

## ***CURRICULUM VITAE***

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### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. (Sociology), 1990, Washington University in St. Louis, USA,  
M.S.W. 1982, Bombay University, India  
B.Sc (Microbiology) 1978, Bombay University, India

### **AREAS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING**

Gender and Globalization; Transnational Feminism; Human Rights; Contemporary Indian Society;  
Social Movements; Gender and Development; South Asian American Issues

### **ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

2016 – present.	Professor of Sociology and Asian and Asian American Studies.
2011- 2015.	Associate Professor in Sociology and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, University of Connecticut.
2007- 2010.	Associate Professor in Women’s Studies and Director, Women’s Studies Program, University of Connecticut.
2004 – 2007.	Associate Professor of Sociology and Women and Gender in Global Perspectives, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
Dec. 2004 - May 2005.	Acting Director, Women and Gender in Global Perspectives, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
Dec. 2003 - Apr 2004.	Senior Programme Specialist, Gender Equality and Development Section, Human Rights Division, Social and Human Science Sector, UNESCO, Paris
Jan. 2003-Dec. 2003.	Program Coordinator, Women and Gender in Global Perspectives, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.
1997-2002.	Associate Professor, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva, NY.
1990-1996.	Assistant Professor of Sociology, Hobart and William Smith Colleges

- 1998-2001. Courtesy Associate Professor, South Asia Program, Cornell University
- 1989-1990. Visiting Assistant Professor, Webster University, St. Louis

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2017 Senior Research Fellowship, American Institute of Indian Studies.
- 2017 Department of Sociology Faculty Mentor of the Year.
- 2016 Faculty Mentor of the Year, New England from the Compact for Faculty Diversity.
- 2016 Fund for Interdisciplinary Research Endeavors, UConn (\$1000)
- 2016 Summer Travel Fund, WGSS (\$2800)
- 2015 Alternate, Senior Research Fellowship, American Institute of Indian Studies
2015. Sociologists for Women in Society's Distinguished Feminist Lecturer Award
2014. Human Rights Institute Faculty Research Grant, UConn (\$2500)
2014. Fund for Interdisciplinary Research Endeavors, UConn (\$1500)
2013. Provost's Visiting Guest Professor Grant, UConn (\$7500)
2011. Fulbright Hays Faculty Research Abroad Fellowship for Research in India (\$121,000).
2009. "Beyond Global Citizenship." Grant for a faculty reading group. Provost's Initiative on Global Citizenship and International Education, University of Connecticut (\$450).
2007. "Engendering Race and Class in a Globalizing World: Transnational Perspectives." Office of Multicultural and International Affairs, University of Connecticut (\$10,000).
2003. "Reinventing Globalization: Women's Movements in India." Women in International Science Cooperation Travel Grant (\$5000) administered by the American Association for the Advancement of Science and funded by the National Science Foundation.
2003. Desai and Summerfield. "Human Security and Gender of Mexican Immigrants in Illinois." Funded by the International and National Policy Initiative of the Chancellor of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (\$19,500) and the Humanities in a Globalizing World Initiative of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (\$4500)
2003. Desai and Salo. "Contested Justices: Law and Social Movements in the Globalizing South." Funded by the Humanities in a Globalizing World Initiative of the Chancellor of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (\$9,000)
2003. Desai and Cuno. "Gender, Family and Law in the Middle East and South Asia: A Comparative South-South Perspective." Funded by the Humanities in a Globalizing World Initiative of the Chancellor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (\$8,000) and the State of the Art Grant of the Liberal Arts and Sciences College of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (\$5,000).
- 1982 Gold Medal, Bombay University for highest marks in the Master's of Social Work

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books:

- Under contract. *Women and Gender in a Globalizing World*. Issues in Global Studies series. Routledge.
2016. *Subaltern Movements in India: Gendered Geographies of Struggle Against Neoliberal Development*. Routledge.
2009. *Gender, Family, and Law in a Globalizing Middle East and South Asia*, Ken Cuno and Manisha Desai, editors. Syracuse University Press.

### Reviews

- Basarudin, Azza. 2011. Cuno, Ken and Manisha Desai. *Family, Gender, and Law in a Globalizing Middle East and South Asia*. In *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies* 7(2):103-106.
- Rand, Lisa. 2010. Cuno, Ken and Manisha Desai. *Family, Gender, and Law in a Globalizing Middle East and South Asia*. Review. In *Feminist Review*
- Scott, Denise. 2011. Cuno, Ken and Manisha Desai. *Family, Gender, and Law in a Globalizing Middle East and South Asia*. In *Gender & Society* 25(4):528-530.
2008. *Gender and the Politics of Possibilities: Rethinking Globalization: Gender Lens Series*, Rowman and Littlefield.

### Reviews

- Ahmed, Fauzia. 2012. Desai, Manisha. *Gender and the Politics of Possibilities: Rethinking Globalization*. In *Feminist Formations*, Volume 24, Issue 2, Summer 2012, pp. 205-211.
- Via, Sandra. 2012. Desai, Manisha. *Gender and the Politics of Possibilities: Rethinking Globalization*. In *International Feminist Journal of Politics* 14(2):312-315.
- Morgan, Kaitlyn. 2010. Desai, Manisha. *Gender and the Politics of Possibilities: Rethinking Globalization*. In *Gender & Society*. 24(1):139-141.
- Powers, Rebecca. 2010. Desai, Manisha. *Gender and the Politics of Possibilities: Rethinking Globalization*. In *Social Development Issues* 32(3):113.
- Quartaroli, Tina. 2010. Desai, Manisha. *Gender and the Politics of Possibilities: Rethinking Globalization*. In *International Social Science Review* 85(1-2):61-62.
2003. *Women's Issues in Asia and Oceania*, Manisha Desai, editor. Greenwood Press.

2002. *Women's Activism and Globalization: Linking Local Struggles and Transnational Politics*, Nancy Naples and Manisha Desai, editors. Routledge.

### Report:

2010. "Hope in Hard Times: Women' Empowerment and Development."  
Background Paper for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Human Development Index  
for the United Nations Human Development Report Office  
<http://hdr.undp.org/en/reports/global/hdr2010/papers/>.

### Special Issues of Journal:

2017. Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, *Social Sciences*  
(<http://www.mdpi.com/journal/socsci>, ISSN 2076-0760)  
2016. Gender and Globalization, *Qualitative Sociology*, Manisha Desai and Rachel  
Rinaldo, editors.  
2006. Special Issue on Transnational Care Work, *Globalizations*, Gail  
Summerfield, Jean Pyle, and Manisha Desai, editors.

