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EMPLOYMENT (as a Sociologist)

2012-2016	Head, Sociology (Interim Head 2011-2012).
2010	Professor, Sociology & Asian American Studies
2009-2011	Director of Graduate Studies, Sociology (Interim DGS, 2007-2008)
2005	Associate Professor, Sociology & Asian American Studies
1999	Assistant Professor, Sociology & Asian American Studies

EDUCATION:

Ph.D.	University of Connecticut (Sociology, 1999)
M.S.	University of Massachusetts (Geography, 1987)
M.A:	Presidency College, University of Calcutta (Geography, 1979)
B.A.	Presidency College, Calcutta (Geography, 1977)

AWARDS/HONORS:

2016	Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies, JNU, India
2016	American Sociological Association/Asia and Asian American Section's Contributions to the Field award.
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.
2009	American Sociological Association, Asia and Asian American Section Teaching Award.
2009	Department of Sociology Graduate Students' Award for Mentoring.
2007	Department of Sociology Graduate Students' Award for Mentoring.
2004	University of Connecticut Women of Color Award for Excellence in Leadership, Achievement, and Service.
2004	State of Connecticut, General Assembly, Governor, and Lieutenant Governor's Immigrant Day Citations for outstanding achievement, leadership and commitment to Connecticut.
2001	AAUP Teaching Excellence (Promise) Award.
2001	State of Connecticut, General Assembly Citation for Teaching.

Other awards and honors. National (Merit) Scholarship awarded by the Government of India; Gold Medal from the University of Calcutta (for the highest marks in Geography at the Master's Level); Jubilee Merit Prize for the highest marks in Geography from the University of Calcutta; Scindia Gold Medal and the Gwalior Book prize for the highest marks among all BA students of Calcutta University (Presidency College). Rhodes Scholarship national finalist (1976, 1977).

Phi Kappa Phi; Phi Beta Kappa.

Grants, fellowships, and related support

2017-present: Fulbright-Nehru Senior Professional Excellence award.
2017-2018: Global Religion Research Initiative grant for international collaboration. (co-Pi, 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. (\$2500)
2007: Ethnicity on the World Wide Web. (NSF \$845,000, not funded)
2006: Economic Human Rights grant/UCONN for travel to, and research in India
2000: Dorothy Edwin Institute Fellowship (UCONN large teaching grant \$3000).
2001: small grant for interdisciplinary program on Women's rights (program AMBA
2001: Urban Marginalities: Gender, Ethnicity, Race. Age. Class (with Susan Lucas; Hartford Consortium grant , \$1500)
2000: Maintaining Meaningful Connections: Transnational Ties and the "new" Second Generation Indian Americans (UCONN large grant, \$3600)
1999: Amba: Negotiating/Contesting Multiple Boundaries (with Shona Ramaya, Trinity College Writer in Residence, Hartford Consortium grant, \$2500).
1999: Classroom Without Walls (UCONN small teaching grant \$500)

CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Human Rights and Human Security; Migrants, Migration, Ethnicity, and Transnationalism; Violence and Peace; Intersectionality; Knowledge Hierarchies.
Area foci: United States and comparative studies, especially South Asia, Asia, and Asian diasporas.

SCHOLARY ACTIVITIES

Peer-reviewed journal editorships:

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

Book Series Editor: Human Rights series. Frontpage Publications.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

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

Farhan Navid Yousaf 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 authors) 2015. *The Human Rights Enterprise: The State, Resistance, and Human Rights*. 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 Mabilia (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.

Under contract:

In-human Trades: Trafficking for sex, labor and organs. (Polity Press).

Books in preparation:

Gendered migration

Special Issue of Journal in preparation:

Migrants and Human Security. Under contract for *Current Sociology*, and *Current Sociology Monographs* for 2018 Theoretical framework by Bandana Purkayastha, articles by scholars from India, Pakistan, Kenya, South Africa, UAE, Taiwan, Canada, Japan, and the US.

