POULAMI ROYCHOWDHURY

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2023 -	Associate Professor of Sociology and International Affairs, Brown University
2022 - 2023	Senior Fellow, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University
2022 - 2023	Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, McGill University
2014 - 2022	Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, McGill University
2013 - 2014	Pre-doctoral Fellow, Consortium for Faculty Diversity, Smith College

EDUCATION

2014	Ph.D. Sociology, New York University
2010	M.A. Sociology, New York University
2003	B.A. Political Science and Economics (Honors), Swarthmore College

AWARDS

Book Awards

- American Sociological Association, Human Rights Section, Gordon Hirabayashi Book Award 2022
- Eastern Sociological Association, Mirra Komarovsky Distinguished Book Award 2022
- American Sociological Association, Distinguished Scholarly Book Award, Honorable Mention 2022
- Law and Society Association, Herbert Jacob Book Prize, Honorable Mention 2022

Article Awards

- American Sociological Association, Political Sociology Section, Best Article Award 2022
- American Sociological Association, Sociology of Law Section, Best Article Award 2022
- American Sociological Association, Sociology of Human Rights Section, Best Article Award 2022
- American Sociological Association, Crime Law and Deviance Section, James F. Short Jr. Distinguished Article Award, Honorable Mention 2022
- American Sociological Association, Development Section, Best Faculty Article Award, Honorable Mention 2022
- Society for the Study of Social Problems, Arlene Kaplan Daniels Paper Award, Honorable Mention 2022

BOOKS & EDITED VOLUMES

Books

2021. Capable Women, Incapable States: Negotiating Violence and Rights in India. New York: Oxford University Press.

Awards

- American Sociological Association, Human Rights Section, Gordon Hirabayashi Book Award 2022
- Eastern Sociological Association, Mirra Komarovsky Distinguished Book Award 2022
- American Sociological Association, Distinguished Scholarly Book Award, Honorable Mention 2022
- Law and Society Association, Herbert Jacob Book Prize, Honorable Mention 2022

Book Forum

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, 2024

Author Meets Critic

- Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, 2021
- Annual Conference on South Asia, 2021
- UC Berkeley South Asia Reading Group, 2021

Book Reviews

- Rajib Nandi. 2024. Pacific Affairs, 97 (1): 206-208.
- Sarah Khan. 2023. Politics & Gender, 19 (3): 967-969.
- Joya Misra. 2022. American Journal of Sociology, 127 (6): 1935-1937.
- Tugce Ellialte-Kose. 2022. Feminist Legal Studies, 30: 376-370.

Edited Volumes

Forthcoming 2024. *Pandemic Inequality: Citizens, States, and Covid 19 in India*, with Gabrielle Kruks-Wisner (UVA). Under contract with Oxford University Press.

ARTICLES

2024. "Methodological Impasses: Facing Interrogation and Silence While Gathering Data on Sexual Violence," with Aditi Malik (Holy Cross). Special Issue on Feminist Methods. *Political Science & Politics*.

2021. "Incorporation: Governing Gendered Violence in a State of Disempowerment." *American Journal of Sociology*, 124(4): 852-888.

Awards

- American Sociological Association, Political Sociology Section, Best Article Award 2022
- American Sociological Association, Sociology of Law Section, Best Article Award 2022
- American Sociological Association, Sociology of Human Rights Section, Best Article Award 2022

- American Sociological Association, Crime Law and Deviance Section, James F. Short Jr. Distinguished Article Award, Honorable Mention 2022
- American Sociological Association, Development Section, Best Faculty Article Award, Honorable Mention 2022
- Society for the Study of Social Problems, Arlene Kaplan Daniels Paper Award, Honorable Mention 2022

2019. "Illicit Justice: Aspirational-Strategic Subjects and the Political Economy of Domestic Violence." *Law & Social Inquiry*, 44(1): 1-24.

2016. "Desire, Rights, Entitlements: Organizational Strategies in the War on Violence." *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*, 41(4): 793-820.