### Journal Articles (peer-reviewed):

2016. Reorienting Gender and Globalization: Introduction to the Special Issue  
*Qualitative Sociology* 39(3):1-15 with Rachel Rinaldo.  
2016. "The Gendered Geographies of Struggle: The WSF and its sometimes  
overlapping other worlds." SWS 2015 Feminist Lecture. *Gender & Society*  
30(6):869-889.  
2009. "Women Cross Border Traders: Rethinking Global Trade." *Development*  
52(3):1-10  
2007. "The Messy Relationship Between Feminisms and Globalizations."  
President's Piece *Gender & Society* 20(10):1-7  
2004. "Gender, Health and Globalization: A Critical Social Movement  
Perspective." *Development*. 47(2):36-42.  
2005. "Transnationalism: The Face of Feminist Politics post-Beijing."  
*International Social Science Journal*. Pp: 319-330.  
2003. Purkayastha Bandana, Mangala Subramaniam, Manisha Desai, and Sunita  
Bose. "The Study of Gender in India: A Partial Review." *Gender & Society*  
17(4):503-524.  
1999. "From Astitva (Existence) Towards Vyaktitva (Identity): The Challenges of  
a local feminism." *Bulletin of Concerned Asian Scholars*. 31(3):33-42.

1997. "Meditations on Cross-Cultural Gender Interactions: The Case of Public Harassment of U.S. Women Students in India." *Perspectives on Social Problems*. 9: 215-229.
1996. "Informal Organizations as Agents of Change: Notes From the Contemporary Women's Movement in India. *Mobilization: An International Journal* 1(2):159-173.
1996. "From Vienna to Beijing: Women's Human Rights and the Human Rights Community." *New Political Science* (Spring) 35:107-119.
1996. "If Peasants Build Their Own Dams, What Would The State Have Left To Do"? The Practices of a New Social Movement in India." *Research in Social Movements, Conflict, and Change*. 19:209-224.
1996. "Contemporary Approaches to Ethnic Mobilization." *Indian Journal of Social Work* 57(1):11-20.
1995. "Women's Politics in the Time of Indian Nationalism: Changing Perspectives." *Global Justice* 1(1):10-23.

#### **Book Chapters (peer-reviewed)**

2017. "Moments of Movements Intersection in India: Informing and Transforming Bodies in Movements." 79-93. In Wendy Harcourt, editor, *Bodies in Resistance: Gender Politics in the Age of Neoliberalism*. Palgrave McMillan.
2017. "Exploring the Persistence of Gendered Geographies of Global Justice Movements." Pp: 121-131 In Jackie Smith, Michael Goodhart, Patrick Manning, and John Markoff, editors, *Social Movements and World System Transformation*. Paradigm Publishers.
2016. "Gendering Democracy: Insights from Four Decades of Feminist Activism in India." Pp: 93-114 In Kenneth Bo Nielsen and Alf Gunvald Nilsen, editors, *Democratizing Indian Democracy? Social Movements and the State in Contemporary India*. Palgrave McMillan.
2015. "Critical Cartographies, Theories and Praxis of Transnational Feminisms." Pp: 116-130 in Rawwida Baksh and Wendy Harcourt, editors, *Handbook on Transnational Feminist Movements: Knowledge, Power, and Social Change*. Oxford University Press.
2013. "The Possibilities and Perils of Scholar Activism and Activist Scholarship: Reflections on the Feminist Dialogues." Pp: 89-107 in Jeffrey S. Juris and

Alex Kashnabish, editors, *Insurgent Encounters: Transnational Activism, Ethnography and the Political*, Duke University Press.

2010. "From this Bridge Called my Back to this Bridge We Call Home: Identities and Social Movements." Pp: 421-436 in Chandra Mohanty and Maragret Wetherell, editors, *Handbook of Identities*. London: Sage
2009. "Introduction," Pp: xiii-xx, Cuno and Desai, editors, *Gender, Family, and Law in a Globalizing Middle East and South Asia*. Syracuse University Press.
2009. "From a Uniform Civil Code to Legal Pluralism: The Continuing Debates in India." Pp: 65-78 in Cuno, Ken and Manisha Desai, editors, *Gender, Family, and Law in a Globalizing Middle East and South Asia*. Syracuse University Press.
2009. Purkayastha Bandana, Mangala Subramaniam, Manisha Desai, and Sunita Bose. "The Study of Gender in India: A Partial Review." Pp: 92-109 in Christine Bose and Minjong Kim, editors, *Global Gender Research: Transnational Perspectives*, (reprint). London: Routledge Press.
2008. "Transnational Social Movement." Pp: 958-960 in Vincent Parillo, editor, *Encyclopedia of Social Problems*. Sage Publications.
2007. "Transnational and Global Feminisms." Pp: 5057-5060 In George Ritzer, editor, *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*. Volume X. Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishing.
2007. "Transnational Solidarity: Women's Agency, Structural Adjustment, and Globalization." Pp: 403-419 in J. Timmons Roberts and Amy Bellone Hite, editors, *Globalization and Development Reader: Perspectives on Development and Global Change*. Wiley Blackwell.
2006. "From Autonomy to Solidarities: Transnational Feminist Political Strategies," Pp: 457-468 in Kathy Davis, Mary Evans, and Judith Lorber, editors, *Handbook of Gender and Women's Studies*, Sage Publications.
2005. "Women, Globalization, and Health: A Critical Social Movement Perspective." Pp: 135-148 in Kickbusch and Hartwig, editors, *Gender, Globalization and Health in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (reprint). McMillan Palgrave.
2003. "Introduction." Pp: 1-8 in Desai, editor, *Women's Issues in Asia and Oceania*. Westport, Conn; Greenwood.
2002. "Transnational Solidarity: Women's Agency, Structural Adjustment, and Globalization." Pp: 15-33 in Naples Nancy and Manisha Desai, editors,

*Women's Activism and Globalization: Linking Local Struggles and Transnational Politics.* New York: Routledge.

2002. "Multiple Mediations: The State and Women's Movement in India." Pp: 66-84 in Meyer David, Nancy Whittier, and Belinda Robnett, editors, *Social Movements: Identity, Culture, and the State.* New York: Oxford University Press.
2001. "India: Women's Movements from Nationalism to Sustainable Development," Pp: 99-112 in Lynn Walters, editor, *Women's Rights: A Global View.* Greenwood Publishers.
2001. "Women's Rights are Human Rights, Human Rights are Women's Rights." Pp: 946-950 in *Human Rights Encyclopedia.* M.E. Sharpe.
1999. "From Vienna to Beijing: Women's Human Rights Activism and the Human Rights Community," pp: 184-196 reprinted in Peter Van Ness, editor, *Debating Human Rights: Critical Essays From U.S. and Asia,* Routledge.
1997. "Reflections From The Contemporary Women's Movement in India." Pp. 110-123 in Jodi Dean, editor, *Feminism and the New Democracy: Resiting the Political.* Sage.
1994. "Sex and Gender." Pp: 1721-1727 in Frank Magill, editor, *In Survey of Social Science: Sociology* California: Salem Press.