Articles in Peer Reviewed Journals (2000-2016)

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: Journal for the Study of Race, Nation, Culture*. .Currently available online at: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/13504630.2016.1271739>

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 Diasporas*. Currently available at <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/19438192.2016.1199456>

Armaline, William Armaline, Glasberg, Davita, and Bandana Purkayastha (2016): 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*. DOI: 10.1111/socf.12303

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.

Lucas, Susan and Purkayastha, Bandana. 2007. "Where is home?" Here and There: Transnational experiences of home among Canadian Immigrants in the United States. *GeoJournal*, 68: 243-251.

Stone, Rosalie, Purkayastha, Bandana. and Berhdahl, Terciera. 2006. Beyond Asian American: Examining conditions and mechanisms of earnings inequality for Filipina, Asian Indian and non-Hispanic white women. *Sociological Perspectives*, 49: 261-281.

Stone, Rosalie, and Purkayastha, Bandana. 2005. Predictors of Earnings for Mexican Americans in the Midwest. *Great Plains Research*, 15:101-116.

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2004. Skilled Migration and Cumulative Disadvantage: The Case of Highly Qualified Asian Indian Immigrant Women in the U.S. *Geoforum*: 36:181-196.

Purkayastha, Bandana, Subramaniam, Mangala, Desai, Manisha, and Bose, Sunita. 2003. Gender Scholarship in India: A Partial Review. *Gender & Society*, 17:503-524. (Reprinted in a collection edited by Chris Bose and Minjeong Kim; noted under chapters).

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2002. Non-cooperation as a Means of Peaceful Conflict Resolution: Cases from India. *Forum International*. (Germany). 22:267-292.

Ferree, Myra Marx, and Purkayastha, Bandana. 2000 Equality and Cumulative Disadvantage: Response to Baxter and Wright. *Gender & Society*: 6:809-813.

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2000. Liminal Lives: South Asian Youth and Domestic Violence. *Journal of Social Distress and Homelessness*, 9: 201-219.

Co-authored articles under review (broad topics only; de-identified):

Global knowledge and the global imaginaries of gendered violence (with co-author)

Chapters

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

Khyati Joshi and Bandana Purkayastha (accepted, expected publication 2017). Faith and Religion: South Asian Americans in the US. (South Asian Digital Archives).

Purkayastha, Bandana. (accepted, expected publication 2017) Beyond Charters and Conventions: Human Rights through the Lens of Social Justice and Peace. In M. Abraham (ed.) Globalization and Social Justice. ISA/ SSRC Publications.

Narayan, Anjana and Purkayastha, Bandana. Modernity in the Service of Tradition: Women and Gender within Hinduism in the United States. In Asian American Religions: An Anthology edited by Khyati Joshi and David Yoo (chapter accepted).

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.

Ranjeet, Bidya and Purkayastha, Bandana. 2007. A Minority within a Minority: Nepalese American Women and Domestic Violence. In *Body Evidence: Intimate Violence Against South Asian Women in America*, edited by Shamita Das Gupta. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, pp. 38-42. (invited)

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2007. Anatomy of Second Generation “Indian” Cultural Events in the USA. In *Indian Diaspora--The 21st Century—Migration, Change, and Adaptation*, edited by Anand Singh, New Delhi: KRE Publishers, pp.81-89. (invited)

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2005. Through ‘Little Steps’: Informal Networks as a Resource for Peaceful Conflict Resolution. In *Military Missions and their Implications Reconsidered: The Aftermath of September 11th* edited by Giuseppe Caforio and Gerhard Kuemmel. Amsterdam, Netherlands: Elsevier Press, pp. 63-79.

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2004. Economically Elite, Socially Marginal: The Indo-American Experience. In *Minority Voices: Linking Personal Histories and Sociological Imagination*, edited by John Myers. Allyn and Bacon, pp.306-319.

