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EDUCATION

University of Florida, Gainesville, Hough Graduate School of Business
MBA (April 2016)

- Area of research interest: Leadership; Women in Business

University of California, Berkeley

PhD (December 2004) in South and Southeast Asian Studies

- South and Southeast Asian political history, Nationalism, British colonial / post-colonial studies
- Designated Emphasis in Women, Gender, and Sexuality

University of Wisconsin, Madison

MA (May 1998) in Asian Languages and Cultures

- In residence at the **University of Chicago**, Department of South Asian Languages and Cultures (1997-1998)
- Urdu language and literature

Columbia University in the City of New York

BA (May 1994) in Pre-Health; Women's Studies

EMPLOYMENT

Teaching & Research

- Associate Professor, Department of Religion, University of Florida (2023- Present)
- Interdisciplinary Ecology, School of Natural Resources and Environment, Affiliate Faculty and Advisory Board (2017-Present)
- Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation Faculty Fellow, Warrington College of Business Administration, University of Florida (2016-2020)
- Associate Professor, Women's Studies & Gender Research, University of Florida (2013-2023)
- Assistant Professor, Women's Studies & Gender Research, University of Florida (2007-2013)

Administrative/Leadership

- NWSA, Women of Color Leadership Project (2018)
- Graduate Program Coordinator, Women's Studies & Gender Research (2011-2016)
- Gender and International Development Certificate Coordinator (2011-2016)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- *Bodies That Remember: Women's Indigenous Knowledge and Cosmopolitanism in South Asia*, Syracuse University Press, Gender and Globalization Series, 2012. 252 pages.
- *Mahadevi Varma: Political Essays on Women, Culture, and Nation* (Edited with an Introduction pp.1-26), New York: Cambria Press, 2010. 224 pages.
Translated Poems within this collection: "The World" (p.31), "Desire" (p.32), "Pride did not disappear" (p.33), "Friend, how can I make him mine?" (p.33), "I am your vina, I am also

your melody" (p.34)

Translated Prose Essay within this collection: "My Childhood Days" (pp.37-42)

Book Reviews

- Anupama Mohan, *Utopias and the Village in South Asian Literatures*: London, Palgrave, 2011 in *Postcolonial Text*, 7:4 (2012). E-journal.
- Mahua Sarkar, *Visible Histories, Disappearing Women: Producing Muslim Womanhood in Late Colonial Bengal*: Durham, NC, and London: Duke University Press, 2008 in *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History*, 10:1 (2009). E-journal.
- Tony Ballantyne and Antoinette Burton, eds., *Bodies in Contact: Rethinking Colonial Encounters in World History*, Durham, NC, and London: Duke University Press, 2005 in *Itinerario: International Journal on the History of European Expansion and Global Interaction*, 30:1, 2006: 94-96.

Articles in Refereed Journals

- "Private and Communal Kitchens as Spaces for Rethinking Gender, Identity, and Citizenship" in *Asian Diaspora and Development*, Routledge, 2021
- "Karma and Yoga: Transformative Pedagogy and Empowering Communities through Study Abroad and Service Learning" in *Frontiers of Contemporary Education*, Vol 1, No.1, 2021.
- "I can think, I can wait, I can fast": Teaching Food Literature and Experiential Learning *Arts and Humanities in Higher Education 0(0)*, Sage Online, August 4, 2015: 0-12.
- "A Change in Aesthetics and the Aesthetics of Change: Premchand's *Bazaar-e husn* (Marketplace of Bodies) and *Sevasadan* (House of Service)" *South Asian Review*, Volume 33, Number 2: 2012: n.pag.
- "East/West Encounters: 'Indian' Identity and Transnational Feminism in Manushi" *Feminist Media Studies* Volume 9, Issue 4, 2009: 461-471.
- "Engendering the Nation: Women, Islam, and Poetry in Pakistan" *Journal of International Women's Studies*, Volume 11, Number 1, 2009: 208-224.

Blogs/Online Publications

- "Why we Need Women's Studies and Gender Research", Indiaspora: Transforming the success of Indian Americans into meaningful impact worldwide. March 16, 2015. Available at: <http://www.indiaspora.org/why-we-need-womens-studies-and-gender-research/>

Commissioned translations

- *Next Item, Study Abroad in India* (2008), Documentary on Study Abroad, Dehradun, India
- Translator, *Bombay Eunuch* (2000), Winner of Jury Prize, Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, NYC

Works-in-progress

Articles

- "Representations of Empire: *Sea of Poppies* and Trafficking in the Bengal Presidency" – completed but not resubmitted.

