhan and Purkayastha, Bandana (2016). Social world of organ transplantation, trafficking, and policies. *Journal of Public Health Policy*, 37: 190-199.

Yousaf, Farhan and Purkayastha, Bandana. 2016 Beyond saving faces: Survivors of Acid Attacks in Pakistan. *Woman's Studies International Forum*. 54: 11-19,

Yousaf, Farhan, and Purkayastha, Bandana. 2015. "I am only half alive: Organ Trafficking in Pakistan Amidst Interlocking Oppressions. *International Sociology*, 30: 637-653.

Patil, Vrushali and Purkayastha, Bandana. 2015. Sexual Violence, Race, Media (In)visibility: Intersectional Complexities in a Transnational Frame. *Societies*, 598-617.

Adur, Shweta and Purkayastha, Bandana. 2013. On the Edges of Belonging: Indian American Dalits, Queers, Guest Workers and Questions of Ethnic Belonging. *Journal of Intercultural Studies*, 34: 418-430.

Abraham, Margaret and Purkayastha, Bandana. 2012. Making a difference: Linking research

and action in practice, pedagogy, and policy for social justice. Introduction. Special Issue of *Current Sociology*, edited by Margaret Abraham and Bandana Purkayastha, 60: 1-19.

Erturk, Yakin and Purkayastha, Bandana. 2012. Linking Research, Policy and Action: A look at the work of the special rapporteur on violence against women. *Current Sociology*, edited by Margaret Abraham and Bandana Purkayastha. 60: 20-39, (Yakin Erturk, is a former Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, United Nations)

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2012. Intersectionality in a transnational world. Symposium on Patricia Hill Collins. *Gender & Society*. 26: 55-66.

Ray, Ranita and Purkayastha, Bandana. 2012 Challenges In Localizing Global Human Rights. *Societies Without Borders*, 7: 1-22.

Narayan, Anjana, Purkayastha, Bandana, and Banerji, Sudipto. 2010. Constructing Virtual, transnational identities on the web: The case of Hindu student groups in the US and UK. *Journal of Intercultural Studies*, 32: 495-517.

Narayan, Anjana and Purkayastha, Bandana. 2010. Talking Gender Superiority in Virtual Spaces. *Journal of South Asian Diasporas*, 3: 53-69.

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2010. Interrogating Intersectionality: Contemporary globalization and racialized gendering in the lives of highly educated South Asian Americans and their children. *Journal of Intercultural Studies*, 31:29-47.

Purkayastha Bandana. 2009. Another Word of Experience? South Asian Diasporic Groups and the Transnational Context. *Journal of South Asian Diasporas*. 1: 85-99.

Chapters (2008-2019 only)

Narayan, Anjana and Purkayastha Bandana (forthcoming 2019). Modernity in the Service of Tradition: Women and Gender within Hinduism in the United States. In David Yoo and Khyati Joshi (ed.) Religion, Race and Asian Americans. University of Hawaii Press.

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2018. Gender and Human Rights. In Barbara Risman and William Scarborough (eds.) Handbook of the Sociology of Gender. Springer.

Khyati Joshi and Bandana Purkayastha 2018. Faith and Religion: South Asian Americans in the US. (South Asian Digital Archives).

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2018 Beyond Charters and Conventions: Human Rights through the Lens of Social Justice and Peace. In M. Abraham (ed.) Social Justice. ISA/ SSRC Publications.

Purkayastha, Bandana, Adur, Shweta and Khan, Koyel. 2017. Performing Indian American ethnicity in mainstream America. In *Handbook of South Asian Americans*, edited by Ajaya Sahoo and Radha Hegde. Taylor and Francis.

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2016. Bringing down the Goddess. In *Emergent Possibilities for Global Sustainability*, edited by Phoebe Godfrey and Denise Torres, Routledge.

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2015. Imagining pan-Asia: Tagore from a 21st century perspective. In *Towards Tagore*, edited by Ramkumar Mukhopadhyay and Swati Ganguly. Commemorative Volume on Tagore: 150th year retrospective. Kolkata: Visva Bharati. (invited)

Purkayastha, Bandana and Kathryn Ratcliff. 2014. Routine Violence: Intersectionality at the Interstices. *Advances in Gender Research*, Volume 18B Edited By Marcia Segal and Vasiliki Demos. London: Emerald Publications.

Gurung, Shobha and Purkayastha, Bandana. 2013. Gendered Labor: Experiences of Nepali Women within Pan co-ethnic labor informal markets in New York and Boston. In Flores-González, Nilda, Anna Romina Guevarra, Maura Toro-Morn, and Grace Chang (eds) *Immigrant Women Workers in the Neoliberal Age*. Urbana, IL: University of Illinois Press.)

Purkayastha Bandana, Purkayastha Aheli, and Waring, Chandra. 2011. From International Platforms to Local Yards: Standing Up for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in the United States. In Armaline, William, Glasberg, Davita, and Purkayastha, Bandana (eds.). *Human Rights In Our Backyard: Injustice and Resistance in the US*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.

Iwata, Miho and Purkayastha, Bandana. 2011. Reflections on Cultural Human Rights. In Armaline, William, Glasberg, Davita, and Purkayastha, Bandana (eds.). *Human Rights In Our Backyard: Injustice and Resistance in the US*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.

