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EDUCATION

2009 Ph.D., Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago
2004 M.A., Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago
1998 M.A., Political Science, McGill University
1995 B.A., Social Sciences and Theater, Bennington College

RESEARCH and TEACHING INTERESTS

- Urban Anthropology
- Political Anthropology/Anthropology of the State
- Anthropology of Labor and Work
- Gender and Politics
- Social and Cultural Theory
- Anthropology of Transport, Infrastructure
- Mobilities
- Anthropology of the Body
- Kinship
- South Asia; South-east Asia

EMPLOYMENT

2018- **University of Illinois at Chicago**, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology

2012-2018 **University of Illinois at Chicago**, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology

2010-2012 **University of Chicago**, Lecturer, Humanities Collegiate Division, Department of South Asian Languages and Civilizations

2010-2012 **University of Chicago**, Senior Research Associate, Committee on Southern Asian Studies

2008-2012 **University of Chicago**, Associate Director, South Asia Language and Area Center and the Committee on Southern Asian Studies

- 2007-2008 **University of Pittsburgh**, Visiting Scholar, Women’s Studies Program
- 2008 **Carnegie Mellon University**, Project Manager, Eberly Center for Teaching and the Office of the Associate Provost for Education

VISITING ACADEMIC INVITATIONS AND HONORS

- 2019 **University of New South Wales**, Sydney, Australia Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Distinguished Visitor
- 2016 **Center for Mobilities Research (CeMoRe)**, University of Lancaster, Visiting Scholar
- 2013 **Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore**, Visiting Scholar

OTHER ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS AND SCHOLARLY CONTRIBUTIONS

- 2018-Present **American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS)**, Member of Board of Trustees
- 2017-Present **International Association for the History of Traffic, Transport, and Mobility**
Member of Executive Committee
- Fall 2017 **Mobility in History Blog**, Contributing Writer on South Asian Mobilities
- Spring 2017 **Center for the Advancement of Teaching-Learning Communities**, Teaching Scholar, University of Illinois at Chicago
- 2015-2018 **Urbanism Across Spaces, Places, Discipline Working Group**, Co-Convener, Institute for Humanities, University of Illinois at Chicago
- 2013-Present **Great Cities Institute, University of Illinois at Chicago**, Member of the Dynamics of Global Mobility Research Cluster
- 2012-Present **Committee on Southern Asian Studies, University of Chicago**, Associate Member
- 2012-Present **Global Asian Studies Program, University of Illinois at Chicago**, Affiliated Faculty

EXTERNALLY COMPETITIVE GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2019-2021 **National Science Foundation**, Cultural Anthropology Senior Research Award for “Labor webs and the Transformation of Local Transportation Infrastructures.” (Award #1917969; \$80,398)
- 2016-2018 **Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research**, Post-Ph.D. Research Grant in Socio-Cultural Anthropology for “Everyday Technologies of the Urban: Motoring and Mobilities in Bombay/Mumbai’s Taxi Trade.” [\$18,410]
- 2013 **Social Science Research Council**, Transregional Postdoctoral Fellowship (finalist)
- 2010-11 **American Institute of Indian Studies**, Senior Research Fellowship, “Taxi Drivers and Urban Change: Local Histories of Place in Mumbai’s Pathanwadi.” [\$10,000]

2005-06 **American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS) Junior Dissertation Research Fellowship**
(Nationally competitive fellowship for dissertation research in India) [\$18,000]

INTERNALLY COMPETITIVE FELLOWSHIPS

2015-16 **Institute for Humanities**, University of Illinois at Chicago, Faculty Fellowship
(Fellowship grants one academic year of research/writing leave)

2013-14 **Great Cities Institute**, University of Illinois at Chicago, Faculty Fellowship
(Fellowship grants one academic year of research/writing leave)

2007 **Alice J. Dan Dissertation Research Fellowship**, UIC Center for Research on Women and Gender
(1 awarded annually to dissertations focusing on women and gender across the University of Illinois at Chicago) [\$1,500]

2007-08 **Dean's Scholar Fellowship**, Graduate College, University of Illinois at Chicago
(Awarded to the most distinguished advanced graduate students across the University of Illinois at Chicago) [\$22,000]

OTHER TRAVEL AND RESEARCH GRANTS

2013-14 Office of Social Science Research, UIC Research Grant Support Program

2012-13 Office of Social Science Research, UIC Seed Grant

2008 University of Illinois Graduate College Student Travel Award

2007 University of Illinois Graduate College Student Travel Award

2006 University of Illinois Provost's Award for Graduate Research

2005 University of Illinois Graduate College Student Travel Award

1997-98 Graduate Faculty Differential Fee Waiver Scholarship, McGill University

1992-95 Bennington College Undergraduate Grant, Bennington College

INSTITUTIONAL/COLLABORATIVE GRANTS

Under Review (2020) Collaboration with World Resources Institute, Mexico City, Partnerships for Enhanced Engagement in Research (PEER)/USAID/National Academy of Sciences: "Gender and Safety on Urban Public Transport."