Books

- *Fasting & Feasting on Two Continents: History of Women, Farms, and Food (under contract with University of Florida Press)*

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Select Awards for Research

- Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Fund, University of Florida, 2022
- MEAS-USAID Action Research Grant in Amman Jordan, 2012-2014
- Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Fund, University of Florida, 2011-2012
- J. William Fulbright Foundation Senior Research Fellowship, 2010-2011

- Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Fund, University of Florida, 2008-2009
- American Institute of Pakistan Studies, 2001-2002
- American Institute of Indian Studies, 2000-2001

Select Awards for Programming

- Transnational and Global Studies Center Faculty Workshop, 2008-09
- Water, Religion, and Gender Equity in South Asia, 2007-08
- Center for Humanities in the Public Sphere, 2007

Awards for Outside Activities

- Department of Labor (Career Source) STEM-Ready Grant, 2017-2018

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS & PARTNERS

- National Center for Agricultural Research and Extension, Amman, Jordan with Dr. Samia Akroush and Asmahan Hattar (2012-2013)
- Café Associatif de la Commune de Marche d'Aligre and Slow Food Bastille, Paris, France with Marion Desmartin, Cecile Petitet, and Corinne Leveuf (2009-2011)
- GEMMA, European Commission Sponsored Gender and Migration Project, Paris, France with Dr. Monika Salzbrunn (2009-2010)
- Navdanya, Dehra-Dun, India with Dr. Vandana Shiva, Mr. Jeetpal Negi, and Mr. Darwan Singh Negi (2007-2010)

SELECT ACADEMIC LECTURES & REFEREED CONFERENCE PAPERS

- "Does Diversity and Inclusion Work in Business?" (3rd Annual Inspiring Women Leaders Conference, University of Florida, March 10th, 2020)
- "Unconscious Bias in Measuring Student Success" (USASBE, New Orleans, LA, January 5, 2020)
- "How Natural Disasters Affect Women: Lessons from Ecofeminism." (Keynote: 9th International i-Rec Conference for Sustainability and the Built Environment Resilience, University of Florida, June 25th, 2019)
- "Gender, Nation, and Food Politics." (University of Texas, Arlington, February 17-18, 2019)
- "Breaking-down Silos." (EDUCASE Conference, Denver, CO, October 31st, 2018)
- "What the Body Remembers," (International Hindi-Urdu Conference, PIIRS, Princeton University, Princeton NJ, February 2016)
- "Future of Indian Leadership: Women in Tech," (Washington DC, May 2015)
- "Kitchen Stories: Food, Domesticity, and Labor," (Oxford University, Oxford, England, October 28, 2014)
- Feminist Pre-conference on Nation & Identity (41st Annual South Asia Conference, University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 17, 2013)
- "Private and Communal Kitchens for Rethinking Gender, Identity, and Citizenship." (University of British Columbia, March 27, 2013)
- "Cosmopolitanism and Vernacular Literature: The poems of Gagan Gill." (University of British Columbia, March 28, 2013)
- "Building Social Capital among Women's Groups in Jordan." (National Center for Agricultural Research and Extension/MEAS-USAID, March 4, 2013).
- Feminist Pre-conference Roundtable on History of Feminist Resistance (40th Annual South Asia Conference, University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 22, 2011)
- "Recent Historiographical Interventions in the History of the Family in South Asia." (39th Annual South Asia Conference, University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 16, 2010)
- "Translation in Colonial Space: Language and Colonization in South Asian Literary Culture." (39th Annual South Asian Conference, University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 15, 2010)
- "Food, Feminism and Citizenship: Service Learning and Study Abroad." (Café Associatif de la Commune de Marche d'Aligre, Paris, France, April 28, 2010)

- “Private and Communal Kitchens as Spaces for Rethinking Gender, Identity, and Citizenship.” (GEMMA/EHESS Conference on Representations of Migration in Public and Private Spaces, Reid Hall, Paris, France, April 26, 2010)
- “Home and the World: Indian Women and Encounters with Transnational Feminism.” (*Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales* (EHESS), Salle des Artistes, Paris, France, January 22, 2010)
- “What the Body Remembers: Women’s Poetry in Hindi and Urdu.” (South Asian Studies Association Annual Conference, University of Central Florida, April 2-5, 2009)
- “Indigenous Knowledge and Cosmopolitanism in South Asian Poetry.” (American Comparative Literature Association, Harvard University, March 26-29, 2009)
- “Fostering Our Global Community.” (International Education Day, University of Florida, November 18, 2008)
- “Disjuncture and Difference in Feminist Transnational Practices.” (36th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 13, 2007)