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2003. Looking Beyond the Individual: Interaction of Structural Factors and Human Agency in the Empowerment of Women. In *Conditioning and the Empowerment of Women A Multidimensional Approach*, edited by Asha Mukherjee and Kumkum Bhattacharya. New Delhi, India: Gyan Publishing House, pp.161-179. (invited)

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2003. Contesting the Boundaries of Home and the World: Tagore and the Construction of Citizenship. In *Rabindranath Tagore at the End of the Millennium*, edited by Patrick Hogan and Lalita Pandit. Madison, NJ: Farleigh Dickenson University Press, pp. 49-64.

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2002. Rule, Roles and Realities: Asian Indian Families in the U.S. In *Minority Families in the US: A Multicultural Perspective*, edited by Ronald Taylor. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall. pp.212-224.

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2002. Contesting Multiple Margins: Asian Indian Community Activism in the Early and Late 20th century. In *Women’s Activism and Globalization: Linking Local*

Struggles and Transnational Politics, edited by Nancy Naples and Manisha Desai. New York: Routledge. pp.99-120.

Other publications, editorial activities (2008-2014 only)

Invisible Americans: Refugees from Burma/Myanmar and Bhutanese in the United States, report by Chia Youyee Vang and Monica Mong Trieu. 2014. (B. Purkayastha: 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. (with Ranita Ray, 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)

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2005. Panethnicity: Processes, Institutionalization, and Linkages. Occasional Papers. Department of History. Visva Bharati, Santiniketan, India. (invited)

Purkayastha, Bandana. 2004. Series Editor for Asian Americans in Connecticut, Census 2000. Storrs: AASI. (Volumes 3,1: Race, Ethnicity Household and Family; Volume, 2: Citizenship, Income, Poverty, Employment and Education).

PRESENTATIONS (2001-2016)

2016 (India):

- University of Calcutta, Sept 22: Decolonizing Methodologies;
- Jadavpur University (Kolkata): Interrogating Gender and intersectionality: 21st century reflection
- Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur; November 3 and 4, 2016: Ethnicity: Negotiations and Resistances; Migrants and Human Security: Contemporary Issues
- Jamia Milia University, Delhi; November 7, 2016: Women and Religion, panelist with Professor Asha Mukherjee, Philosophy, Santiniketan.

- Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU): November 8, 2016: JNU Institute for Advanced Studies, Fellow's Talk: Water, Inequalities, Rights; November 10: Migrants and Human Security: Methodological Challenges

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 ISA-American Sociological Association Special Session (Seattle, WA August: *Whose Knowledge? Who Benefits?* (Panelists: Sujata Patel, University of Hyderabad, India; Raewyn Connell, University of Sydney; Bandana Purkayastha, University of Connecticut; Vrushali Patil, Florida International University) Organizer B. Purkayastha

2016 ISA-American Sociological Association Special Session (Seattle, WA): Movements Matter: Connecting the Local and Global in Addressing Violence Against Women. (Panelists: Yakin Erturk, Former Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, UN & Professor (Emeritus) METU, Turkey. Margaret Abraham, President, International Sociological Association, & Professor, Hofstra University. Eleanor Lyon, University of Connecticut & ASA's Distinguished Service award 2015.

2016 Know her Truths conference, Wake Forest University, April 29-30, 2016. (coordinating 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 talk at the Center for South Asian Studies, University of Punjab, Pakistan. November 24, 2014.

Human Rights in the US. Invited lecture at 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 Scholarly Colloquia. 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 Scholarly Colloquia. 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 colloquium,

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 presentation, 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 Colloquia Speaker, 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 Colloquia at 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.

Experiencing a different "difference." Canadian American in the US and questions of integration. (with Susan Lucas, presenter, and Miho Iwata) Association of American Geographers meeting, April 2008.

Becoming South Asian American. May 2007, Invited colloquia, University of Wollongong, Australia.

Doing Public Sociologies: Bringing the Margin to the Center. (with Margaret Abraham) Presented at the ISA, Durban, South Africa, July 2006. (refereed)

Building and Sustaining Peace: A Long Range View. Presentation at the University of KwaZulu Natal, Durban, South Africa. August 2006 (invited).