#### **Book Reviews:**

- Forthcoming. Aili Mari Tripp, *Women and Power in Postconflict Africa.* In *Mobilization: An International Journal*
2013. "Theorizing Transnational Feminisms: Review Essay." *International Feminist Journal of Politics* 15(3):427-433.
2013. Janet Conway, *Edges of Global Justice: The World Social Forum and its Others.* In *Societies Without Borders.* 19(1).
2011. Ritty Lukose, *Liberalization's Children: Gender, Youth, and Consumer Citizenship in Globalizing India.* In *Gender & Society* 25(6):797-798
2009. Jeffrey Juris, *Networking Futures: The Movements Against Corporate Globalization.* In *Mobilization: An International Journal* 14(2):269-70.
2007. "The Perils and Possibilities of Transnational Feminism: Review Essay." In *Women's Studies International Quarterly* 35(4):333-337.

2006. R. Murthy and L. Sankaran *Denial and Distress: Gender, Poverty, and Human Rights in Asia*. In *Human Rights Review* 7(3):117-119
2005. Purkayastha and Subramaniam, editors, *The Power of Women's Informal Networks*. In *Contemporary Sociology* 34(5):536-537.
2005. Hawthorne and Winter (eds) *After Shock: September 11, 2001 Global Feminist Perspectives*. In *H-Gender-Mideast OnLine*
2004. "Plus ca change plus c'est la meme chose." *Reflections on Women's Movements in India: Religion, Ecology, and Development* by Gabriele Dietrich. *Contemporary Sociology* 33(6):645-648.
1999. Christopher Jaffrelot, *The Hindu Nationalist Movement in India*. In *Mobilization: An International Journal*. 4(2):267-268.
1994. Gertrude Ezorsky, *Racism and Justice: The Case For Affirmative Action*. In *History of European Ideas* 18(6):983-84.

#### **Newsletter Articles:**

2013. "Global Justice and Women's Human Rights in an Unequal World." *Newsletter of the Human Rights Section, American Sociological Association*. P. 4. July 2013
2007. President's Message: "Women's Studies, Interdisciplinarity and Diversity in a Globalizing Academy." *Network News: The Newsletter of Sociologists for Women in Society*. Winter 2007. Volume XXIII, No. 4, Pp: 2&4.
2007. President's Message: "March On Washington: *plus ça change plus c'est la même chose*." *Network News: The Newsletter of Sociologists for Women in Society*. Fall 2007. Volume XXIII, No. 3, Pp:2.
2007. "From the Big Uneasy to the Big Apple." *Network News: The Newsletter of Sociologists for Women in Society*. Fall 2007. Volume, XXIII, No. Pp:1&3.
2007. "Summer Meetings: New York City." *Network News: The Newsletter of Sociologists for Women in Society*. Summer 2007. Volume, XXIII, No. 2, Pp: 1&3.
2007. President's Message: "May Day and Mother's Day: The Missing Dialogue." *Network News: The Newsletter of Sociologists for Women in Society*. Summer 2007. Volume, XXIII, No. 2, Pp:2.



2007. "Solidarities Across Borders: Gender, Race, and Class in Post-Disaster Reconstruction." *Perspectives: Women and Gender in Global Perspectives Newsletter*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. April 2007, Vol. 27, No. 2, Pg. 9.
2007. "The Big Uneasy: Winter Meetings in New Orleans." *Network News: The Newsletter of Sociologists for Women in Society*. Spring 2007. Volume XXVIII, No. 1, Pp:1&3-4.
2007. President's Message: "The Global Women's Rights Movements and its Discontents." *Network News: The Newsletter of Sociologists for Women in Society*. Spring 2007. Volume XXVIII, No. 1, Pp:2.
2006. "Gender in the Context of Globalization: Diversity & Change in Puerto Rico." *Women and Gender in Global Perspectives Newsletter*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. April 2006, Vol.26, No. 2, Pp:10-11.
2006. "Solidarities Across Borders: Gender, Race, and Class in Post-Disaster Reconstruction." *Network News: The Newsletter of Sociologists for Women in Society*. Winter 2006. Volume XXVIII, No. 4, Pp:1.
2005. "Acting Director's Notes: After Beijing Plus Ten." *Perspectives: Women and Gender in Global Perspectives Newsletter*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign April 2005, Vol. 25, No. 2, Pp:1, 6-7.
2005. "The Feminist Dialogues and the World Social Forum." *Perspectives: Women and Gender in Global Perspectives Newsletter*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. April 2005, Vol. 25, No. 2, Pp:8-9.
2004. "Transnational Feminism Revisited: Cautionary Notes for a Transnational Sociology." *Perspectives: Women and Gender in Global Perspectives Newsletter*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. December 2004, Vol 25, No. 1. Pp:5-6.
2003. "Gender & Human Security: Old Ideas, New Label?" *Perspectives: Women and Gender in Global Perspectives Newsletter*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. December 2003, Vol. 24, No. 1, 4-5.
2003. "Reinventing Globalization: AWID Forum in Guadalajara." *Perspectives: Women and Gender in Global Perspectives Newsletter*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. April 2003, Vol. 23, No. 2, Pp:1, 4.

#### **INVITED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS (International)**

2018. Panelist, Honoring Annual Activist Scholar Award Recipient, Jackie Smith, International Studies Association, San Francisco, April 6.

2017. Seminar on Transnational Feminist Debates and Directions, Federal University of Minas Gerais, Brazil, Aug. 8-9.
2016. Plenary Speaker, 'Global Movement Assemblages: Continuities, Differences, and Connectivities.' Oct. 13-15, Brock University, Canada.
2016. Chair, "Intersectionalities of Power in Research: Strategies for Action and Justice," at the Third ISA Forum, July 10-15, Austria.
2016. "Transitions in Transnational Feminisms." Graz International Summer School Seggau, Austria.
2015. "Gender Between Development and Democracy in India." Presentation at the South Asia Studies Center, Australian National University, Canberra, June 20-21.
2015. "Gendered Geographies of Subaltern Struggles in India." Paper presented at the Democratizing Democracy? Social Movements and the State in Contemporary India Workshop. University of Bergen, Norway, March 26-27.
2015. "Beyond Citizenship: New Ontology and Cartography of Belonging." Paper presented at the Center for Women's and Gender Research and Gender and Development. University of Bergen, Norway, March 25.
2014. Panelist, "Globalization and Social Movements for Global Justice." Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences, Brock University, Canada. May 29.
2013. Participant, "Forum on Theories and Practice of Gender and Sexuality in Development," in Civic Innovation Research Initiative, at the Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, Netherlands. October 8-10.
2012. "The "Place" of Subaltern Women in Knowledge Production in Protest Movements in Gujarat, India." Presented at *Social Movements, Alternative Publics and Political Dissent*, the 8<sup>t</sup> Annual Stockholm Anthropological Roundtable, University of Stockholm, Sweden, September 28-29.
2012. "Women and Corporations: Issues That Wont Go Away." Discussion at Google Argentina, August 2, 2012.
2012. "When Subaltern Women March: Gender Dynamics of Protest in Neoliberal India." At Sociologist for Women in Societ organized parallel event at the UN Commission on Status of Women, 56<sup>th</sup> session, 5 March.