Purkayastha, Bandana and Schwartzman, Jayme. 2011. Globalization and Mothering. In *Globalization and Women's Empowerment*, edited by Samir Das Gupta. London: Frontpage. (invited)

Gurbuz, Mustafa and Purkayastha, Bandana. 2010. "From Gandhi to Gülen: The *Habitus* of Non-aggressive Action." Pp. 166-78 in *Islam in the Age of Global Challenges: Alternative Perspectives of the Gülen Movement*, edited by Ali Yurtsever, Somerset, NJ: Tughra Books.

- Reprinted in Turkish pp. 79-98 in *Şiddetsiz Aksiyon* Istanbul: Nil (2011).
- Reprinted in English in "The Muslim World and Politics in Transition: Creative Contributions of the Gülen Movement" to be edited by Ihsan Yilmaz, Greg Barton and Paul Weller (2012). www.continuumbooks.com

Purkayastha, Bandana and Narayan, Anjana. 2009. Bridges and Chasms. Orientalism and the Making of Indian Americans in New England. In *Asian Americans in New England*, edited by Monica Chiu. Durham, NH: New England University Press. (invited)

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2009. Tagore and Human Rights. In *Celebrating Tagore*, edited by Clinton Sealey and Rama Datta. Kolkata: Allied Publishers. (invited)

Purkayastha, Bandana and Shweta Majumdar. 2009. Sex Trafficking in South Asia. In *Globalization and Third World Women*, edited by Ligaya McGovern and Isidor Welman, London: Ashgate. (invited)

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2009. Many Views on Peace. In *Military Sociology, Essays in Memory of Charles Moskos*, edited by Giuseppe Caforio. Bingley, UK: Emerald Group, pp. 43-59. (invited)

Purkayastha, Bandana, Mangala Subramaniam, Manisha Desai, Sunita Bose. 2009. Gender Scholarship in India: A Partial Review. In *Global Gender Research: Transnational Perspectives*, edited By Christine Bose and Minjeong Kim. New York: Routledge, pp. 92-109. (Revised and reprinted from article that appeared in *Gender & Society*).

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2008. Building a Fabric of Peace: Notes from the Field. In *Armed Conflict and Conflict Resolution: Sociological Perspectives*, edited by Giuseppe Caforio, Gerhard Kuemmel, and Bandana Purkayastha. Bingley, UK: Emerald Group, pp.393-411.

Other scholarly activities

Women on the Move: Female Migrants and Health. 2017. World Health Organization. Served on the original global committee 2015-2016; Member, global expert reviewers of the report and policy (2016-2017).

Invisible Americans: Refugees from Burma/Myanmar and Bhutanese in the United States, report by Chia Youyee Vang and Monica Mong Trieu. 2014. (B. Purkayastha: invitedreviewer & Member of Editorial Review Board).

Purkayastha, Bandana and Ray, Ranita. 2009. South Asian Americans. Entry in *Greenwood Encyclopedia on Contemporary Asian American Issues*, edited by Edith Chen, Wendy Ng, and Peter Chua. Greenwood Press. (invited)

Gurbuz, Mustafa and Purkayastha, Bandana. 2008. From Gandhi to Gulen: The Habitus of Non-aggressive Action. Conference Proceedings: Islam in the Age of Global Challenges, Alternative Perspectives of the Gulen Movement, Washington DC: Rumi Forum, pp.267-287.

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2008. Ethnicity, negotiating. Entry in *Encyclopedia on Race, Ethnicity, Society*. Edited by Richard Schaefer. Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications. (invited)

PRESENTATIONS

Scheduled

American Sociological Association, August 2019: Invited panelist, thematic panel: Intersectionality and the Analyses of Silencing and Silences.

Completed

Circuits of power: Reflections on local-to-global terrain of knowledge production. International Sociological Association conference. Manila, Philippines, March 6, 2019. **(invited)**

Migrants, Migration and Human Security: Theoretical Challenges, Methodological Dilemmas. IRMA, Anand, India. Dec 3, 2018 **(invited)**

Making Ethical Choices: Methodologies to Publications, IRMA, Anand, India. Dec 3, 2018

Governing Refugees at a Distance. The State of Global Protection System for Refugees and Migrants. Calcutta Research Group. Kolkata, India, Nov 30, 2018. **(invited)**

The Arc of Justice in the Era of Routinized Violence. **Invited Plenary Speaker**, International Sociological Association, Toronto, July 20, 2018.

Seeing and Hearing through Silences: Reflections on Methodologies of Violence in Our Times. **Invited panelist**, RC-32, International Sociological Association, Toronto, July, 2018.

Silenced Dissent, Stifled Anger and Social Change. **Invited panelist.** American Sociological Association panel on the theme of "Rage, Anger, and Dissent for Social Change" August 2018.

Women in Academia: Gendered Challenges, Gendered Solutions. **Invited Speaker.** University of KwaZulu Natal. School of Social Sciences. Durban, South Africa. May 24, 2018.

Migration, Migrants and Human Security. **Invited Plenary Speaker.** Hong Kong Baptist University's conference on Global South Perspectives': Towards decolonization, de-stratification and de-centralization of social knowledge production. April 18, 2018.