2016. "Over the Law: Rape and the Seduction of Popular Politics." *Gender & Society*, 30(1): 80-94.

2015. "Victims to Saviors: Governmentality and the Re-gendering of Citizenship in India." *Gender & Society*, 29(6): 792-816.

2014. "Brothers and Others: Organizing Masculinity, Disorganizing Workers." *Social Problems*, 61(1): 22-41.

2013. "The Delhi Gang Rape: The Making of International Causes." Feminist Studies, 39(1): 282-292.

BOOK CHAPTERS

2022. "Between Women and the State: Rights Brokers and Capital Accumulation in West Bengal." *Toward a Sociology of South Asia: Rethinking Politics, Labor, and Culture*. Eds. Smitha Radhakrishnan and Gowri Vijayakumar. New York, NY: Palgrave Macmillan.

UNDER REVIEW

Forthcoming 2025. "The Perils and Promises of Unequal Democracy:" with Rina Agarwala (Johns Hopkins). *Annual Review of Sociology*, vol. 51.

PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY

2022. "Why Police Sexual Harassment? Women's Rights and the Politics of Hindu Nationalism." *India in Transition*. Center for the Advanced Study of India, University of Pennsylvania.

2022. "Governing Gendered Violence" [blog post]. Law in Action. American Sociological Association, Sociology of Law Section.

2022. "Capable Women, Incapable States" [podcast]. The Great Gender Divide.

2021. "Capable Women, Incapable States" [podcast]. New Books Network.

2021. "Absence in the Time of Covid 19" [blog post]. Ethnographic Marginalia.

2018. "McGill Profs Back Students Call for External Investigation" [radio broadcast]. Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

2016. "A Call to Knowledge: Let's Gather More Data Before Rushing to Action" [blog post]. Gender & Society.

2014. "Gender-based Violence: An Index of 'Tradition' or Social Change" [blog post]. Gender & Society.

2013. "Focus on Rape in India Ignores Global Problem" [online article]. CNBC.

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

External	
2016 - 2023	Fonds de Recherche du Québec, Établissement de Nouveaux Professeurs-Chercheurs
2016 - 2021	Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada, Insight Development Grant
2013 - 2014	Consortium for Faculty Diversity, Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Smith College
2010 - 2011	National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant
2010 - 2011	Fulbright-Nehru Dissertation Research Fellowship
2009 - 2010	American Institute for Indian Studies Junior Research Fellowship
2006	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, UC Berkeley
<u>Internal</u>	
2020 - 2023	Social Sciences & Humanities Development Grant, McGill University
2015 - 2016	Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council Travel Grant, McGill University
2015 - 2017	Social Sciences & Humanities Development Grant, McGill University
2012 - 2013	Georgette Bennett Fellowship, New York University
2009 - 2010	Pre-doctoral Research Fellowship, New York University
2009	Collaborative Research Grant, with Professor Judith Stacey, New York University
2005 - 2010	Henry McCracken Fellowship, New York University

2001 - 2022 Swarthmore Foundation Grant, Swarthmore College

1999 - 2003 Presidential Scholarship, Swarthmore College

INVITED TALKS & WORKSHOPS

2025	"From Capability to Security: Hindu Nationalist Constructions of Gendered Violence" Talk: Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley
2025	"From Capability to Security: Hindu Nationalist Constructions of Gendered Violence" Talk: Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara
2024	"From Capability to Security: Hindu Nationalist Constructions of Gendered Violence" Talk: Department of Sociology, Dartmouth College
2024	"Encountering Rape: Police Killings and the Affirmation of State Legitimacy in India" Workshop Presenter: Political Violence and its Legacies, Yale University
2024	"Capable Women, Incapable States" Book Talk: Ethnographic Café
2024	Northeast Law and Society Retreat Workshop Discussant: Legal Mobilization and Access to Justice, UMass Amherst
2024	India's Political Economy Workshop Discussant: Center for the Advanced Study of India, UPenn
2023	"Why Police Sexual Harassment?" Workshop: Politics and Social Change, Harvard University
2023	"Capable Women, Incapable States" Book Talk: Department of Sociology, Northwestern University
2023	"Irregular Rights: Abortion in the US and Domestic Violence in India" Talk: Department of Sociology, London School of Economics
2023	"Encountering Rape: Sexual Violence, Deadly Force, and the Production of State Authorit Workshop: Gender/Power/Theory Network, Princeton University
2022	"Capable Women, Incapable States" Book Talk: Centre for Sustainable Development, Oxford University (virtual)
2022	"Capable Women, Incapable States" Book Talk: Open Society University Network, Bard College Berlin (virtual)
2022	"Capable Women, Incapable States" Book Talk: Feminist Theory and Practice Seminar, University of Toronto (virtual)