2011 University of Chicago, Carnegie Endowment Grant for Workshop on Women in South Asian Islamic Societies (collaborative outreach grant between University of Chicago's South Asia Language and Area Center, the American Institute of Indian Studies, American Institute of Bangladesh Studies & American Institute of Pakistan Studies) [Grant Amount \$5,600]

2010-2014 University of Chicago, South Asia Language and Area Center, US Department of Education, Title VI Grant; Program Personnel (Associate Director) [Grant Amount: \$ 2.8M]

2008-2010 University of Chicago, South Asia Language and Area Center, US Department of Education Title VI Grant; Program Personnel (Associate Director) responsible for implementation and programming, USED Department of Education Title VI Area Studies Grant, South Asia Language and Area Center, University of Chicago [Grant amount: \$1.2M]

2008-2010 Social Science Research Council, Chicago Muslims in their Own Voices: Lived Identity in the First Person; Program Personnel and Project Advisor (collaborative outreach grant between Center for Middle East Studies & South Asia Language and Area Center, University of Chicago) [Grant amount: \$50,000]

SINGLE-AUTHORED BOOKS

2016 The *Dashing Ladies* of Shiv Sena: Political Matronage in Urbanizing India (2016). SUNY Series in Hindu Studies. Albany, NY: SUNY Press.

(Also published in India as *The Dashing Ladies of Shiv Sena: Political Matronage in Urbanizing India* (2016). New Delhi, India: Aleph Book Company

Under Contract “(Auto)Biographies and (auto) Mobilities: Roads, Labor, and Kinship in Bombay/Mumbai’s Taxi Trade.” (University of Washington Press, Global South Asia Series; full manuscript completed and with reviewers)

SINGLE-AUTHORED BOOK MANUSCRIPTS IN DEVELOPMENT

- *Globalization, Platforms, and the Affective Labor of Motoring Men* (manuscript in development for Issues in Globalization Series, Oxford University Press).

COLLABORATIVE AND EDITED BOOKS IN DEVELOPMENT

- *South Asia on the Move: Mobilities, Mobilization, and Maneuver* (with Benjamin Linder and Aditi Aggarwal; edited volume in development for Cambridge University Press, India).

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES/ESSAYS

Submitted/

Under Review (with Aditi Aggarwal) Unspectacular Accumulation: The Multiple Lives of *Dhandha* in Contemporary Mumbai (Economic Anthropology)

Forthcoming Muna: A Profile. In Bombay Brokers: Explorations at the Ethnographic Edge, Lisa Bjorkman ed. (Duke University Press).

Forthcoming Labor/Value: Introductory Essay In Bombay Brokers: Explorations at the Ethnographic Edge, Lisa Bjorkman ed. (Duke University Press).

Forthcoming Thinking Through Urban Obsolescence: The Embodied Work of Tinkering and Repair in 20th Century Bombay/Mumbai’s Taxi Trade. International Journal of Urban and Regional Research (IJURR)

2018 *Comment* on Atreyee Sen’s “Security and Purity: Female Surveillance, Child Vigilantism, and the Moral Policing of Deviant Women in Two Radicalised Indian Slums.” Current Anthropology 59(5):560-61.