Global Trumpism and Race to the Bottom. **Invited plenary speaker**, Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, April 7, 2018

Which boundaries do we keep and which ones do we breach? Scholar Activists Organize over religious boundaries. Association of Asian American Studies conference, San Francisco, March 30, 2018.

Connecting Circles of Research/Activist Knowledge: Violence and Migration in the 21st century. **Invited University Speaker**, University of Las Vegas Nevada, March 2018

"Outsider research? Or more globally relevant research?" **Invited Presidential Panelist** at the Eastern Sociological Society, February 2018.

Feminist Scholarship and Activism: Remaking the Ivory Tower. **Invited Presidential Panelist** at the Sociologist for Women in Society annual conference, Atlanta, January 2018:

Workshop: Teaching About Feminist Responses to Right Wing Political and Religious Movements in Local and Global perspectives
Workshop: Surviving and Thriving Throughout the Academic Life Course: Advice from Feminist and Anti-Racist Scholars

Transnational Feminist Perspectives: Prospects and Challenges. **Invited Speaker, Elite Visiting Professor Program.** Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong, June 14 2017.

The Indian Diaspora in the U.S.A **Invited Speaker, American Center**, Kolkata, India. Introduced by American Consul General, Craig Hall. June, 7, 2017.

Whose Voice? Whose Silence? Reflections on the structures of contemporary worlds **Plenary panel speaker** (International Sociological Association conference for national associations). Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan May 8, 2017.

Beyond Cyborgs: Moving Global Social Theory to include social life in cyber spaces., **Invited speaker, scholarly colloquium / Distinguished Professor series**, University of Hyderabad (with Raewyn Connell, Australia and Manuela Boatca, Germany). April 13, 2017.

Water, Inequality & Rights: Voices within households. **Invited Plenary panel speaker.** South Asian Consortium for Integrated Research on Water (**SACIWaters**). Hyderabad. India. March 23, 2017.

Gender and Intersectionality in the 21st Century. **Invited Speaker.** Tata Institute for Social Sciences-Hyderabad, India. March 17, 2017.

Intersectionality: Which Boundaries? Which Context? **Invited Speaker.** Centre for Social Development, Hyderabad, India. March 15, 2017:

Water, Inequalities and Rights: Research Updates. Fulbright Conference, Kolkata, March 5, 2017.

Water, Inequalities and Rights: Some Methodological Issues. **Invited Speaker** (with Suchorita Sen, Director, SACI Waters, and Jasveen Jairath, SOUL). Department of Regional Studies University of Hyderabad. March 3, 2017.

Invited discussion leader, research on gendered water. Centre for Budget and Policy Studies, Bangalore, February 27, 2017.

The Indian Diaspora in the US and Questions of Belonging. **Invited Speaker.** Department of Sociology and Center for Advanced Studies. Savitribai Phule University of Pune, February 22, 2017.

Ethics and publications. **Invited Speaker.** Department of Sociology, Savitribai Phule University of Pune, February 23, 2017.

Migrants and Human Security: Which Migrants? Whose Security? **Invited Speaker.** Bhowanipur Education Society, Kolkata, India. Nov 15, 2016.

Migrants and Human Security: Theoretical Dilemmas, Methodological Challenges. **Invited speaker, scholarly colloquium.** Department of Sociology Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India. November 10, 2016.

Women and Religion. **Invited speaker, scholarly colloquium** (with Professor Asha Mukherjee, Philosophy, Rabindrabharati University, India). Jamia Milia University, New Delhi, India. November 7, 2016.

Water, Inequalities, Rights. **Fellow's Talk,** Institute for Advanced Studies Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India. November 8, 2016.

Migrants and Human Security: Contemporary Issues. **Invited Speaker,** Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, India. November 3, 2016.

Ethnicity: Negotiations and Resistances. **Invited Speaker.** Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur, India. November 3, 2016.

Interrogating Gender and intersectionality: 21st century reflections. **Invited Speaker.** Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India. October 3, 2016.

Decolonizing Methodologies. **Invited Speaker.** University of Calcutta, Kolkata, India. Sept 22, 2016.

2016 International Sociological Association (ISA) World Forum (Vienna, Austria; June):
Purkayastha, Bandana. *Thinking about Knowledge Categories, Contexts, Voices and Silences* (**invited**)
Purkayastha, Bandana and Patil Vrushali (equal authors) *Constituting anti-racist feminism for today's world.*

2016 Society for the Study of Social Problems. *Between a Rock and a Hard Place:* Graduate School and Job Prospects Room. **Invited panelist** with Rogaelio Saenz (University of Texas San Antonio) and Ashley Doane, (University of Hartford).

2016 Know her Truths conference, Wake Forest University, April 29-30, 2016. (co-ordinating meeting panelist).

2016 Eastern Sociological Society conference (Boston, March)
Gendered Migration/Looking beyond Nation-States (mini conference on migration)
Decoloniality and Global Knowledge. With Vrushali Patil. Mini conference on Decoloniality.