2011. "Gender, Environment, and Development in a Globalizing Gujarat." Talk presented at the Centre for Social Studies, Surat, India, February 4, 2011
2011. "Contemporary Feminist Theories and Activism." Seminar for the staff of Akshara, Mumbai, India.
2010. Participant, "Intersection of Gender and Human Development Consultation," organized by the United Nations Development Programme's Human Development Report Office (HDRO) and UNDP-Turkey, Jan.14-15, Istanbul.
2009. Panelist, "International Seminar on Alternative Economic Policies," Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the United Nations, Oct.29-31, New York.
2008. Panelist, "Future Trends of Globalization," International Sociological Association Forum, Barcelona, Sept. 4-8.
2007. "Women's Rights and Citizenship." Indian Social Science Congress, Mumbai, December 29.
2007. Panelist, "Scholarship, Activism, and Resources: Collaboration between scholars, activists, and donors." The World Social Forum, Nairobi, Jan. 19-24.
2007. Panelist, "Revolutionizing Women's Consciousness." The World Social Forum, Nairobi, Jan. 19-24.
2006. Panelist, "Opportunities for Research and Teaching in International Settings," (co-sponsored by Sociologists for Women in Society and ISA Research Committee 32 on Women in Society), American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Aug. 11-14.
2006. Panelist, Thematic Session. "Women's Rights and Human Rights," (co-sponsored with Sociologists without Borders) American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Aug. 11-14
2006. Discussant and Presider, "Feminist Movements: Comings and Goings." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal Aug. 11-14
2006. Discussant, "Gender and International Development," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Aug. 11-14.

2006. "Feminist Futures: Reflections from the Center and Margin." At the International Sociological Association meeting in Durban, S. Africa, July 23-29.
2005. Facilitator, Feminist Dialogues. Porto Alegre, Brazil, Jan. 23-25, 2005.
2004. Participant, Building Capacities of Palestinian Women in the West Bank and Gaza, organized by UNESCO in Tunis, Feb. 4-6, 2004.
2000. "From Welfare to Empowerment: The Changing Anti-Poverty Programs in Maharashtra, India." Paper presented at the Workshop on State and Society Partnerships in Poverty Elimination, organized by the Committee for Research on Poverty, Accra, Ghana.
1999. "Beyond Summits: Are the +5s, the +10s and work with UN commissions Generating Enough Mobilization With CSOs and Political Will with Governments?" Workshop Leader, World Civil Society Conference, Montreal, Canada, Dec. 1999.
1998. "The International Women's Movements and the Human Rights Discourse." Institute of Social Studies, Geneva, Switzerland.

#### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS (National)**

2017. Discussant and Presider, Sociology of Development Section Roundtables, American Sociological Association, Montreal, Aug. 11-15.
2017. Panelist, Technology and Revolution: Scholar Activists and the Defense of the Knowledge Commons. Left Forum, New York, June. 2-4.
2017. Presenter, Spaces of Neoliberal Contention, Workshop at Rutgers University, Apr. 10-11.
2017. Feminism and Academia. Moderator/Presenter, GEU-UAW 6960's International Women's Day Panel. U Conn, March 9<sup>th</sup>.
2017. Panelist, Women in Career Organized by the USG, UConn. Mar. 1.
2017. "Producing Inclusive Knowledge: Voices from the Global South." Panelist, Sociologist for Women in Society. February, 2017.
2016. "International Women's Human Rights Movement." Keynote Speaker, 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Advancement of Women Conference, Texas Tech University.

2016. "Two Decades Post-Beijing." Keynote Speaker, International Women's Day, Eastern Michigan State University.
2016. "Towards Epistemic Justice: Feminist, Subaltern, Postcolonial and Decolonial Approaches." Keynote Speaker, Hawaiian Sociological Association Conference.
2016. "Global Learning: Who gets to Define It?" Panel at the Sociologist for Women in Society Meeting, Feb. 4-7, Memphis.
2015. "Legalism from Below and Translocal Solidarities in Human Rights Struggles in the U.S." Expert Workshop on Human Rights, New York University and Antwerp University.
2015. "Resisting Displacement, Challenging Exclusion in Par-Purna Adivasi Sangathan." Presented in the Politics of Protest Seminar, Graduate Center, City University of New York, April 2.
2014. "Through and Beyond Transnational Feminisms." Paper presented at the Gender and Globalization Symposium at the University of Virginia, October 17.
2014. "Women's Rights and Violence Against Women Globally," on Scholars Circle, a weekly syndicated public affairs, radio show. KPFK. June 2014.
2014. "Workshop on Transnational Feminist Networking and Solidarity." Annual Meeting of Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting, Nashville, Feb. 8.
2014. "Breakfast With Scholars: Women of Color Research." Sociologists for Women in Society, Nashville, Feb. 9.
2013. "Bringing UN Home to the US: Women of Color, Intersectionality, and Human Rights." Paper presented at Power and Justice in the Contemporary World Economy Mini-conference in conjunction with the ASA, Aug. 9, 2013.
2013. Panelist, "Negotiating our Feminist Visions in Academia Today." Sociologists for Women in Society, Summer Meeting. Aug. 11, 2013.
2013. Panelist, "Going Up: Mentoring for Tenure and Promotion." Sociologists for Women in Society, Summer Meeting. Aug. 12.
2013. "The More Things Change: American Feminist Responses to Violence in India." Keynote Speaker, Women of Color Awards Ceremony, Women's Center, University of Connecticut.