2018 Urban Histories of Place and Labour: The *Chillia* Taximen of Mumbai. Modern Asian Studies 52(5):1604-1638.

- 2017 Histories of Transport Labor, Modes of Circulation and Mobile Subjects in South Asia. Mobility in History 8:97-107.
- 2016 Taxi Drivers, Infrastructures, and Urban Change in Globalizing Mumbai. City & Society 28(3): 387-410.
- 2016 Journeys and their Afterlives Anthropology and Humanism 41(2): 196-205.
- 2016 “Network not Paperwork:” Political Parties, the *Malkin*, and Political Matronage in Western India. Politics and Gender 12(1):107-142.
- 2016 Mimicry, “Friction,” and Trans-Urban Imaginaries: Mumbai Taxis/Singapore Style Environment and Planning A 48:1012-1029.
- 2015 Stereotypes: India *In* Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures; Suad Joseph and Elora Shehabuddin, eds. Leiden: Koninklijke Brill NV (http://dx.doi.org/10.1163/1872-5309_ewic_COM_002013).
- 2014 The Everyday Politics of Hindu Lives in India. International Journal of Hindu Studies 18(3):491-499.
- 2012 Motherhood and Its Lack: Personal Loss and Political Community among *Shiv Sena* Women in Mumbai Women’s Studies International Forum 35(6):478-86.
- 2012 (with Liza Weinstein) Building Politics: Gender and Political Power in Globalizing Mumbai *In* Women’s Encounters with Globalization; Dasgupta, Driskell, Braun and Yeates (eds.). Kolkata: FrontPage Publications, pp. 157-173.
- 2007 The *Dashing Ladies* of the *Shiv Sena*. Economic & Political Weekly: 42(17), April 28, 2007.
- 2006 Feminist Theory and the Right-Wing: Shiv Sena Women Mobilize *Mumbai*. Journal of International Women’s Studies 7(4):51-68

ESSAYS/BOOK CHAPTERS/TRANSLATIONS

- Under Review* Body-Politics and the Gendered Politics of Hindu Militancy: Shiv Sena Women and Political Agency in Western India. *In* Dynamics of Female Agency in Buddhism and Hinduism; Ute Hüsken ed (Oxford University Press).
- 2019 Bedi, Tarini. Some thoughts and findings from the field: Women and the Illicit Politics of Slum-Redevelopment in Globalizing Mumbai *In* Disassembled Cities: Social and Spatial Strategies to Reassemble Communities; Elizabeth Sweet, Ivan Arenas, and Teresa Cordova eds. London; New York: Routledge. Pp. 149-155.
- 2013 Review of *Infrapolitics: The Social Life of Water in Mumbai*, by Nikhil Anand. Dissertation Reviews (<http://dissertationreviews.org/archives/6846?utm>).
- 2013 Review of *Transnationalism Reversed: Women Organizing Against Gender Violence in Bangladesh*, by Elora Halim Chowdhury Political and Legal Anthropology Review 36(2):362-364.

- 2011 Violence, Aggression and Militancy: Re-Examining Gender and Non-Liberal Politics in India; *In A Companion to the Anthropology of India*; Isabelle Clark-Deces, ed. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell Publishers. Pp. 313-331.
- 2011 Pamela B. Toler and Tarini Bedi (translator). *Ruler of India: Babur*. Peterborough, NH: Cobblestone Publishing.
- 2010 The (Im?) Possibilities of a Situated Feminist Subject in Shiv Sena: Shiv Sainiks, Governance, and *Adjustment* in Maharashtra, India *In Histories of Intimacy and Situated Ethnography*; Karen Isaksen Leonard, Gayatri Reddy, and Ann Grodzins Gold eds. New Delhi: Manohar. Pp. 21-82.
- 2009 (with Evalyn Tennant) Foreword: What the Body Remembers. *In Exhibition Catalog for artist Pritika Chowdhry (DOVA Temporary Gallery, Chicago, April-May 2009)*.

ARTICLES IN PREPARATION/REVISION

- In preparation* Labors of the Body and the Senses in Populist Politics.
- In preparation* Men, Cars, and Kinship in Mumbai.

INVITED TALKS AND LECTURES

- 2020 **Public Lecture, South Asia Working Group Workshop**, University of Notre Dame
Labor, Love, and the Work of Infrastructure in India (April 2020)
- 2020 **Faculty Fellow Roundtable**, 4th Annual Ethnography Incubator
University of Chicago (March 12-13)
- 2019 **Public Lecture**, School of Habitat Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India
Indian Automobility and Auto-Space in Urban India: *Tere Baap ka Road Hai kya?*
(December 17)
- 2019 **Public Lecture**, Reading and Writing Ethnography: Dashing Ladies of Shiv Sena Book Talk
University of Louisville (November 18)
- 2019 **Public Lecture**, Gender, Peace and Security Seminar Series, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia
(Auto) Biography/(Auto)Mobility: Motoring, Embodied Labor, and the Making of Kin in Contemporary Mumbai (June 26)
- 2019 **Keynote Lecture**, Women in Asia Conference, University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia
Body Politics and Political Militancy: Shiv Sena Women and the Many Lives of Agency in Western India (June 23)
- 2019 **South Asia Center**, Duke University
Manly Matters Workshop
The Embodied Labors of Driving in Bombay (May 3-4)
- 2019 **School of American Research**, Santa Fe, NM
SAR Seminar Participant on *Precarious Mobilities* (April 29-May 2)