Second Generation Indian Americans Imagine India. Mid Atlantic Region Asian Studies Conference. Seton Hall, New Jersey, October, 26-28, 2006. (invited).

From Leafy Suburbs to Global Cities. Wellesley College. October 3, 2006.

Domestic Violence Against Nepali Women in the US. (with Bidya Ranjeet) Southern Connecticut State University Women's Studies conference October 2005. (refereed)

Doing Research in Other Countries: The case of India. American Sociological Association conference. Philadelphia, August 2005. (invited)

Maintaining Transnational Family Ties: The case of second generation Asian Indians. Association of Asian American Studies, Los Angeles, April 2005. (invited)

Panethnicity: Processes, Institutions, and Linkages. January 10, 2005. Invited colloquia, Visva Bharati, Santiniketan, India.

Domestic Violence: The US Diasporic Experience. January 13, 2005. Invited Colloquia, Visva Bharati, Santiniketan, India.

Gender and the Problems of Poor Women. January 10, 2005. Invited Colloquia, Visva Bharati, Santiniketan, India

Through 'Little Steps': Informal Networks as a Resource for Peaceful Conflict Resolution. International Sociological Association RC-01 Interim Conference. Ankara, Turkey, July 2004 (refereed).

Human Rights Through a Tagorean Lens. Celebrating Tagore Conference, Fayetteville, North Carolina, October 2004. (invited)

Can We Formulate Asian American Research Methods? Association for Asian American Studies conference, Boston, April 2004. (refereed)

Accessing Economic and Social Human Rights: Gender Theory and Lessons from India. Eastern Sociological Society conference. New York, March 2004. (refereed)

Invited Panelist. Presentation at the SWS conference on International Gender Scholarship. February Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Invited Panelist on Ethics in Community Research. "Crossroads: Critical Issues in Community-Based Research Partnerships, a national conference organized by the Institute of Community Research. June 2004. Topic: Making the Familiar Strange.

Transnational Influences on Second-Generation Ethnicity: Do racial formation and gendering processes matter? Bryn Mawr College. November 18, 2004.

Transnationalism and Ethnic Ties. Boston Asian Students Intercollegiate Conference. MIT. October 2, 2004.

Asian American Women and the New Globalization. Hofstra University. October 30, 2002.

Traversing the Terrain of McDonalidization and Clashing Civilizations: Asian American Women and the 'New' Globalization. Yale University: April 16, 2002.

Globalization, Informal Work, and Activism. National Forum on Globalization: Women in the World. Organized at the University of Connecticut Stamford Campus: December 6, 2001.

TEACHING

TEACHING & MENTORING: Undergraduate Teaching & 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.
Urban Sociology, (1999-2005 only, at West Hartford).
City Life (1999-2005 only, at West Hartford).

Undergraduate Research Projects: (major advisor unless otherwise noted)

University Scholar Projects:

- Economic Human Rights of Domestic Workers: A Comparison of the US and Singapore. 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.

Halter Project: Evaluating Rural Knowledge, Constraints, and Perceptions of Cervical Cancer Screening: A Study in Rural South India Akshayaa Chittibabu, 2016.

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 project

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.

TEACHING & MENTORING POST DOCTORAL PROJECTS

- **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).

- **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).

TEACHING AND MENTORING: GRADUATE TEACHING & RESEARCH SUPERVISION

Graduate Courses

Gender and Society: International Perspectives;
 Sociology of Immigration;
 Readings in Human Rights;
 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 (2014)
- **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)

- Michael Rosino: Racial Micropolitics in Progressive Third Party Political Organizations