2013. Purkayastha and Desai “If we rethink migration, where does that leave us on transnationalism? Lessons from the case of internally displaced persons.” Presented at the Re(thinking) Migration, Transnational Spaces, and Social Justice mini-conference at the Eastern Sociological Society. March 21, 2013.
2013. “Feminist Responses to Violence Against Women: The Sometimes Intersecting Geographies of the UN and NGOs at the CSW.” SWS organized Parallel Event at the Commission on Status of Women’s 57<sup>th</sup> session, New York, March 15, 2013.
2012. “When Subaltern Women Protest: Gender, Embodiment, and Place in Struggle.” Transnational Series, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. October 26, 2012.
2012. Discussant, Author Meets Critic, Handbook of Sociology and Human Rights. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 18, 2012. Denver.
2012. Plenary Speaker, “Mahila Panchayats: Practice of Real Utopias in India.” Sociologists for Women in Society, February 5 2012
2012. Panelist, “Transnational Trends in Women’s Studies.” Sociologists for Women in Society, February 4, 2012.
2010. “Transnational Feminisms.” Keynote Address, Iranian Women’s Leadership Workshop. Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, University of Massachusetts, Boston. November 8, 2010
2010. Presenter, “Public Symposium on Globalization and the Grassroots,” Northeastern University, Boston Feb 11, 2010
2009. Panelist, “Cultural Relativism Vs Human Rights: Global Women’s Issues Conference.” Bryn Mawr College, March 28 2009.
2008. Rethinking Globalization: Gender and The Politics of Possibilities.” Globalization: Reform and Resistance Colloquium, Graduate Division of Global Affairs, Rutgers University. September 2008.
2008. International Women’s Day Keynote Address. University of Rhode Island, March 6.
2008. Panelist, MLK Celebrations. “Martin Luther King Via Gandhi: Extending Transversal Politics.” University of Connecticut, January 29.

2007. "Rethinking Globalization." Distinguished Social Science Lecture. Colorado State University, Colorado Springs. November 29.
2007. Panelist, "A Better World is Possible," Sociology & Human Rights Conference, Sponsored by Sociologists without Borders and the Center for the Study of Human Rights, Columbia University. Aug. 15, 2007
2007. Discussant, Sociologists Do the World Social Forum: Tensions between Scholars and Activists and within Scholar-Activists. Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York City, Aug. 12, 2007
2007. Panelist, Straight Up with No Chasers: Women of Color in the Academy, Summer Meeting of the Sociologists For Women in Society, New York City, Aug. 11-13, 2007.
2005. Panelist, Seeking Gender Justice Beyond the Beijing Conference: Reflections, Dialogue and Strategic Action, Syracuse University Symposium, September 16-18, 2005
2005. Participant, "Women's Global Strategies for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," Sarah Lawrence College, September 10-13, 2005.
2004. Discussant "Transnational Care Work Symposium." Women and Gender in Global Perspective, University of Illinois, Oct. 22, 2004.
2004. "Symbolic Cartography of the Uniform Civil Code in India." Presented at the Symposium on Gender, Family, and Law in the Middle East and South Asia, University of Illinois, Oct. 8, 2004.
2004. "Transnational Feminist Sociologies: Cautionary Notes from the US International Women's Movement and the US Academy." Paper presented at the Workshop on Transnational Feminist Sociologies: Current Challenges, Future Directions," University of Berkeley, California, August 2004.
2003. Panelist, "International Sociology: Research, Teaching, and Activism." Annual Meeting of Sociologists for Women in Society, Atlanta, Aug.16-19, 2003
2003. "Gender, Health, and Globalization: A Critical Social Movement perspective." Paper presented at the Symposium on Gender, Health, and Globalization at Yale University, June 19-21, 2003.
1999. Participant, at the Stanley Foundation's Annual Strategy for Peace Conference, Oct. 21-23, Airlie, Virginia

1998. Chair, Conference Day of Forum98, a National Conference to Reflect upon the 150th Anniversary of the Declaration of Sentiments, Rochester, July 15, 1998

**PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS (International)**

2017. Contemporary Debates and Directions of Feminisms in The Global South. Workshop organizer and presenter. Women's World Congress, Florianopolis, Brazil.

2016. Organizer, Session on "Precarity and Gender in an Era of Neoliberal Globalization." Third ISA Forum of Sociology (July 10-14, 2016) in Vienna, Austria.

2016. Co-Organizer, Session on "Twenty Years after Beijing: A Cross-National Approach to Feminist Movements and the Implementation of the Platform for Action." Third ISA Forum of Sociology (July 10-14, 2016) to be held in Vienna, Austria.

2016. Panelist, Feminist Perspectives: Race, Place, and Social Justice. Sociologists for Women in Society, Feb. 4-7, Memphis.

2015. "Gender and Precarity in Subaltern Struggles in India." Paper presented at the International Feminist Journal of Politics Conference at the University of Queensland, Australia, June 16-18.

2015. "New Actors, New Strategies in the Violence Against Women Activism in India." Paper presented at the SWS organized Parallel Event at the United Nation's Commission on Status of Women Annual Meeting, New York. March 19.

2014. "Critical Cartography of Transnational Feminisms." Paper presented at Voices in Nordic Gender Research, Roskilde University, Denmark. November 5-7.

2014. "Between Development and Democracy: The Gendered Geography of Subaltern Struggles Against Neoliberal Development in Gujarat, India" paper presented at International Colloquium "Epistemologies of the South-South, South-North and North-South global learnings" the Faculty of Economics of the University of Coimbra, on the 11th of July.

2014. "From Mathura to Nirbhaya: Three Decades of Feminist Responses to Violence Against Women in India." Presented at the SWS organized Side Event at the United Nations 58<sup>th</sup> Commission on Status of Women Annual Meeting in New York. March 17.



2014. Session Co-Organizer, “A Cross-National Comparative Approach to CEDAW as an Instrument to Effect Women’s Right and Gender Equality.” International Sociological Association’s Meeting in Yokohama, Japan.
2014. Session Organizer: “Global Justice and Women’s Human Rights in an Unequal World.” The International Sociological Association’s Meeting in Yokohama, Japan.
2012. Session Organizer, “Human Rights on the Ground in Argentina.” International Sociological Association’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Forum, Buenos Aires, Argentina, August 4, 2012.
2012. “Upfront Yet Marginal: Women in Farmers Movement in Gujarat, India.” Paper presented at the International Sociological Association’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Forum in Buenos Aires, Argentina, August 3, 2012.
2012. “The Possibilities and Perils of Scholar Activism and Activist Scholarship.” Paper presented at the International Sociological Association’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Forum, Buenos Aires, Argentina, August 1, 2012
2010. “Transnational Movements and Collective Identities.” Presented at the International Sociological Association’s World Congress in Gothenburg, Sweden, July 2010
2010. “New Directions in Women’s Human Rights Movements in India and the US.” Paper presented at the International Sociological Association’s World Congress in Gothenburg, Sweden, July 2010.
2010. “Beyond Citizenship: A New Cartography and Ontology of Belonging.” Paper presented at the Birkbeck Institute, University of London’s Conference on Beyond Citizenship in London, June 2010.
2008. “The Messy Relationship of Feminisms and Globalizations.” Paper presented at the Women’s World Conference in Madrid, Spain, July 2008.
2008. Session Organizer, “Dangerous Liaisons: Feminism and Corporate Globalization.” Women’s World Conference, Madrid, Spain, July 2008.
2006. “Dilemmas of Transnational Feminism.” Paper presented at the International Sociological Association’s Annual Conference in Durban, S. Africa, July 29-31.
2006. Organizer, “Transnational Feminist Solidarities” at the International Sociological Association Meetings, Durban, July 29-31.