2021	"Capability and Incorporation: Pathways to Redress in the Aftermath of Violence" Book Talk: Center for South Asia, Stanford University (virtual)
2021	"Capable Women, Incapable States" Book Talk: South Asia Reading Group, University of California Berkeley (virtual)
2021	"Capable Women, Incapable States" Book Talk: Gender/Power/Theory Network & NYU Sociology (virtual)
2021	"Capable Women, Incapable States" Book Talk: IDInsight India (virtual)
2021	"Encountering Rape: Sexual Violence and Police Use of Deadly Force in India" Workshop: Gender/Power/Theory Network (virtual)
2021	"Sexual Harassment and Enemies of the Nation in the era of Hindu Nationalism" Workshop: Gender and Politics in South Asia, University of California, Berkeley (virtual)
2021	"Capable Women, Incapable States: Talking through Methods" Book Talk: Brown University, Department of Sociology, Providence, RI
2020	"Capable Women, Incapable States" Book Talk: Department of Gender and Women's Studies, London School of Economics
2020	"Capabilities Without Rights" Workshop: Department of Sociology, University of Southern California
2019	"Incorporation: Governing Violence in a State of Disempowerment" Workshop: Political Violence and its Legacies Workshop, Yale University
2019	"Capable Citizens: How India Outsources Justice for Gendered Violence," Workshop: Oxford University Press Annual Conclave, New Delhi
2019	"Claiming Rights While Distrusting the State: State Failure and Democratic Practice" Talk: Challenges Facing the World in the 21st Century, ISID, McGill University
2019	"Protection vs Incorporation: Why State Capacity Matters for Legal Redress" Workshop: Department of Sociology, University of Chicago
2018	"Outsourced! Solutions to Law and Order in Weak Institutional Contexts." Talk: Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University
2018	"A Sentimental Education: How NGOs Train Survivors to Want Rights" Workshop: Department of Sociology, UMass Amherst
2018	"The Governmental Strategies of Incapacitated States" Workshop: Department of Sociology, University of California Berkeley

2018	"Balancing Academia and Life" Talk: Professional Development Seminar, McGill University
2017	"Violence and Incapacitated States" Talk: Department of Sociology, Johns Hopkins University
2017	"Bureaucratic Manipulations: Outsourcing Criminal Justice to Women" Workshop: Department of Sociology, Johns Hopkins University
2016	"Going Beyond Governance: New Research Directions on States and Citizens" Workshop: Department of Sociology, Brown University
2016	"Moving the Criminal Justice System: When do Women Make Gains?" Talk: Department of Sociology, University of Toronto
2016	"How Does State Capacity Influence Case Processing?" Talk: Institute for the Study of International Development, McGill University
2016	"Dealing with Difference: Sociological/Anthropological Perspectives on Field Work" Talk: Institute for Gender, Sexuality, and Feminist Studies, McGill University
2015	"Over and Against the Law: The Politics of Sexual Violence in India" Talk: School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University
2015	"Bureaucratic Incorporation: Violence and Neoliberal Government" Workshop: Ethnography Workshop, New York University
2015	"The Extended Case Method in Practice: Reflections on Fieldwork" Talk: Qualitative Research Methods Seminar, McGill University
2015	"Illicit Justice: Measurement Issues with Gendered Violence" Talk: Institute for the Study of International Development, McGill University
2014	"Dealing with Difference: Sociological/Anthropological Perspectives on Field Work" Talk: Feminist Theories and Methods Seminar, McGill University
2013	"Power and Disempowerment: Exploring Cross-cultural Sources of Violence:" Talk: CARE Gender Violence Panel, New York
2013	"Ambivalent Citizens and the Politics of Entitlement" Talk: Department of Sociology, Smith College
2013	"The Legal Uses of Anger: Examining Recent Mobilizations against Sexual Violence" Talk: Symposium on Gender Violence, Annual Conference on South Asia
2013	"Rape, Media, and Global Politics" Talk: Visiting Speaker Series, Bard College

