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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2023 - current 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

2026. *Unequal Contagion: Citizenship, Democracy, and Covid 19 in India*, with Gabrielle Kruks-Wisner (UVA). New York: Oxford University Press.

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

Book Forums

- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, 2024
- 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.

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

2025. "The Perils and Promises of Unequal Democracy: Insights from the Sociology of India" with Rina Agarwala (Johns Hopkins). *Annual Review of Sociology*, 51: 4.1-4.21.

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*, 57(2): 306-309.

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

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

2026. “Lockdown on Rights: Classed Transformations in Survivors’ Legal Consciousness.” *Unequal Contagion: Citizenship, Democracy, and Covid 19 in India*. Eds. Gabrielle Kruks-Wisner and Poulami Roychowdhury. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

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.

PUBLICATIONS IN PROCESS

2026. “Confined: Refining Intersectional Theories of Disadvantage,” with Paige Sweet (University of Michigan, Sociology). Revise & Resubmit.

2026. “In Search of a Leviathan: How Visions of State Security shape Punitive Sentiments.” Under Review.

Article in preparation for submission. “Protection as Empowerment: The Gendered Politics of India’s Authoritarian Populism.”

MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

2025. “Inequality and Democracy in India, the US, and Beyond.” *Trending Globally*. Watson School, Brown [podcast]

2022. “Why Police Sexual Harassment? Analyzing the BJP’s Women’s Empowerment Campaigns” *India in Transition*. CASI, University of Pennsylvania [blog post]

2022. “Governing Gendered Violence.” *Law in Action*. ASA, Sociology of Law Section [blog post]

2022. “Capable Women, Incapable States.” *The Great Gender Divide* [podcast]

2021. “Capable Women, Incapable States.” *New Books Network* [podcast]

2021. “Absence in the Time of Covid 19.” *Ethnographic Marginalia* [blog post]

2018. “McGill Profs Back Students Call.” *Canadian Broadcasting Corporation* [radio broadcast]

2016. “A Call to Knowledge: Let’s Gather More Data.” *Gender & Society* [blog post]

2014. “Gender-based Violence: An Index of ‘Tradition’ or Social Change.” *Gender & Society* [blog post]

2013. “Focus on Rape in India Ignores Global Problem.” *CNBC* [online article]

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 - 2007	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, UC Berkeley

Internal

2026 - 2027	Seed Grant, Division of Research, Brown University Project PI (shared with Yamini Aiyar and Bhanu Joshi)
2025 - 2026	Faculty Research Training Award, Saxena Center, Brown University
2025 - 2026	Professional Development Award, Department of Sociology, Brown University (shared with Patrick Heller)
2025 - 2026	Humanities Research Fund, Department of Sociology, Brown University (shared with Patrick Heller)
2024 - 2026	Birkelund Grant, Watson School, Brown University
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 - 2010	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

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

- 2026 “Lessons from Global Resistance against Authoritarian Regimes”
Virtual Panel Discussion with Cihan Tugal (UC Berkeley), Kim Scheppelle (Princeton), Ben Bradlow (Princeton)
- 2025 “Taking Democracy for Granted”
Keynote Address: Ethnography & Qualitative Research Conference, University of Trento
- 2025 “Rights to Protection: Reframing Women’s Empowerment for Authoritarian Democracy”
Keynote Address: Annual Economy & Society Summer Conferences, Brown University
- 2025 “Rights to Protection: Reframing Women’s Empowerment for Authoritarian Democracy”
Public Lecture: Margaret Anstee Centre Annual Lecture, Cambridge University
- 2025 Together at the Lunch Series, Watson Institute, Brown University
- 2024 “Capable Women, Incapable States”
Book Talk: Ethnographic Café (virtual)
- 2024 “Capability to Security: Redefining Women’s Empowerment in Authoritarian India”
Talk: Northeast Law and Society Workshop, UMass Amherst
- 2024 “Capability to Security: Redefining Women’s Empowerment in Authoritarian India”
Talk: Global Fellows in Courage (virtual)
- 2021 “Capable Women, Incapable States”
Book Talk: IDInsight India (virtual)