Global Learning: Who Gets to Define It? **Invited panelist.** Sociologists for Women in Society, Memphis, TN, February 4-7, 2016

Feminist Administrators: Changing Academia from Within? **Invited panelist.** Sociologists for Women in Society, Memphis, TN, February 4-7, 2016

Transnational Conversations on Social Justice **Invited panelist.** Sociologists for Women in Society, Memphis, TN, February 4-7, 2016

The Trans/national Circulation of Rage, Horror and Disgust: Rape and the Geographies of Discourse, Emotion and Affect in two World Newspapers. American Sociological Association Conference, Chicago, August 19-13, 2015 (with Vrushali Patil)

Negotiating Ethnicity: The Case of South Asian Americans. **Invited Speaker.** Center for South Asian Studies, University of Punjab, Pakistan. November 24, 2014.

Human Rights in the US. **Invited Speaker.** the Center for Social and Cultural Studies, University of Punjab, Pakistan. November 21, 2014

Theoretical Approaches on Child Rights. **Plenary** session address, International Conference on Rights of the Child, Quaid-I-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan. November 19, 2014.

Betwixt and Between: Web Spaces and Southern Theories. International Sociological Association conference, July 13-19, 2014, Yokohama, Japan.

Intersectionality in an Era of Transnationalism. **Invited speaker, scholarly colloquium.** University of Hyderabad. India. March 17, 2014.

Intersectionality. **Invited Scholarly Colloquia.** Presidency University, Kolkata, India, March 21, 2014

Racism in the 21st Century. With Wanda Rushing, mini conference on Power and Justice in the Contemporary World-Economy. New York, August 9, 2013.

Beyond Co-optation: Shadow Reports, Funding, and Human Rights Praxis. With Adur, Shweta, Njiru, Roseanne, and Yousaf, Farhan (equal co-authors) Mini conference on Reimagining Human Rights. New York August 12, 2013.

Intersectionality: Provocation and Challenges. **Keynote address,** international (interdisciplinary conference) on Intersectionality, hosted in 2013 by Simmons College. June 29 – July 1, 2013.

Racialized Transnationalism in the 21st century. **Invited speaker, scholarly colloquium.** University of Iowa. April 12, 2013.

If we rethink migration, where does that leave us on transnationalism? Lessons from the case of internally displaced persons. **Invited paper** for a mini conference at the Eastern Sociological Society Meeting on Migration, Transnational Spaces, and Social Justice. Boston, March 21, 2013.

Conceptualizing Violence Against Women. United Nations-Status on the Commission on Women—parallel event sponsored by Sociologists for Women in Society. New York. March 15, 2013.

Connecting Circles: Research/Activist Knowledge in the 21st Century. **Presidential address.** Winter Meeting, Sociologists for Women in Society. Tamaya, Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico. February 8, 2013.

Race, Class, Conformity, and Accountability in Higher Education. With Gaye Tuchman. **Invited presentation** in the conference on Access, Competition and For Profit Higher Education conference, Duke University, September 21-22, 2012.

Mechanisms of Racisms: Reflections on some contemporary processes. **Invited Scholarly Colloquia**, Sociology Department, Duke University. September 20, 2012

How do we consider race and age within a transnational lens? A reflection on methodological prospects and challenges. **Invited panelist**, Transnationalism Preconference, Denver, August 2012.

Violence, Peace, Human Rights: Connecting the Dots. **Invited panelist.** Human Rights Pre-conference. Denver, August 2012.

Forced Migration in the New Political Economy. (With Shobha Hamal Gurung, Farhan Naveed Yousaf, and Shweta Majumdar Adur) American Sociological Association, Denver, August 2012.

Between Humanitarian Claims and Practices: Constructions of colonial, post-colonial gendered/racialized narratives and questions of human rights. American Sociological Association, Denver, August 2012.

Purkayastha, Bandana 2012. **Invited senior scholar** for panels (senior-junior scholar panels) on Democratization and Social Justice. International Sociological Association Conference, Buenos Aires, August 2012.

Whose language? Whose experiences? Examining the language of organizing among LGBT South Asian-origin groups in the US and India. (With Shweta Adur) International Sociological Association Conference. August 2012, Buenos Aires.

Women in corporations, cumulative disadvantages. **Invited presentation** at Google Argentina. August 2012. Buenos Aires, Argentina.

A Sociology of Human Rights. **Invited speaker, scholarly colloquium**, University of Calcutta. Kolkata, India. April 22, 2012.

Panelist on conversation with Eric Olin Wright on Towards Real Utopias. Sociologists in Women in Society, St. Petersburg. January 2012.

Panelist, Effective Global Feminist Partnerships and How We Build Them. Sociologists in Women in Society, St. Petersburg. January 2012.

Panelist, Author Meets Critics, session on Muslims in Motion: Islam and National Identity. Eastern Sociological Society conference. New York, 2012.

Is Intersectionality Sufficiently Robust for Studying Social Life in Virtual Spaces? Eastern Sociological Society meeting. Philadelphia. March, 2011.

Racism and Anti-Racism: Racism in the "Post-Race" Society . American Sociological Association, Atlanta, August 2010.

Past Passed? Experiences and Thoughts on Transmitting Religious and Cultural Heritage. Asian Pacific Americans Religion Research Initiative conference. **Plenary speaker**. Chicago, Aug 5-7, 2010.

Addressing "Personal Problems" to Claiming Human Rights: Reflections on Anti-Domestic Violence Activism. (With Margaret Abrahams). International Sociological Association, Gothenburg Sweden, July 2010.