TEACHING

Undergraduate

- Women and Leadership, Women and Social Entrepreneurship, What is the Good Life?, Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Women, Transnational Feminism, Rethinking Globalization, East/West Encounters: Nation and Nationalism, Gender and Food Politics, Ecofeminism

Graduate

- Advanced Feminist Theory, Feminist Challenges, Gender and Diaspora, Rethinking Globalization and Development

Study Abroad

- Honors Program in Paris, Spring Intensive in Paris, UF in India (Women, Nationalism, Food)

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT & RECOGNITION OF TEACHING

- Course Transformation Grant, UF Online, 2023
- Career Influencer Award (2020)
- Huy D. Huynh Hall of Fame inductee for Faculty Excellence in Asian American Studies (2019)
- Career Influencer Award (2019)
- Entrepreneurship Faculty Fellow Member (2016)
- Online Excellence in Teaching Award (2016)
- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Teacher of the Year Award (2012)
- Center for European Studies Course Development Grant (2012)
- CLAS Ambassador, International Educator of the Year Competition (2009)
- Internationalizing the Curriculum Award, UF International Center (2007)

GRADUATE COMMITTEES AND ADVISING

PhD

As Member

- In Progress Sayantika Chakraborty, English
- In Progress Elisha LePine, Psychology
- In Progress Tierney Shimansky, Geography
- In Progress Marcus Briggs-Cloud, SNRE
- In Progress Victoria Colvin, Psychology
- In progress Carol Rodriguez, Religion
- In Progress Liliane Poincoin, SNRE
- Aug 2021 Amanda Nichols, Religion
- Aug 2020 Lennie Jones, Linguistics
- Aug 2019 Davis Markus, Anthropology
- Aug 2018 Lili Chen, Political Science
- May 2017 Dhanashree Thorat, English

- May 2013 Christine Hanlon, Mass Communications
- May 2011 Jonathan Glover, English
- May 2010 Cortney Grubbs, English
- May 2008 Mohanalakshmi Phongsavan, English
- Not Active James Andrew Wilson, Religion
- Not Active Priyanka Ramlakhan, Religion
- Not Active Lina Benabdallah, Political Science
- Not Active Mariko Turk, English
- Not Active Yen Li Loh, English
- Not Active Amanda Yeargin, Anthropology

MA

As Chair

- May 2023 Kelsey Malles, Women's Studies
- May 2017 Hannah Frei, Women's Studies
- May 2016 Robert Baez, Women's Studies
- May 2015 Hina Shaikh, Women's Studies
- May 2014 Eric Chianese, Women's Studies
- May 2013 Kay Picart, Women's Studies & Law
- May 2013 Kelly Korman, Women's Studies
- May 2010 Meredith Kite, Women's Studies
- Dec 2009 Tanya Faublas, Women's Studies
- Dec 2008 Kathryn Turner, Women's Studies

As Member

- In progress Teagan Smith, Women's Studies
- May 2014 Elisabet V. Liminyana Vico, Journalism
- May 2014 Cheyenne Rudolph, Fine Arts
- May 2014 Roselyn Almonte, Women's Studies
- May 2014 Karina Vado, Women's Studies
- Dec 2013 Taylor Spangler, Family, Youth & Community Sciences
- May 2013 Dhanashree Thorat, English
- May 2013 Ana Szogi, Center for Latin American Studies
- May 2013 Nathalia Hernandez-Ochoa, Women's Studies
- May 2012 Kristin Augustine, Development Practice
- May 2011 Garima Thakur, Fine Arts
- May 2009 Sanam Dolatshahi, Women's Studies
- May 2009 Lola Bovell, Women's Studies

Undergraduate

- Dec 2020 Olivia Coscio, Mathematics and Sustainability Studies Honors Thesis
- Aug 2019 Rachel Feldman, International Studies Honors Thesis
- Aug 2014 Amber Paoleomillio, Honors Thesis
- May 2014 Hannah Willard, Honors Thesis
- May 2013 Meg Cusack, Honors Thesis
- May 2012 Cara Kovacs, Honors Thesis
- 2011-2012 Maritza Moulite, University Scholars Program
- 2008-2009 Robert Kowalski, University Scholars Program