- 2019 **Humanities Without Walls Symposium**, University of Illinois at Chicago
Panelist/Respondent on Care in the Anthropocene (March 1)
- 2018 **South Asia Center**, Syracuse University
The Cultural Life of Motoring: (Auto) Biographies of the Taxi Trade in Mumbai (November 6)
- 2018 **South Asia Institute**, University of Heidelberg, Germany
Workshop on Female Religious Agency,
Hindu Women and Public Politics (July 2-3)
- 2017 **South Asia Annual Conference Pre-Conference**, Madison Wisconsin
Invited participant on Thinking with India: Comparative and Theoretical Perspectives on Politics, Democracy, and Representation (October 26)
- 2017 **University of Chicago**, Materials in Focus: Working Across Media and Methods: 14th Annual South Asia Graduate Student Conference
Invited Roundtable Panelist on Materiality and the Archive (February 24)
- 2017 **The Logistical City Workshop**, UIC Institute for Humanities/UIC School of Architecture
Roads, Cross-Roads and Frictions: The Mumbai Taxi Trade in an Age of UBER (February 7)
- 2016 **Times of India Literary Festival**, Mumbai, India, Mehboob Studios
Writer's Block: Authors Give their Antidotes (December 4)
- 2016 **Times of India Literary Festival**, Mumbai India, Mehboob Studios
Political Matronage: The Dons and Cons of Mumbai (December 3)
- 2016 **Lancaster University**, Lancaster, UK, Center for Mobilities Research (CeMoRe) Sociology
Seminar: Everyday Technologies of the Urban (May 31).
- 2016 **University of Chicago**, Gender/Publics/Panics in the Global South Conference
Discussant for Panel on Urban Panics (May 5-6).
- 2016 **Fernuniversität in Hagen/Ruhr-Universität Bochum**, Symposium on Moralizing Capitalism: Agents, Discourses and Practices of Capitalism in the Modern Age, Berlin Germany
Embedded Economies of Non-Consent: Islamic Loans, Piety and Opposition in Mumbai's Taxi Trade (March 14-16)
- 2016 **University of Illinois at Chicago**, Institute for Humanities Fellow Lecture
Histories of Motoring, Materialities and Mobilities in Bombay/Mumbai's Taxi Trade (January 28)
- 2015 **Center for Commercialization of Innovative Transport Technology, Northwestern University**, Transportation YOU Mobility and Equity Panel (March 21)
- 2014 **University of Oregon, Departments of History and Asian Studies, Workshop on the City in South Asia and its Transnational Connections**
Urban Transport and Affective Labor: Taximen and the Art of Motoring (November 13-14)
- 2014 **University of Chicago, 4th Norman Cutler Conference on South Asian Literature**
Moderator and Discussant of Keynote Address, Women's Writings in Maharashtra with Vidyut Bhagwat (May 2-3)