2002. "Structural Adjustment and Transnational Feminist Solidarities:" Paper presented at the International Interdisciplinary Conference on Gender, Uganda, July 2002.
2002. Chair and Organizer of Panel " Women's Activism Against Globalization: Linking Local Struggles to Transnational Politics," at the International Interdisciplinary Conference on Gender, Uganda, July 2002.
1999. "From Nationalism to Sustainable Feminism: Three Generations of Feminist Activists in India." Paper presented at the 7th International Interdisciplinary Congress on Women, Tromso, Norway, June 1999.
1999. "The Alternative Modernities of Social Movements in India." Paper presented at the 34th World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology, Tel Aviv, Israel, July 1999
1999. Chair and Organizer of session, "Social Movements as Alternative Modernities," the 34th World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology, Tel Aviv, Israel, July 1999.
1995. "From Critical Outsiders to Critiqued Insiders: Fate of Women Studies Teachers on U.S. Campuses." Paper presented at the VIIth Annual Conference of the Indian Women's Studies Association, December 1995, Jaipur, India.
1995. "Non-Hierarchical, Collective Organizations as Agents of Change: Notes From the Women's Movement in India." Paper presented at the NGO Forum, September 1995, Beijing, China.
1995. "(De)Constructing Third World Women: Notes From the Women's Movement in India." Paper presented at the NGO Forum, August 1995, Beijing, China.
1994. "If Peasants Build Their Own Dams What Will The State Have Left To Do? The Promise and Dilemmas of Democracy in India." Paper presented at the World Congress of the International Political Science Association, August 1994, Berlin, Germany.

#### **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS (National)**

2016. Panelist, Transnational Conversations on Social Justice. SWS Winter Meeting, Memphis.
2015. Session Organizer, Human Rights Regular Session, Invited by ASA President, ASA Chicago, August.

2015. Session Organizer, Human Rights Roundtables, ASA, Chicago, August.
2015. "Challenging Exclusion in Par-Purna Adivasi Sangathan in Gujarat, India." Paper presented at the Sociology of Development Conference, Brown University, March 14.
2014. "Exploring the Persistence of Gendered Geographies of Global Justice." Paper presented at the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Political Economy of the World System, University of Pittsburg. April 12
2012. Co-Organizer with Mark Frezzo, ASA Human Rights Section/Sociologists Without Borders Pre-Conference. "Theories and Practices of Human Rights: An Interdisciplinary Dialogue," August 16, 2012.
2012. "When Subaltern Women March: Padyatra and the Embodied Gender Dynamics of Protest in India." Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association, August 17, 2012, Denver.
2012. Session Organizer, "Contested Terrain: Gender and Movements Around Land, Water and Forests in the Age of Globalization." Annual conference of the American Sociological Association, Denver.
2011. "What's in a Name?: Women's, Race, and Ethnic Studies at U Conn." National Women's Studies Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, November 14, 2011.
2001. "Gender and Nation among South Asian Indians in the U.S" Paper presented at the American Sociological Association's annual meeting in Anaheim, CA.
2001. Panelist, "How to Succeed in the Academic Job Market." At the Sociologists for Women in Society's Annual Meeting in Anaheim, CA.
2001. "Women's Multilayered Agency in the Global Era." Paper presented at the International Sociological Association's Research Committee on Social Movements Conference at New York University.
2000. "Engendering Globalization from Below: Solidarities Between a NGO and the Asian American Community." Paper presented at the Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Washington D.C.
1998. "Women's Movements and the State: Changing Perspectives." Panelist at the Collective Behavior and Social Movement Workshop, University of California, Davis, August 1998

1998. Co-Chair of Working Group: "Social Movements, State, Cycles of Protest," Collective Behavior and Social Movement Workshop, University of California, Davis, August 1998.
1998. "Globalization and Social Movements: Challenges and Possibilities." Paper presented at the 24th Annual Third World Conference, Chicago. March 1998.
1996. "Sisterhood is Global? Globalization and the Women's Movement in India." Paper presented at the South Asia conference in Madison, Wisconsin. Nov. 1996.
1991. "Secularism and its Discontent: The Rise of Hindu Fundamentalism in India." paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, November 1991, Chicago.

## TEACHING

### University of Connecticut

#### *Undergraduate Courses Taught*

WGSS 1124	Gender and Globalization
WGSS 1105	Gender and Sexuality in Everyday Life (large lecture)
Soc. 3701W	Sociology of Developing World
Soc. 3601	Sociology of Gender
WS3269	Women's Movements
WS 289W/WS 4994	Senior Seminar
WS 265W/WS3265W	Research Methods

6 Independent Studies (2 Sociology and 4 WS/WGSS)

#### *Graduate Courses Taught*

Soc. 5895	Special Topics: Contesting Development
Soc. 6251	Current Theory and Research
WS5395	Special Topics: Gender and Globalization
WS 5395	Special Topics: Transnational Feminisms

12 Graduate Independent Studies (7 WGSS and 5 Sociology)

#### *Advising and Mentoring*

*Doctoral Students:*

Harper, Takeyah, Ph.D 2017. Political Science, second advisor  
 Khan, Farhan, 2016. ‘Fleeing Violence: Gender, Human Rights, and Trafficking in Women in Pakistan.’ Committee member.  
 Betray, Ute Ph.D. 2015. Research and teaching mentoring, recommendation letter writer.  
 Katuna, Barret, Ph.D. 2014. “ Learning How to Lead in a Man’s World: Gender and Leadership,” committee member.  
 Adur, Shweta Ph.D. 2013. “Negotiating Identity and Sexuality: Queer South Asians in America,” committee member.  
 Hussein, Shahznene. Ph.D. 2016. Political Science, recommendation letter writer.  
 Hernandez, Ruth, doctoral candidate, dissertation chair.  
 Khan, Koyel, doctoral candidate, dissertation chair.  
 Ordoitz, Gali, committee member.  
 Rosin, Michael, area exam and proposal committee member  
 Sneed, Christine, doctoral student, chair.  
 Warren, Kamryn, doctoral candidate, committee member  
 Wickersham, Jeffery. Ph.D. recommendation letter writer.