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Service (Reviewer)

- Journals: *Benchmarking*, *Postcolonial Text*, *Imagetext*, *Women's Studies International Forum*
- Manuscripts: Routledge, McGraw Hill, Northwestern University Press, Oxford University

Professional Service to the Field and Community

- Fulbright United States-India Educational Foundation Application Reviewer (2023)
- Board, Kaayam Education Foundation (2020-Present)
- Reviewer and Campus Advisor, US Department of State Critical Language Fellowship, all introductory languages (2017-Present)
- CNBC Tech Disruptors Advisory Board (2020-2023)
- President, Gainesville Chapter, Slow Food International (2012-2016)
- Reviewer, US Department of State Critical Language Fellowship, Hindi (2010-2011, 2013, 2014)
- Reviewer, US Department of State Critical Language Fellowship, Punjabi (2013, 2014)
- Selection Committee, US Department of State Critical Language Fellowship, Urdu (2011-2014)
- Candidate, Virtual Fellows Program, US Department of State (2014-2016)

University Service

- Advisor, Women's Network – UF (2019-Present)
- Advisor, Womxn's History Initiative (2019-2023)
- Advisor, Students Against Incarceration (2019-2023)
- Faculty Advisor, Preview—New Student & Family Programs (2012-Present)
- Minority Students Mentoring Program (2018-2020)
- Advisory Board, African-American Studies (2011-2018)
- Advisory Board, Asian Pacific-Islander Affairs (2011-2016)
- HUM 2305 Steering Committee (2014-2016)
- CLAS Finance Committee (2013-2014)
- Advisory Board, Center for the Humanities & the Public Sphere (2011-2014)
- Member, India Working Group (2010-2014)
- Reviewer, International Center Student Scholarship (2008-2009)
- Faculty-in-Residence, Global Living-Learning Community (2007-2013)
- Member, CLAS Speaker/Lecture Series Committee (2011)

College Service

- Member & Affiliate Faculty, Center for the Study of Hindu Traditions (2006-Present)
- CLAS Teacher of the Year Committee (2014)
- CLAS Convocation, Dean's Panel (Summer 2012)
- Member, Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Fellowship (2011)
- McNair Program Instructor & Mentor (2011)
- Mentor, Women's Leadership Council (2008-2010)
- First Year Experience: Common Reading Program (2008 Summer)

Department Service

- Department of Religion Colloquium Series Organizer (2023-present)
- Department of Religion, Graduate Curriculum Committee (2023- present)
- CGSWSR, AI Search Committee (2021)
- Graduate Advisory Board (2020-2021)
- Merit Committee (2019-2021)
- Graduate Coordinator (2011-2016)
- CWSGR Director, Search Committee (2013)
- Member, Events and Programming Committee, CWSGR (2010-2014)
- Member, NGO/PVO Day Organizing Committee (2011)
- Organizer and facilitator Gender Conversations Lecture Series (2009-2010)
- Member, Curriculum Committee, CWSGR (2006-2014)
- Member, Women's Studies Council (2006-2014)