2012	"Illegality as Strategic Action in India's Criminal Justice System" Talk: Criminal Justice Colloquium, New York University School of Law
2012	"Abortion, Family Planning, and Women's Health: What is Happening to the GOP?" Talk: Graduate Student Conference, New York University
2012	"Has Breaking the Silence Gone Too Far? Feminism and Domestic Violence Reform" Talk: Spring Conference, New York University
2011	"The Cultural Politics of Violence: Women's Rights Campaigns in India" Workshop: Center for Human Sciences, New Delhi
2011	"Entering and Exiting the Field: Reflections on Ethnographic Research" Talk: Research Methods Seminar, New York University

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2024	Book Forum: Capable Women, Incapable States American Sociological Association Conference, Montreal, QC
2023	"Revisiting Feminist State Theory" Social Science History Association Conference, Washington, DC
2022	"Why Police Sexual Harassment?" American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Los Angeles, CA
2021	"Incorporation and Capability: Theorizing States and Gendered Citizenship" American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL
2021	"Policing Gendered Violence: Lessons from the Indian Case" American Political Science Association Conference, Seattle, Washington
2021	"The Rights Market: Why Brokers Help Survivors of Violence" Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI
2021	"Author meets Critics Session: Capable Women, Incapable States" Social Science History Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA
2020	"Capabilities as a Model of Rights Acquisition" Social Science History Association Conference, Washington, DC (canceled due to Covid-19 pandemic)
2020	"Protecting Women, Affirming Hindu Hegemony: Sexual Harassment and the BJP" American Sociological Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA
2020	"Incorporation: Governing Violence in a State of Disempowerment"

	Law and Society Association Annual Conference, Denver, CO (canceled due to Covid-19 pandemic)
2019	"Aspirational-Strategic Women: Citizenship Practices in Stalled States" American Sociological Association Annual Conference, New York, NY
2019	"States of Disempowerment: Governing Gendered Violence in Limited States" Research Committee on Poverty, Social Welfare and Social Policy, Mannheim University, Germany
2019	"Incorporation: Law Enforcement Strategies for Governing Gendered Violence" Contemporary South Asia Miniconference, Eastern Sociological Association Conference, Boston, MA
2018	"Beyond State Control: Theorizing Crime and Punishment in Limited States" Social Science History Association Conference, Phoenix, AZ
2017	"Political Parties and Gendered Violence in India" Social Science History Association Conference, Montreal, QC
2016	"Gender Violence and Incapacitated States: The Case of India" Social Science History Association Conference, Chicago, IL
2016	"Between Rights Discourse and Practice: The Significance of Institutional Capacity" American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA
2016	"Reconciliation or Resistance: The Social and Political Basis of Redress" Law and Society Association, New Orleans, LA
2015	"Rethinking Regimes: Rape and Popular Politics in India" American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL
2015	"Might Makes Rights: Sexual Violence and Citizen Ambivalence in India" Law and Society Association, Seattle, WA
2015	"Co-optive Politics: Sexual Violence, Social Change, and Governance in India" Sociology of Development Conference, Brown University, Providence, RI
2014	"Narrative Demands: The Institutionalized Incoherence of Legal Truths" Legal Studies Pre-Conference, Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI
2014	"Victims to Saviors: Rights against Violence and the Re-gendering of Citizenship" Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI
2013	"Narrative Disjunctures: Gender Violence and Conflicting Testimony" American Sociological Association, New York, NY
2013	"Dangerous Desires, Wicked Women: Exclusionary Categories in Feminist Politics"