*Master’s Students*

Debari, Johanna, 2017. MA, International Studies, Advisor  
 Cynthia Melendez, Advisor, El Instituto  
 Channel Morris, Advisor, El Instituto  
 Ahsley Ortiz, Advisor, El Instituto  
 Barrette, Kyle, mentor for social work internship in India  
 Loisel, Emerson, mentor around international perspectives in education  
 Miho, Iwata, committee member, Master’s thesis.

*Feminist Studies Graduate Certificate Advising*

Adur, Shweta  
 Betray, Ute  
 Hernandez, Ruth  
 Iwata, Miho  
 Lovelace, Vanessa  
 Moonzwe, Lwendo  
 Shoults, Julie  
 Warring, Chandra  
 Wickersham, Jeffrey

*Undergraduate Students*

Healey, Casey, recipient of IDEA grant.  
 Hoque, Asahi, Honors thesis advisor, winner of Holster and University scholar awards and recipient of IDEA Grant  
 Khattar, Varun, mentored for summer internship research  
 Kotian, Vrishab. Research paper mentoring, Trinity College.

Lasia, Tina, mentored for honors thesis project  
 Nakka Niteesha, mentored for SHARE application  
 Thomas, Joshua, mentoring for internship in India via Engineers Without Borders grant.  
 Ursin, Elise, Honors thesis advisor.

### *Collaborative Efforts*

India Studies Faculty Retreat  
 Global Arts Minor  
 Global House Colloquium series

## **University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign**

### *Undergraduate Teaching*

Soc. 160      Global Inequalities and Social Change  
 Soc. 364.      Impacts of Globalization  
 Soc. 496.      Advanced Topic: Transnational Movements

Global Mumbai, Designed and led a Study Abroad Program in Mumbai in 2004 and 2005 (Dec. 26-Jan. 15)

### *Graduate Course*

GWS 512 Gender Relations in International Development (core course)

### *Doctoral Students*

Asiedu, Christobel. Ph.D. 2006. Gender, ICT, and Development in Africa, Chair.  
 Salime, Zakia, Ph.D. 2005. Between Feminism and Islam, Chair.  
 Yilmaz Senner, Meltem. Ph.D. 2009. Governementality, World Bank and Development Aid in Turkey.

## **Hobart and William Smith Colleges**

### *Undergraduate Courses*

Soc. 100, Intro Soc; Soc.226, Soc. of Sex and Gender; Soc. 211, Research Methods; Soc. 499, Research Practicum; Soc. 340, Feminist Theory; Soc. Social Movements; Soc. 240, International Development; Soc. 201, Globalization; Soc. 221, Soc. of Minorities; Soc. 238, Making of Immigrant America; Soc. 233, Women in the Third World; Soc. 213, Contemporary Indian Society.

Team Taught a Course on HIV/AIDS with colleagues in Political Science and Theatre

Fall 1998: Led semester length Study Abroad Program in Geneva, Switzerland. Taught International Development and supervised 18 research practicums at international NGOs.

Fall 1992: Led semester length study abroad program in India. Taught Development in Contemporary India and supervised 22 independent projects.

## **ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### **Academic Administration**

- 2015-2016. Director of Graduate Studies, Sociology Department, University of Connecticut.  
Responsible for graduate program budget, curriculum, and student advising.
- 2007- 2010. Director, Women's Studies, University of Connecticut.  
Provided academic leadership and strategic planning for the program including working on renaming the program, revising the curriculum, and developing a new collaborative programming and governance structure with other race and ethnic studies programs at U Conn.
- 2009-2010. Co-Chair, Executive Council of Women's Studies and Institutes of African American, Asian American, and Puerto Rican and Latino Studies, University of Connecticut.  
Charged with facilitating the preparation of mission statement, governance structure, name, and academic location for a new academic unit.
- Dec. 2004-May2005. Acting Director, Women and Gender in Global Perspectives, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign  
Responsible for: advocacy, strategic planning, grant writing, campus and international collaborations, staff supervision, implementing program goals
- Jan.2003-Dec.2003. Program Coordinator, Women and Gender in Global Perspectives, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.  
Planned and implemented curricular and research program of the unit.  
Wrote and received funding for research.
- 1999-2002. Chair, Dept. of Anthropology and Sociology, Hobart and William Smith Colleges  
Facilitated the transition of the dept. from a trimester to a semester curriculum, worked on hiring, tenure and promotion in addition to representing the dept. with other chairs, the Provost and President.
- 1999-2002. Chair of the Board, New York State Independent College Consortium for Study in India.

Main responsibilities included serving as liaison with the administration and faculty of the five colleges and colleagues in India to field the annual semester-long program, serve in advisory capacity to the field director, and prepare for and hold two board meetings a year.

### **Elected Offices in Professional Associations**

- 2015-present. Leadership Committee, Mayfirst/People Link Organization.
- 2015-2017. Member, Publications Committee, Sociologists for Women in Society.
- 2014-2017. Council Member, Development Section, American Sociological Association.
- 2015-2016. Chair-elect and Chair, Human Rights Section, American Sociological Association.
- 2012-2015. Council Member, Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section, American Sociological Association
- 2013-present. Member, International Committee of the United States Social Forum
- 2011-2014. Treasurer/Secretary, TG03, Thematic Group on Human Rights and Global Social Justice of the International Sociological Association
- 2010-2013. North American Representative on Research Committee 32 on Gender of the International Sociological Association
- 2010-2013. Council Member, Human Rights Section, American Sociological Association
- 2009-2010. Member, Nominations Committee, American Sociological Association,
- 2006-2008. President-Elect/President/Past-President, Sociologists for Women in Society  
 President Elect (2006), President (2007), and Past President (2008)  
 As President Elect and President Planned the annual meetings in New Orleans from Feb. 1-4 2007 on Solidarities Across Borders: Gender, Race, and Class in Post-Disaster Reconstruction and the summer meeting in New York City from August 11-13 2007.

The New Orleans meeting brought together activists from Tsunami hit areas in India and Hurricane hit areas in Florida and Nicaragua to share and plan with activists working on post-Katrina reconstruction.



The summer meeting in New York City from Aug. 11-13, 2007 included the first Women's Film Festival co-sponsored with the ASA and Women Make Movies.

Worked with the Executive Council and the Standing Committees to further the goals of the organization, including developing an investment and spending plan for around \$100,000, 00.

As past-president I served as the chair of the nominations and human rights and scholarship committees of the organization.