INVITED TALKS & WORKSHOPS

- 2026 “Why might authoritarian populists care about women's empowerment?”
Talk: Center for the Study of Law & Society, University of California, Berkeley
- 2025 “Rights to Protection: Redefining Women’s Empowerment in Authoritarian India”
Talk: Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley
- 2025 “Rights to Protection: Redefining Women’s Empowerment in Authoritarian India”
Talk: Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2025 “The Gendered Politics of Authoritarian Populism: A comparison of India and the US”
Talk: Department of Sociology, Dartmouth College

- 2025 “The Violence of Isolation: Covid-19 and Domestic Violence in India and the United States”
Workshop Presenter: Gender, Power, Theory Workshop, University of California, Berkeley
- 2024 “Encountering Rape: Police Killings and the Affirmation of State Legitimacy in India”
Workshop Presenter: Political Violence and its Legacies, Yale University
- 2024 “India’s Political Economy”
Workshop Discussant: Center for the Advanced Study of India, UPenn
- 2023 “Why Police Sexual Harassment?”
Workshop Presenter: 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 Authority”
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 “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”
Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, WI
- 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”

GUEST LECTURES (MOST RECENT)

2025	SOC 2390 Social Movements & Political Change, Sociology, Brown (Chris Rea)
2025	SOC 290 Ethnographic Data Analysis, Sociology, UC San Diego (Neil Gong)
2024	SOC 00190 Social Forces, Sociology, Brown (Lisa Di Carlo)
2024	SOC 1950 Senior Seminar, Sociology, Brown (Carrie Spearin)

LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

Steering & Advisory Committee

2024 -	Steering Committee, Saxena Center for Contemporary South Asia, Brown University
2023 - 2025	Advisory Committee, Center for Human Rights & Humanitarian Studies, Brown University
2019 - 2022	Advisory Board, Institute for the Study of International Development, McGill University
2017 - 2019	Organizer, Law & Society Colloquium, McGill University
2015 - 2017	Advisory Board, Institute for Gender Sexuality and Feminist Studies, McGill University

Editorial

2023 - 2026	Consulting Editor, <i>American Journal of Sociology</i>
2023 - 2026	Editorial Board, <i>Law & Social Inquiry</i>
2021 - 2026	Editorial Board, <i>Sociological Theory</i>
2021 - 2024	Editorial Board, <i>Gender & Society</i>
2018 - 2024	Associate Editor, <i>Social Politics</i>

Elected Council

2025 - 2028	Council Member, ASA Sex & Gender Section
2023 - 2026	Council Member, ASA Global & Transnational Sociology Section
2023 - 2025	Committee Member, ASA Sections Committee
2017 - 2020	Council Member, ASA Development Section

Awards Committee

2025 - 2026	Committee Chair, ASA Global & Transnational Sociology, Scholarly Article Award
2024 - 2025	Committee Chair, ASA Crime Law and Deviance, Distinguished Article Award
2023 - 2024	Committee Chair, ASA Global & Transnational Sociology, Scholarly Article Award
2022 - 2023	Committee Member, ASA Political Sociology, Distinguished Article Award
2022 - 2023	Committee Chair, ASA Sociology of Law Section, Distinguished Article Award
2021 - 2022	Committee Member, ASA Sex & Gender Section, Distinguished Article Award
2021 - 2022	Committee Member, ASA Theory Section, Distinguished Article Award
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

Brown University

2025 - current International & Public Affairs Concentration Committee, Watson School
2025 - 2026 Annual Reviews Committee, Department of Sociology
2025 - current Gender Preliminary Exam Committee, Chair, Department of Sociology
2024 - current Political Sociology Preliminary Exam Committee, Department of Sociology
2024 - 2025 Graduate Affairs Committee, Watson Institute
2024 - 2025 Masters of Public Affairs Committee, Watson Institute
2024 - 2025 Visiting Speakers Committee, Chair, Department of Sociology
2023 - 2024 Postdoc Admissions Committee, Watson Institute
2023 - 2024 Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology
2023 - current Development Preliminary Exam Committee, Department of Sociology