Thinking About Peace: "Southern" contributions to peace-scholarship. International Sociological Association, Gothenburg Sweden, July 2010

Conversation with Bandana Purkayastha, Debra Renee Kaufman, Kay Jenkins on "Lived Religion in Everyday Life" Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, 2010. Boston.

No right in sight": Female Immigrant Workers and Questions of Economic Justice. Conference on Human Rights in the US. University of Connecticut. October 22-24, 2009.

Imagined and Real Humans: Gender, Sexuality, and Hinduism. Panelist for the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association; session on Transnational Genders and Sexualities in Religious Contexts. August 7-11, 2009.

Between Humanitarian Claims and Practices: Constructions of colonial and post-colonial gendered racisms. Conference on Gender of Humanitarian Narrative Conference. University of Connecticut. May 14-16, 2009.

Dynamics of Gendered/Labor: Experiences of Nepali Women in Informal Labor Markets in Boston and New York. (With Shobha Hamal Gurung) Conference on Low-Wage Work, Migration, and Gender sponsored by the Ford Foundation and the Jane Addams Hull House, at the University of Illinois, Chicago, March 12-13, 2009.

Gendered Migration and Cumulative Disadvantage." January 13, 2009, **Invited speaker, scholarly colloquium**, Loreto College, Kolkata, India.

Interrogating Intersectionality: Contemporary globalization and racialized gendering in the lives of highly educated South Asian Americans and their children. International Sociological Association, Barcelona, Spain, September 2008.

Pitfalls and Possibilities of Action Research in Addressing Domestic Violence. (With Margaret Abraham) International Sociological Association, Barcelona, Spain, September 2008.

South Asian Americans in Asian America. East of California Conference. Storrs, November 2008.

TEACHING & MENTORING

Teaching & mentoring Post-Doctoral Projects

- **C.V.Raman Fellow** (2014-2015). Anurekha Chari-Wagh, Assistant Professor, University of Pune, India (multiple articles, and a book project on widowed farmers in India in the Neoliberal era, forthcoming from Lexington Books).
- **Woodrow Wilson Foundation:** Senior Mentor, 2014, for Dr. Sylvanna Falcon, University of California Santa Clara (book project on antiracist struggles at the UN forthcoming from the University of Washington Press, decoloniality articles).

Teaching and mentoring: Graduate Teaching & Research Supervision

Graduate Courses

- Gender and Society: International Perspectives;
- Sociology of Immigration;
- Readings in Human Rights (Topics in Advanced Sociology);
- Social Research Methods;
- Topics in Advanced Qualitative Methods: Publishing Qualitative Research.

Dissertation projects:

Major Advisor:

- **Farhan Yousaf (Fulbright Scholar) 2016:** *Fleeing Violence: Gender, Human Rights, and Trafficking in Women in Pakistan.*
- Outstanding Graduate Student Research award, (Department of Sociology, UCONN. Graduate Certificate in Human Rights.

- **Roseanne Njiru**, 2015: *Nipe-Nikupe* – A Multi-level Perspective of Gender and HIV Prevention in Heterosexual Marriages in Kenya.
Graduate certificate in Human Rights.
- **Miho Iwata**. 2014. The Racial Landscape of Japan.
Graduate certificate in Human Rights.
- **Shweta Majumdar Adur**, 2014: Negotiating Sexuality and Ethnicity: Queer South Asians in America.
Women's Studies Graduate Certificate (2011)
- **Chandra Waring**, 2013. Beyond "Codeswitching:" The Racial Capital of Black/White Biracial Americans.
- **Anjana Narayan**, 2005: Gendered Transnational Identities: The Case of Hindu Student Organizations in the US and UK.

Associate Advisees (in progress)

- Koyel Khan: Between Nationalism and Neoliberal Globalization: The Practices of Indian Classical Dance.
- Arnab Roy: Ethical and Empathic Universals in the Study of Indian Literary Traditions (LCL).
- Michael Rosino: Racial Micropolitics in Progressive Third Party Political Organizations
- Trisha Tiamzon: Talking Food, Tasting Food: Diffusion, Development, and Practice of Cultural Goods.
- Abbey Willis: Negotiating Non-Monogamies: State Projects/ Daily Life
- Topics to be decided: Emma Lesser, Semrya Barik; Ezana Estabha; Selam Negatu

Associate Advisees completed:

- Ruth Hernandez, 2018: Rompiendo Fronteras": Family Reunification and Activism in a Transnational Mexican Community.
- Devon Goss, 2018: The Paradox of Integration: Whites Entering Race-Based Spaces
- Erika Lorenzana del Vilar, 2018: Our Holy Grail: States, Power Networks in the Stymied Global Quest to Define Terrorism.
- Kamryn Warren, 2018: Living Transnational Lives through the Bureaucracies of Forced Migration and Humanitarianism
- Brandyn McKinley, 2017: Negotiating Motherhood and Intersecting Inequalities: A Qualitative Study of African American Mothers and the Socialization of Adolescent Daughters (HDFS)
- Nicolas Simon, 2017: First Generation College Students and their Social Capital: An Intersectional Approach. (Assistant Professor, Eastern Connecticut State University.