- Nicolas Simon: Social Capital and First Generation Students, From Problems to Solutions.
- Trisha Tiamzon: Talking Food, Tasting Food: Diffusion, Development, and Practice of Cultural Goods.
- Erika Lorenzana del Vilar: Our Holy Grail: States, Power Networks in the Stymied Global Quest to Define Terrorism.
- Abbey Willis: Negotiating Non-Monogamies: State Projects/ Daily Life
- Koyel Khan: Between Nationalism and Neoliberal Globalization: The Practices of Indian Classical Dance.
- Ruth Hernandez: Rompiendo Fronteras”: Family Reunification and Activism in a Transnational Mexican Community.
- Devon Goss: The Paradox of Integration: Whites Entering Race-Based Organizations.
- Brandyn McKinley: Negotiating Motherhood and Intersecting Inequalities: A Qualitative Study of African American Mothers and the Socialization of Adolescent Daughters (HDFS)
- Kamryn Warren: Living Transnational Lives through the Bureaucracies of Forced Migration and Humanitarianism.
- Arnab Roy: Ethical and Empathic Universals in the Study of Indian Literary Traditions (LCL).

Associate Advisor completed:

- Barret Katuna, 2014: Breaking the Glass Ceiling? Gender and Leadership in Higher Education. (Visiting Assistant Professor, UCONN).
- 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).
- I-Ching Lee, 2006: Psychology. "Examining Intergroup Relations Across Time and Space: A Comparison Between Taiwan and the U.S." (Assistant Professor, National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan)
- Bill Armaline, 2006: Human rights and the juvenile justice system. (Associate Professor, San Jose State University and Director, Human Rights program)
- Rachel Sullivan, 2005: Inter-racial marriages and family networks. (Assistant Professor, Montgomery College)

- Beth Frankel-Merenstein, 2003: *Racial Reproduction: The Development and Expression of Racial Knowledge among Immigrants*. (Professor, Central Connecticut 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 Mabilia, 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.*
- Sage Radechowsky, 2003: *Participation in Women's Groups Dimensions of Empowerment and Effects of Political Participation in Rural Nepal.*
- Kristine Brown, 2002: *Flexible work Arrangements and Gender Inequalities.*
- Chantal Krcmar. 2001: *Becoming Asian American: Organizational Influence in the Development of Social Identity.*

Associate Advisor, completed:

- 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.
- Katie Acosta, 2005. Gay and Lesbian Latino Immigrants.
- Kevin Sullivan, 2003: Criminalization of Homelessness: A Case Study on Hartford.
- Manju Radhakrishnan. 1999: Sneha and Multifaceted Activism.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (selected 2004-2016)

Elected positions that shape the discipline are marked with an *:

INTERNATIONAL

- **World Health Organization:** Expert group member. WHO's initiative on Women on the Move: Contributions and Consequences on Women's Health. June 2016-present
- **Presidency University** (Kolkata, India), International expert group member. (2011-2015).
- **International Sociological Association (ISA):**
 - American Sociological Association's representative to the International Sociological Association 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 *)
- *ISA conferences:*
 - 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,
 - Durban 2006: one session each organized for RC-32 & RC-01.
 - Brisbane 2002: one session organized for RC-32
- **International reviews and examinations:** Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research-Social Science Division; Indian Institute for Technology (IIT) Kanpur, IIT Guwahati, University of Hyderabad, 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):**
 - 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; 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).
 - Joint session, International Sociological Association, American Sociological Association and Sociologist for Women in Society. Globalization and Gender. August 2007
 - 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-present),** 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:** 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*: 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)
- **Society for the Study of Social Problems**: Program Co-Chair 2014-2015.

REGIONAL:

- Eastern Sociological Society: 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:

- Provost's committee for the CLAS Dean's review (2014-2015)
- UCONN Institutional Review Board (2014-present)
- Graduate School, Diversity Committee (2012-present).
- 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).*
- *Asian American Cultural Center, Advisory Board (2006-2008).*
- *Teaching and Learning Institute: Member (2004-2006).*
- Presentations to student groups: 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-present.
- 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): 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, Association for Asian American Studies.

Member, Sociologists for Women in Society.

Member, Eastern Sociological Society.

Member, Society for the Study of Social Problems.

Life Member, Indian Sociological Society