2012	"What is Domestic About Domestic Violence?" Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI
2012	"Migrating Feminists: Mediation and Scale in Contemporary Rights Practice" Feminist South Asia Pre-conference, Madison, WI
2012	"Might Makes Rights? Using Violence to End Violence Against Women" Locating Solidarity, New School for Social Science Research, New York, NY
2012	"Narrating Abuse: Dilemmas of Feminist Legal Engagements" Institute for Public Knowledge, New York University, New York, NY
2012	"Narrative Disjunctures: Feminism, Gender Violence, and the Law" Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference, New York, NY
2011	"Women's Bodies as Political Resources: Negotiating Violence against Women" Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI
2009	"Brothers and Others: Organizing Masculinities, Disorganizing Workers" American Sociological Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA
PROFESSIO	ONAL SERVICE
Editorial 2023 - 2026 2023 - 2026 2021 - 2026 2021 - 2024 2018 - 2022	Editorial Board, American Journal of Sociology Editorial Board, Law & Social Inquiry Editorial Board, Sociological Theory Editorial Board, Gender & Society Associate Editor, Social Politics
Council & Advisory	
2023 - 2026 2023 - 2025 2019 - 2022 2017 - 2020 2017 - 2019	Council Member, ASA Global & Transnational Sociology Section Committee Member, ASA Sections Committee Advisory Board, Institute for the Study of International Development, McGill University Council Member, ASA Development Section Organizer, Law & Society Colloquium, McGill University Advisory Board, Institute for Conder Sexuality and Empirical Studies, McGill University
2015 - 2017	Advisory Board, Institute for Gender Sexuality and Feminist Studies, McGill University