- Barret Katuna, 2014: Breaking the Glass Ceiling? Gender and Leadership in Higher Education. (Executive Officer, SWS).
- Lwendo Moonzwe Davis, 2013: Women's Empowerment and Sexual Risk in Zambia. (ICF International, international evaluation specialist)
- Ranita Ray, 2013: Against The Odds: Urban Youth, Poverty and "Success" (Assistant Professor, University of Las Vegas, Nevada)
- Mustafa Gurbuz. 2012. Kurdish Ethnic and Islamic Mobilizations in Turkey: A Study of Rival Movements. (Policy fellow in the School of Policy, Government, and International Affairs at **George** Mason University and a research fellow at Rethink Institute)
- Angie Beeman, 2010: Grassroots Organizing and Post Civil Rights Racism: The Dilemmas of Negotiating Interracial Solidarity in a Color-Blind Society. (Associate Professor Baruch College)
- Katie Acosta, 2009: Breaking the Silence: How Immigration Influences the Sexual Lives of Lesbian, Bisexual and Queer Latinas. (Assistant Professor, Georgia State University).

MA Theses projects

Major Advisor:

- Patricia Lin Stedman, 2015. Enhancing Social and Academic Opportunities for International Students in Higher Education.. (International Studies)
- Charlie Fuentes ,2015. Transnational Spaces in the Age of Facebook: Identity, Culture and Practice in the Uruguayan Diaspora (El Instituto and International Studies)
- Ashley Landwehr, 2014. Women's Human Rights: The case of dowry deaths in India (International Studies)
- Devon Goss, 2014.. Race socialization among international adoptees.
- Sergio Mobilia, 2010. "My Big, Fat, Hairy, Masculine, Argentine Gay Lover": Local Framings of *Ososexual* Identity & Urso-Eroticism in the Buenos Aires Bear Community.
- Trisha Tiamzon, 2009. My American *Tahanan*: Contemporary Aging Experiences of Filipino Americans in the United States.
- Chandra Waring, 2009. The Layered Lens: How Black/White Biracial Americans Conceptualize Race.
- Jayme Schwartzman, 2008: "I'm Grown!" The Implications of a School-Based Program for Teenage Mothers and Mothers-To-Be.
- Miho Iwata, 2008: Investigation of Ethnoracialization and Engendering of Japanese Brazilians in Japan.

Associate Advisor, completed:

- Felix Padilla Carbonell 2019. Colonial Catastrophe: The Politics of Catastrophization in Post-María Puerto Rico
- Emma Lesser, 2016. Authenticating Jewishness: The Racialized Construction of a Jewish Ideal
- Albinko Hasic. 2015 Private Military Companies And Human Rights Abuses: The Need for Oversight
- Kamryn Warren, 2013: "We Do What We Can": Creating Success in a New England Refugee Resettlement Program.

- Abbey Willis, 2013: Negotiating Non-Monogamies: Narratives of Resistance to the Reproduction of Monogamy in Everyday Life.
 - Ruth Hernandez: 2013. *"Rompiendo Fronteras"*: Activism, Theatre, and Transnational Motherhood in Tlaxcala, Mexico.
 - Gretchen Marin, 2012. Neither Here, Nor There: The Challenges Facing Latina/o College Students on a Predominantly White, Middle-Class Campus.
 - Barrett Katuna. 2010. Nepali Women's Global Network and empowerment of women.
 - Lori-Anne Scola Wisnesky. 2009: The Social Structure of Healthy Cities.
 - Sicelo Makapela, 2008: The Impact of Globalization on the Ability of States to Pursue Particular Policy Goals: A Case Study of Post-Apartheid South Africa.
 - Christine Zozula, 2008. Broken Windows Broken People Interaction in a Quality of Life Court.
 - Sarah Medina 2008. Women in Sports: The Case of Ultimate Frisbee.
 - Jorge Hernandez Hernandez, 2008: Migration Social Networks and the Cargo System in Ocotlan, Oaxaca.
- (in process: Davida Schiffer, Asmita Bhattacharya, Shamayeta Bhattacharya).

Undergraduate Teaching & Mentoring (Research).

Undergraduate Courses:

- Society in Global Perspectives
- Human Rights in the U.S.
- Sociological Perspectives on Asian American Women.
- Asian Indian Women: Activism and Social Change.

Undergraduate Research Projects: (major advisor unless otherwise noted)

Truman Fellow 2018 and Marshall Scholar 2018. Akshayaa Chittibabu, Double major, Biological Sciences and Individualized Study major. Holster project on Evaluating Rural Knowledge, Constraints, and Perceptions of Cervical Cancer Screening: A Study in Rural South India (2016).

University Scholar Projects:

- Economic Human Rights of Domestic Workers: A Comparison of the US and Singapore. 2012. Romana Haider.
- Accessing Economic Human Rights: Comparing US and South Africa. 2008-2009. Amanda Ploch. Truman Scholarship Finalist. Nominated for the Rhodes, Marshall, and Mitchell scholarships. Spierer/Ducker Student Humanitarian Achievement Award, 2008. Babbidge Scholar. Nutmeg Scholar.
- Mutagenesis of 8-OxoGuanine Adjacent to an Abasic Site in Human Embryonic Kidney Cells. 2008-2009. 2009 David McCullough Award for Leadership. Charlene McStay. (Associate advisor)

- Garaam Chai and Starbucks Coffee: Voices of Globalization. 2007-2008. Monoswita Saha. Recipient of two SURF grants, Humanities Scholar, Hira Jain scholarship. Hartford Area Business Economists (state level) fellowship, nominated for the Marshall, and USA Today scholarships.
- Breast Cancer Awareness among South Asians. 2003. Nitya Abraham.
- Video documentary on Buddhist Stupas of Nepal. 2001. William Swofford.