- 2007-2009. Member, International Council of Sociologists Without Borders
- 2000-2005. Chair, International Committee, Sociologists for Women in Society  
Developed a new collaborative sponsorship of women's research centers in 10 countries around the world and reorganized and streamlined work with the UN and the International Sociological Association
- 1999-2002. Sociologist For Women in Society's Representative to the United Nations' Committee on Economic and Social Rights.
- 1991-1992. Coordinator, Midwest Sociologists for Women in Society

### **Editorial and Other Boards**

- 2015-2017. Editorial Board, American Sociological Review
- 2013- present. Editorial Board, Feminist Formations
- 2011-present. Editorial Collective, Societies Without Border: Human Rights and the Social Sciences
- 2009-present. Editorial Board, International Feminist Journal of Politics
- 2006-present. Editorial Board, Women, Gender, and Families of Color
- 2007-present. Editorial Board, Gender Section, Sociology Compass

### **Ad Hoc Committees**

2017. U.S. Women's Caucus at the United Nations.
2017. Reviewer, American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship program.

- 2016-2017 Member, Advisory Group, Akshara Resource Center, Mumbai, Survey on India's Millennials: Post 1991 Generation and Gender.
2016. Expert Special Committee of Everywoman Everywhere, International Commission of Violence Against Women and Girls. For a Global Treaty on Violence Against Women.
- Fall 2015. Nominations Committee, Global and Transnational Section, ASA.  
Spring 2015. Contract Negotiation Team, Gender & Society.
- November 2014-May 2015. Search Committee for the Editor of Feminist Formations
- November 2013. Junior Faculty Mentoring Workshop, University of Michigan
- March 2013. Program Committee of Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting
- December 2012-March 2013. Chair, Executive Officer Search Committee for Sociologists for Women in Society
- April 2012. Outside Reviewer, Dept. of Women's Studies, University of Massachusetts, Boston
- March 2011. Panel of Experts, ARROWs for Change Bulletin, Special Issue on "Repolicising Financing; Re-energising Political Support for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SHRH)." Malaysia
- August 2010. Member, Gender and Society Editor Search Committee, Sociologists for Women in Society
- 2012-present. Member, Enloe Award Committee, International Feminist Journal of Politics
- 2009-2010. Member, Advisory Group, Feminist Ethical Review Board, Social Science Research Council
- 2009-2012. Member, Annual Conference Proposals Review Committee, National Women's Studies Association
- March 5, 1919. Expert Witness: Immigration and Naturalization Court, St. Louis. Testified on behalf of an Indian Women facing deportation after being abandoned by her husband. The case was decided in her favor, partly based on my testimony

**Tenure Promotion, Manuscript And Grant Reviewer (for the past four years)**

- 2015-2016: Tenure and Promotion Review, Univ of California, Santa Cruz

- American Sociological Review, International Feminist Journal of Politics, Organizational Studies.
- 2014-2015: Manuscripts: University of Washington Press; American Sociological Review; Feminist Formations; Gender and Society; International Feminist Journal of Politics; Signs.
- 2013-2014: Grants: Canadian Social Science and Humanities Research Council; Manuscripts for Feminist Review, International Feminist Journal of Politics, Societies Without Borders, University of Illinois Press.
- 2012-2013: Palgrave, Comparative Sociology, Critical Sociology, Social Problems, AJS, ASR, Gender and Society, Social Thought and Research, Ethnography
- 2010-2011: Grants: Rockefeller Foundation, National Science Foundation, Shastri Foundation for Indo-Canadian Studies; Manuscripts for Duke University Press, Ethnography, Gender and Society, International Feminist Journal of Politics, Journal of Contemporary Ethnography, Journal of Women, Politics, and Policy, Mobilization, Paradigm Press, Sociological Forum,

#### **UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT SERVICE**

2017. Search Committee, Director of WGSS.
- 2015-present. Member, W Committee of the UConn AAUP.
- 2015-2016. Chair, Diversity Committee of the University Senate
- 2014-2017. Member, Executive Committee of India Studies
- 2009-2016. Member, University Senate
- 2009-2016. Member, Senate's Diversity Committee
2012. HDFS/WGSS joint position on Disabilities and Gender Search Committee
2012. Uber Search Committee for three positions, Sociology Department
- 2009-2010. Women's Studies Representative, Executive Council of Women's Studies and Institutes of African American, Asian American, and Puerto Rican and Latino Studies.
- 2009-2012. Member, Provost's Commission on Status of Women, Leadership Subcommittee
- Fall 2008. Member, Vice Provost of Multicultural and International Affairs Task Force on Interdisciplinarity
- 2008-2011. Chair, Women of Color Subcommittee of the Women's Center Advisory Board
- 2007-2010. Member, Women's Center Advisory Board
- 2007-present. Member, India Studies Executive Board
- 2007-2010. Member, Executive Council of Asian American Faculty Staff Association
- 2009-2010. Member, Human Rights Initiative Awards Committee
- May 2009. Concluding Speaker, Gender and Humanitarian Narrative Workshop.

2012-present. Faculty Advisor, Her Campus  
 2007-present. Faculty Advisor, Pakistani Student Community  
 2007-present. Faculty Advisor, Indian Student Association

### **UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS SERVICE**

Aug 2005-May 2006 Member, Chancellor's Diversity Committee, University of Illinois,  
 Jan.2003-Aug. 2007 Member, Transnational Seminar Series, Gender Relations in  
 International Development Program Committee

### **SERVICE AT HOBART AND WILLIAM SMITH COLLEGES**

2005. Member, HWS 2005 Planning Committee, Academic Reputation  
 Fall 2001. Member, Academic Affairs Committee  
 Summer 2001. Faculty Representative, Technos International Study Tour to Japan  
 1997-2000 Member, Off-Campus Committee  
 Winter 2000 Member, Sub-Committee on Equity and Affirmative Action  
 Fall 1998 Faculty Director, Geneva, Switzerland, International Development  
 Term Abroad  
 1994-1995 Junior Faculty Representative on the Faculty Executive Committee  
 1994-95, 1991-92 Women Studies Steering Committee, Hobart and William Smith  
 Colleges  
 Fall 1992. Faculty Director, New York State Independent College Consortium  
 for Study in India

### **FIELD WORK EXPERIENCE**

Conducted field research, taught, or engaged in collaborative seminars and colloquia in Argentina, Brazil, China, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, India, Japan, Kenya, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, S. Africa, Switzerland, Sweden, Tunisia, Uganda, and US. All these involved working with colleagues from various disciplines.

### **LANGUAGES**

Reading, writing, and conversational fluency in Hindi, Marathi, and Gujarati.

### **OTHER QUALIFICATIONS**

Professional Certificate in Yoga Teaching from the Yoga Institute, Bombay.

Certificates in Indian Classical Dancing: Bharat Natyam and Manipuri Styles.

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Sociological Association

Association for Women's Rights in Development  
International Network of Scholar Activists  
Sociologists for Women in Society  
Sociologists Without Borders