SELECT SERVICE PRESENTATIONS

- “An Anthropologist Goes to Business School.” (GAWN, Sweetwater Branch Inn, Gainesville, FL, August 15th, 2018)
- “Leading with Purpose.” (BrammerBio Women’s Leadership Program, Turkey Creek Country Club, Alachua, FL, November 14, 2017)
- “Entrepreneurship and Leadership.” (WeMaP, Women’s Mentoring and Advocacy Program, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, April 8, 2017)
- “Online platform & Application for Incentivizing and Tracking Student Engagement.” (Gator 100: The Entrepreneurial University: Cool Developments at UF, Gainesville, FL, February 10, 2017)
- “Millennials in the Workforce and How They Are Impacting Business Operations.” (Supplieside West, Las Vegas, NV, October 7, 2016)
- Women’s Students Association Leadership Conference (Gainesville, FL, 2021)
- Women’s Network Speaker Series (Gainesville, FL, February 2021)
- Hispanic Students Speaker Meeting (Gainesville, FL, 2020)
- A Feminist Goes to Business School, SHE Talks, (Gainesville, FL, 2018)
- Keynote Address, She’s the First Conference, (Gainesville, FL, 2018)
- Changing the conversation about Diversity in STEM, (Santa Clara, CA, 2017)
- Women and Leadership, Seminar on Women in Naturals/Organic Industries, (Boulder, CO, May 20th, 2016)
- Women, Leadership and Professional Development Opportunities, (Princeton, NJ, 9, November 2015 & Philadelphia, PA, 10, November 2015)
- “Florida’s Diversity and Disparities” (“Humanities and the Sunshine State: Exploring Florida’s Past, Present, and Future,” Gainesville, FL, 17 June, 2015)
- Service-Learning in the Humanities: A Workshop for Interested Instructors and Community Partners (2 February, 2015)
- U.S. Green Building Council’s Heart of Florida Chapter, Sustainable Brew Public talk (13 November, 2013)
- U.S. Green Building Council’s Heart of Florida Chapter, Green Caffeine Public talk (20 March, 2013)
- “Food Summit” Organizer and presenter, Yulee Global Programming in conjunction with the Center for Leadership and Service (18 April, 2013)
- “Bodies that Remember: Poems from India and Pakistan.” Community lecture & public reading, Alachua County Public Library (25 April, 2012)
- “Asian American Identity, Gender, and Activism.” Community lecture, Multicultural and Diversity Affairs Lunch Forum (27 March, 2012)
- “Gender and Development in South Asia.” Guest Lecture, Gender and Development Seminar (19 March, 2012)
- “Mary Wollstonecraft and Gandhi.” Roundtable on Mary Wollstonecraft’s Legacies, University of Florida (24 Feb, 2012)
- “Gender and Food Security.” Panel presentation, UF NGO/PVO Day (18 Nov, 2010)
- “Research Methods in Feminism.” Guest lecture, Department of Mass Communications (13 October, 2009)
- “Gender, Globalization and the Writing Subject in South Asia.” Guest lecture, Department of Sociology (7 October, 2009)
- “Gandhi and Women.” Invited presentation for *Born Into Brothels* film screening, Randy Batista Gallery, Gainesville (2 October, 2009)
- “How to Act Locally While Thinking Globally.” Introductory Address, *Conference on Service Learning and Global Thinking* (22 April, 2009)
- “Gender and Educating Global Citizens.” Guest lecture, UF Medical School, Psychiatric-Medicine Residents (31 March, 2009)
- “Rethinking Globalization in India.” Invited panelist, Conference on Women and Sustainability (25 March, 2009)
- “East/West Encounters.” Guest Instructor, National Consortium of Teachers on Asia Seminar

for K-12 teachers in the State of Florida (January, 2009)

- “An Introduction to Triveni Sangam: A Confluence of Classical DanceForms.” Community lecture and host, PK Yonge Auditorium, Gainesville, FL (November, 2008)
- “Building Community around Study Abroad in India.” Gender Conversations Lecture Series (November, 2008)
- “Global Citizenship and Study Abroad.” Guest Lecture, Center for Women's Studies and Gender Research (October, 2008)
- “Water and Gender in India.” Public lecture, Harn Museum of Art (September, 2008)
- “Using Research Knowledge for Gender and Social Equity in Water Project.” Collaborative presentation with the Interdisciplinary Water Working Group (March, 2008)
- “Breast Stories: Mahasweta Devi and Tribal Rights in India.” Guest lecture, Department of Religion (November, 2007)
- “Mahadevi Varma and Gandhi.” Community lecture, Indian Cultural and Education Center, Gainesville (October, 2007)
- “American-Born Confused Desi.” Workshop facilitator, Southeast Regional Conference for Asian American Leaders (October, 2007)
- “APart, Yet Apart: Coalition Building across Asian-American Communities.” Workshop facilitator (October, 2007)
- “Pink in the Black Border: Feminist Poetry from Pakistan.” Paper presentation, Gender Conversations Lecture Series (April, 2007)
- “Introduction to Devotional Literature in South India.” Public lecture and Host, Harn Museum of Art: An Andal Evening (January, 2007)

COMMUNITY BUILDING INITIATIVES

- Volunteer – Mentor
 - Building Social and Financial Capital for First-Generation College Women
- Founder/CEO, SpectApp
 - *The Spect App* (Education technology leadership platform that measures and tracks student engagement, soft-skills, and leadership on college campuses)
- UF# 15623, Invention Disclosure, Office of Technology Licensing

SERVICE AWARDS

- "A Girl's Place" Voted Best Campus Community Service Program (National Award, 2010)
- Faculty/Staff of the Month for Faculty-in-Residence Activities (National Award, 2010)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- NWSA