McGill University

2021 - 2022 Department Contact to the Administration on Equity & Diversity
2020 - 2022 Equity Committee, Department of Sociology
2019 - 2020 Events Committee, Department of Sociology
2018 - 2021 Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology
2018 - 2019 Visiting Speakers Committee, Department of Sociology
2016 - 2017 Graduate Committee, Department of Sociology
2015 - 2017 Website Committee, Department of Sociology
2014 - 2016 Faculty Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology
2014 - 2017 Consortium for Qualitative Research Methods (CQRM), Department of Sociology
2014 - 2022 Development and Social Change Exam Committee, Department of Sociology
2014 - 2022 Sex and Gender Exam Committee, Department of Sociology
2014 - 2015 Visiting Speaker's Committee, Department of Sociology
2014 - 2015 Spring Conference Organizer, Department of Sociology

Workshop & Panel Organizer

2026 Special Session: Reproductive Politics - Global Comparisons (with Catherine Taylor), American Sociological Association Conference
2024 Workshop: Reproductive Justice in an Era of Backlash, Center for Human Rights & Humanitarian Studies, Brown University
2018 Gender, Power, Theory Workshop (with Ann Orloff and Abigail Andrews), UC Berkeley
2018 Special Session: Rethorizing 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 Conjuality, 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

Workshop & Panel

- 2025 Book Workshop, Anna Wozny, *Marriage Hunting* Princeton University
 2024 Gender Backlash in Global Perspective, American Sociological Association
 2024 Northeast Law and Society Retreat, University of Massachusetts Amherst
 2024 India's Political Economy, Center for the Study of India, University of Pennsylvania
 2023 Gender/Power/Theory Workshop, Princeton University

Book Forum

- 2024 Zachary Levenson, *Delivery as Dispossession*, American Sociological Association Conference
 2022 Paige Sweet, *The Politics of Surviving*, Social Science History Association Conference
 2022 Gowri Vijayakumar, *At Risk*, Annual Conference on South Asia
 2021 Chaitanya Lakkimsetti, *Legalizing Sex*, Annual Conference on South Asia

Journal Reviewer

American Ethnologist

American Journal of Sociology

American Political Science Review

Contexts

Gender & Society

Journal of Law & Society

Mobilization

Political and Legal Anthropology Review

Qualitative Sociology

Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society

Social Problems

Social Politics

Social Science Research

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

- SOC 2330 States, Power, Politics (Graduate Seminar)
- IAPA 1807 Politics of Reproductive Justice (Undergraduate Seminar)
- SOC 1480 What's Wrong with Empowerment? (Undergraduate Lecture)

McGill University

- SOCI 600 Qualitative Research Methods I (Graduate Seminar)
- SOCI 601 Qualitative Research Methods II (Graduate Seminar)
- SOCI 255 Gender and the State (Undergraduate Lecture)
- SOCI 370 Gender and Development (Undergraduate Lecture)
- SOCI 489 Gender, Deviance, Social Control (Undergraduate Seminar)

- SOCI 550 Developing Societies (Undergraduate Seminar)

Student Supervision

Brown University

- Primary Graduate Advisor: Sonakshi Sharma; Larissa Guimaraes
- Dissertation Committee Member: Nabila Islam; Carilee Osborne; Gustavo de Almeida
- IAPA Honors Thesis Advisor: Maize Cline
- Sociology Honors Thesis Reader: Sana Sinha
- Undergraduate Teaching and Research Award Supervisor (UTRA)
 - Spring 2025: Anna Brent-Levenstein; Talia Yett
 - Fall 2024: Avani Ghosh; Gayda Mohamed
 - Summer 2024: Maize Cline; Sophia Wotman

McGill University

- PhD Chair: Nandini Krishnan
- MA Chair: Harmata Aboubakar; Aylish Cotter; Hilary Flowers; Nathaniel Lamont
- MA Research Paper Supervisor: Natasha Comeau; Jessica Farivar
- Dissertation Committee Member: Maike Isaac; Angela Kalyta; Candice Shaw
- PhD Oral Defense Committee Member: Cassandra Cotton
- Graduate Research Assistants: Aylish Cotter; Ina Filkobski; Maike Isaac; Nandini Krishnan; Nathaniel Lamont
- Undergraduate Research Assistants: Ralph Haddad
- Undergraduate Research Supervisor: Natasha Comeau; Ariane Kent; Ximena Villanueva