Committee Chair, ASA Crime Law and Deviance, Distinguished Article Award

Committee Chair, ASA Sociology of Law Section, Distinguished Article Award

Committee Member, ASA Sex & Gender Section, Distinguished Article Award

Committee Member, ASA Political Sociology, Distinguished Article Award

Committee Member, ASA Theory Section, Distinguished Article Award

Committee Chair, ASA Global & Transnational Sociology, Scholarly Article Award

Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI

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Awards Committee

2024 - 2025 2023 - 2024

2022 - 2023

2022 - 2023

2021 - 2022

2021 - 2022

2020 - 2021	Committee Chair, ASA Development Section, Faculty Article Award
2019 - 2020	Committee Chair, ASA Development Section, Faculty Article Award
2016 - 2017	Committee Member, ASA Political Sociology Section, Distinguished Article Award
2015 - 2016	Committee Member, ASA Development Section, Faculty Article Award
University &	Departmental Service
2024 - 2025	Preliminary Exam Committee, Brown University, Sociology
2024 - 2025	Visiting Speakers Committee, Brown University, Sociology
2024 - 2025	Masters of Public Affairs Committee, Brown University, Watson Institute
2023 - 2024	Postdoc Admissions Committee, Brown University, Watson Institute
2023 - 2024	Graduate Student Admissions Committee, Brown University, Sociology
2021 - 2022	Department Contact to the Administration on Equity & Diversity, McGill University
2020 - 2022	Equity Committee, McGill University, Sociology
2019 - 2020	Events Committee, McGill University, Sociology
2018 - 2021	Graduate Admissions Committee, McGill University, Sociology
2018 - 2019	Visiting Speakers Committee, McGill University, Sociology
2016 - 2017	Graduate Committee, McGill University, Sociology
2015 - 2017	Website Committee, McGill University, Sociology
2014 - 2016	Faculty Recruitment Committee, McGill University, Sociology
2014 - 2017	Consortium for Qualitative Research Methods (CQRM), McGill University, Sociology
2014 - 2022	Development and Social Change Exam Committee, McGill University, Sociology
2014 - 2022	Sex and Gender Exam Committee, McGill University, Sociology
2014 - 2015	Visiting Speaker's Committee, McGill University, Sociology
2014 - 2015	Spring Conference Organizer, McGill University, Sociology
2012 - 2013	Gender Workshop Organizer, New York University, Sociology
2007 - 2008	Graduate Student Association Representative, New York University, Sociology
Workshop &	Panel Organizer
2018	Gender Power Theory Workshop (with Ann Orloff and Abigail Andrews), UC Berkeley
2018	Special Session: Retheorizing States (with Gowri Vijaykumar), American Sociological Association Conference
2018	Panel: Reconceptualizing Gendered States (with Ann Orloff), Social Science History Association Conference
2017	Panel: Movements and Counter-movements (with Ann Orloff), Social Science History Association Conference
2017	Regular Session: Culture and Narrative, American Sociological Association Conference
2016	Panel: States, Gender, Social Transformation, Social Science History Association Conference
2016	Panel: Redress and Recognition (with Michael Yarborough), Law and Society Conference
2015	Spring Conference, McGill University, Sociology
2015	Panel: Sovereigns Beyond the Law, Law and Society Conference
2014	Panel: The Age of Rights, Annual Conference on South Asia
2012	Panel: Legislating Conjugality, Annual Conference on South Asia
2012	Panel: Transnational Narratives, Eastern Sociological Society Conference
2011	Panel: Political Transformations in West Bengal, Annual Conference on South Asia

Discussant

Panel Discussant

2024 Gender Backlash in Global Perspective, American Sociological Association

Workshop Discussant

2024 Northeast Law and Society Retreat, University of Massachusetts Amherst

2024 India's Political Economy, Center for the Study of India, University of Pennsylvania

Author meets Critic

2022 Paige Sweet, *The Politics of Surviving*, Social Science History Association Conference

2022 Zachary Levenson, *Delivery as Dispossession*, Knowing Africa Seminar, Carleton University

2022 Gowri Vijayakumar, At Risk, Annual Conference on South Asia

2021 Chaitanya Lakkimsetti, *Legalizing Sex*, Annual Conference on South Asia

Journal Reviewer

American Ethnogologist Political and Legal Anthropology Review

American Journal of Sociology Qualitative Sociology

American Political Science Review Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society

Contexts Social Problems
Gender & Social Politics

Journal of Law & Society Social Science Research
Mobilization Sociological Theory

Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association

Law & Society Association

Sociologists for the Study of Women in Society

Social Science History Association

TEACHING & SUPERVISION

Teaching

Brown University

States, Power, Politics (Graduate Seminar)

Gendered States ((Undergraduate Seminar)

McGill University

Gender and the State (Undergraduate Lecture)

Gender and Development (Undergraduate Lecture)

Gender, Deviance, Social Control (Undergraduate Seminar)

Developing Societies (Undergraduate Seminar)

Qualitative Research Methods I (Graduate Seminar)

Qualitative Research Methods II (Graduate Seminar)

Student Supervision

Brown University

Dissertation Committee Member: Nabila Islam; Carilee Osborne; Gustavo de Almeida

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Reader: Sana Sinha

McGill University

PhD Chair: Nandini Krishnan

MA Chair: Harmata Aboubakar; Aylish Cotter; Hilary Flowers; Nathaniel Lamont

MA Research Paper Reader: Natasha Comeau; Jessica Farivar

Dissertation Committee Member: Maike Isaac; Angela Kalyta; Candice Shaw

Oral Defense Committee Member: Cassandra Cotton

Undergraduate Research Supervisor: Natasha Comeau; Ariane Kent; Ximena Villanueva

Research Assistants

McGill University

PhD: Ina Filkobski, Maike Isaac; Nandini Krishnan

MA: Aylish Cotter; Nathaniel Lamont

Undergraduate: Ralph Haddad