Honors thesis projects:

- Female Genital Modification: A Transnational Analysis. 2016. Melissa Scott.
- From Connecticut to Capetown: Obstacles and Aspirations to Enter College. 2010. Faina Dookh.
- Contemporary college age male attitudes on topics of women's rights and violence against women: A Comparative Analysis of US and South Africa. 2010. Hannah Thornton Smith.
- Will I stay or will I go? Racial Minority Students at UCONN. 2006. Rhema Thompson.
- Current depictions of Asian American women in Hollywood Films. 2001. Hymee Kim.

Independent and International Studies thesis projects

2014 Women's Human Rights: The Case of Dowry Deaths in India. Ashley Landwehr . International Studies thesis.

2011 The Making of Millennium Development Goals. Navina Vimuri. Independent Studies Major thesis.

Other:

2009. North East Alliance at the University of Connecticut: Summer Research for under-represented minority students. Mentored a Native American student on research in Sociology.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (selected 2004-2018)

EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

Peer-reviewed journal editorships:

- Deputy Editor: Gender & Society. (2006-2011)
- Editorial Boards (current):
 - Qualitative Sociology
 - Sociology of Race and Ethnicity;
 - Journal of South Asian Diasporas.

Book Series Editor: Human Rights series. Frontpage Publications.

INTERNATIONAL

- **World Health Organization:** Expert group member. WHO's initiative on Women on the Move: Contributions and Consequences on Women's Health. 2015-2016.
- **Presidency University** (Kolkata, India), International expert group member. (2011-2015).
 - International Sociological Association (ISA): Executive Committee (2018-2022). Bylaws, Membership, and Finance Committees.
 - American Sociological Association's representative to the ISA national associations. (2014-2018) Appointed.
 - Vice President, Research Committee on Armed Conflict and Conflict Resolution (RC-01) 2010-2014. Executive Committee Member 2006-2010. (Elected *)
 - Executive Committee Member, Research Committee on Women in Society (RC-32), 2006-2010 and 2010-2014 (Elected *¹)
- *ISA conferences:*
 - 2018, ISA, Toronto, Canada. Co-Organizer of an invited panel on Intersectionality (based on Global South Perspectives). Invited senior scholar for RC-32-Women in Society--research committee's initiative on junior-senior scholar interactions.
 - 2016 ISA-American Sociological Association Special Session, Seattle, WA (Organizer *Whose Knowledge? Who Benefits?* With panelists: Sujata Patel, Indian Sociological Association President, India; Raewyn Connell, University of Sydney and ; Vrushali Patil, Florida International University
 - 2016 ISA-American Sociological Association Special Session, Seattle, WA: (Organizer: *Movements Matter: Connecting the Local and Global in Addressing Violence Against Women*. With Panelists: Yakin Erturk. Former Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, UN & Professor (Emeritus) METU, Turkey, Margaret Abraham, President, International Sociological Association, & Professor, Hofstra University and Eleanor Lyon, University of Connecticut & ASA's Distinguished Service award 2015.
 - Vienna, Austria 2016 (session co-organizer 'Human rights and human dignity' for RC-32)
 - Yokohama, Japan 2014. Sessions organized for RC-32 & one for RC-01.
 - Buenos Aires, Argentina 2012: Session organizer: Invited senior scholar for junior-senior scholar conversations.
 - Gothenburg, Sweden, 2010: Session Organizer: 2 sessions for RC-01, and two sessions as co-organizer for RC-32.
 - Seoul, Korea, 2008. Program Organizer: ISA RC-01 Interim Meeting,

¹ Significant elected and appointed positions within professional organizations are marked with *

- **International reviews and examinations:** Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research-Social Science Division; Indian Institute for Technology (IIT) Kanpur, India; IIT Guwahati, India; University of Hyderabad, India; La Trobe University, Australia.

NATIONAL:

- **Ad hoc Grants and Panel Reviewer:** National Science Foundation; National Endowment for the Humanities, American Council of Learned Societies.
- **American Sociological Society (ASA):**
 - Program Committee (2017-2019) for the 2019 ASA annual meeting.
 - Member, Committee on Committees (2014-2016)
 - ASA Jessie Bernard Award. (ASA's) highest award for scholarship on gender, Member 2010-2013. Chair 2013.
 - Asia and Asian American Section: Book awards committee, 2012, 2018; Mentoring initiative, co-founder & organizer 2012.
 - ASA Section on Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities. Member, Founder's (Lifetime) award. Council (2004-2006). Joe Feagin paper awards committee (2006).
 - Sex and Gender Section, Book Award Committee. (2008), Paper awards Committee (2005).
 - ASA Session organizer: Session on Gender Theory (2010), Session on Human Rights: Session on Human Rights, Race, Ethnicity, Gender. (2008).
 - Organizer, numerous sessions for annual conferences over the years. As ASA-ISA representative, 2 sessions for the 2016 conference, on Knowledge Hierarchies; Violence Against Women.
- **Intersectional Research Agenda Collaborative, Advisory Committee (2016-2017),** White House Initiative on Girls and Women of Color. Collaboration organized by Melissa Harris Perry, through Anna Julia Cooper Center, Wake Forest University.
- **Sociologists for Women in Society:** Co-Chair, Publications Committee (Elected*); President, 2013-2014 (Elected *). President Elect, 2012-2013 (responsible for major Winter conference) (Elected*). NOTE: SWS is registered in the US, but the organization has significant international linkages through its membership, journal editorial board, global feminist partners, and United Nations NGO status.
- **SWS committees:** Publications Committee (2017-2019), Sister to Sister (fostering the recruitment and retention of faculty and graduate students of color in academia), International Committee, Publications Committee (for all SWS publications, 2004-2005, 2018-2020, includes search for new editor of Gender & Society), SWS-50th year celebration committee.
- **Society for the Study of Social Problems:** Program Co-Chair 2014-2015.

REGIONAL:

- Eastern Sociological Society: Committee on the Status of Ethnicity, Race, and Racism (2017-2019). Program Committee 2019 annual meeting. Program Committee, 2011 annual meeting. Co-Organizer, Mini conference on Transnationalism, Gender, Sexuality, (2011).

REVIEWER (ad hoc):

- *Journals:* American Sociological Review; Cultural Dynamics ; Current Sociology; Contemporary Sociology; , Ethnic and Racial Studies ; Gender & Politics ; Gender & Society, Feminist Review, Identities; International Migration Review ; Societies, Symbolic Interaction; Sociological Forum, Social Problems; Sociological Quarterly; Social Forces; Sociological Perspectives; South African Review of Sociology ; Women's Studies Quarterly; Women's Studies International, Women's Health.
- *Books:* Contemporary Sociology (ASA); Current Sociology (ISA)
- *Book Manuscripts:* Duke University Press ; Oxford University Press; Rutgers University Press; Stanford University Press; Temple University Press; University of Illinois Press ; Yale University Press; Zubaan Books(India),

UNIVERSITY:University-level Committees:

- Dean's Committee on Diversity (2017-18)
- Provost's committee for the CLAS Dean's review (2014-2015)
- UCONN Institutional Review Board (2014-2016)
- Graduate School, Diversity Committee (2012-2016).
- Provost's Program Review Committee (2014).
- Provost's Commission on Institutional Diversity (2011-2013)
- CLAS Dean's Committee for developing standards of support for journals and editorships (2011).
- CLAS Dean's Committee on Committees (2008-2010)
- Member Graduate Faculty Council (2009-2011).

Service for Units within the University:

- *Sociology:* Executive Committee (multiple years). PTR sub-committees (multiple years). Merit committee (multiple years). Director of Graduate Studies (Fall 2009-2011), Planning Committee (2009-2011).
- *Asian & Asian American Studies Institute (AAASI)* Faculty-committee-of-the-whole; Combined Institute's Steering committee. AASI Advisory Board. Fred Ho awards committee. Conference organizing committees (Tagore, Filipino-American conference)
- *Human Rights:*
 - Human Rights Institute. Ad hoc groups.
 - UNESCO Chair and Global Human Rights Program Conferences on: Program chair or organizing committee member: Water, 2015, Forced Labor and

Exploitation, 2014; Violence Against Women, 2013; Legacies of Human Rights Struggles, 2012, Environment 2011, Youth 2010, Human Rights and Health, 2009, Human Rights and Religion, 2008; Human Rights and Gender, 2007.

- *India Studies Committee*, (2000-present)
- *Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies Advisory Board* (2006-2010).
- Presentations to student groups (2014-2017): Black Law Students Association, presentation on Intersectionality; Pan Asian Council, presentation on violence against women).

STATE:

- CT Department of Public Health Office of Health Equity Academic Advisory Board, (2013-2016).
- Academic Advisory Board, CT Health, Racial Disparities Project (2006-2008). Discussion on the Findings of the Department of Public Health Database, November 2008. Academic Advisory Board, CT Health, Racial Disparities Project. Discussion on the Findings of the Department of Public Health Database, CT Legislative Building, October 2007
- CT Legislature, recognition for work with South Asian Immigrants (see awards).

Press (multiple years): Deccan Times (India), NBC Nightly News, Hartford Courant, Khabor 365 Din (Bengali), Voice of America (Bengali).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

Member (nominated by the university). Association for the Advancement of the Sciences.

Member, American Sociological Association (Sections: Asia and Asian America; Race and Ethnic Minority Relations; Human Rights; International Migration; Sex and Gender; Sexuality; Transnational Feminism Caucus; War and Peace; Religion).

Member, International Sociological Association (RC01-Armed Forces and Conflict Resolution, RC05-Racism, Nationalism and Ethnic , RC22-Sociology of Religion, RC31-Sociology of Migration, RC32-Women in Society, 46-Clinical Sociology, TG03-Human Rights and Global Justice)..

Member, Sociologists for Women in Society.

Member, Eastern Sociological Society.

Life Member, Indian Sociological Society