- 2014 **Harvard University, Joint Center for History and Economics Workshop on Means of Transport: Mobility, Technology, and Energy in Modern Asia**
Motoring, Materiality, and Policing Mobility in Bombay/Mumbai's Taxi Trade (April 24-25)
- 2014 **Emory University Public Lecture, Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies**
Shiv Sena Women, Infrapolitics and Everyday Insurgencies in Mumbai (March 27)
- 2013 **Great Cities Institute Symposium, University of Illinois at Chicago, Cities Across the Globe: People and Places Across Borders**
Violence, Infrapolitics and Everyday Insurgencies in Peri-Urban Mumbai (November 20-21)
- 2013 **National University of Singapore, Asia Research Institute, Workshop on Theorizing Mobilities in/from Asia, Singapore**
Trans-Urban Imaginaries of Urban Transport: Mumbai Taxis/Singapore Style (November 14-15)
- 2013 **AHIS/IIC Lecture Series, India International Center, New Delhi, India**
Chillia Taximen and the Social Infrastructures of Labour in Mumbai (August 14)
- 2013 **National University of Singapore, Asia Research Institute Workshop on Violence, Insurgencies, Deceptions: Conceptualizing Urban Life in Asia, Singapore**
Shiv Sena Women, Political Brokerage and the Violent Politics of the Peri-Urban in Western India Mumbai (May 6-7)
- 2013 **University of Illinois at Chicago, Department of Art History Colloquium**
Infrastructures, Aesthetics and Images of the Urban in Mumbai (April 24)
- 2013 **Great Cities Institute, University of Illinois at Chicago**
The Cultural Life of Motoring: Taxi Drivers, Infrastructural Aesthetics and the Urban Subject in Mumbai (April 18)
- 2012 **University of Wisconsin, Center for South Asia Lecture Series**
The Feminization of Patronage: Urban Brokerage and the Locality of Power (April 26)
- 2012 **Stanford University, Workshop on Techniques of the South Asian City: Grids, Infrastructure and the Materiality of Urban Life**
The Politics of Place and Labor among Mumbai Taxi Drivers (March 1-2)
- 2011 **University of Chicago Alumni Study Tour, Delhi, India**
A Brief History of India (November 1)
- 2011 **University of Chicago Alumni Study Tour, Jaipur, India**
Indian Cities: Modernization and Change (November 5)
- 2011 **University of Chicago Alumni Study Tour, Khajuraho, India**
Indian Cinema: Visual and Popular Culture (November 13)
- 2010 **Hill Springs International School, Mumbai, India**
Arre Taxi: A Short Introduction to Anthropology and Research in the City
- 2010 **University of Chicago, School of Social Services Administration**
Everyday Life and Urbanization in Mumbai (June 16-17)

- 2010 **Stanford University, Conference on Nations and Nation-Building in South Asia**
Political Brokers in the Metropolis: Shiv Sena Women and the Performative Politics of Urban
Citizenship (April 28)
- 2010 **Panelist, Public Event hosted by the Organization of Women in International Trade,
Chicago** “The Economics of Human Trafficking: When Human Beings Become Commodities.”
(January 21)
- 2010 **Respondent and Panelist, University of Chicago Global Health Initiative,** “The Social
Dimensions of Global Health.”(January 22)
- 2009 **Michigan State University, James Madison College Colloquium**
Militants and Political Entrepreneurs at the Margins of the State: Women of Shivaji’s Army in
Western India. (November 20)
- 2009 **University of Chicago, South Asia Seminar**
Patrons, Power-Brokers and Political Entrepreneurs: *Shiv Sena* Women on the Margins of
Mumbai’s Film City. (April 30)
- 2009 **University of Chicago, Public Event at International House,** Terror in Mumbai: Reflections on
the Aftermath.” (January 14) ([http://chiasmus.uchicago.edu/2008-2009/southasia-090114-
mumbai.shtml](http://chiasmus.uchicago.edu/2008-2009/southasia-090114-mumbai.shtml))
- 2008 **University of Pittsburgh, Department of Religious Studies Colloquium,**
The Performative Politics of Gender and Political Violence: Women of *Shivaji’s Army* in
Maharashtra, India (April 2)
- 2007 **University of Pittsburgh, Department of Women’s Studies Seminar,**
“*I am Daring, I am Shiv Sena.*” Bravery, Visibility & Gendered Political Expression in Mumbai
(December 8)
- 2007 **Alice Dan Scholar Lecture, Center for Research on Women and Gender, UIC,**
Piety, Violence and the Politics of Performance (November)
- 2006 **Roundtable, PUKAR Gender and Space Project, Mumbai, India,**
Shiv Sena Women in ‘Public:’ Gender, Performance, and the Politics of Visibility in Mumbai
(April)

REPORTS AND CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- 2008 Susan Ambrose, Tarini Bedi, Ann Fay, & Brian Junker. Report of the Assessment Task Force,
Eberly Center for Teaching, Carnegie Mellon University
- 2003 Michael Lieber, Tarini Bedi, and Michelle Choi. Evaluation Report for Community Health
Project REACH 2010 (Submitted to Chicago Department of Public Health).
- 2003 Emily E. Anderson, Tarini Bedi, Michelle J. Choi, and Nada Mlinarevich. Leadership in Public
Health: Ethical Issues in Community-Based Collaborative Research, 6(2):29-38. Summer.
- 2003 Tarini Bedi. Ethnonationalism and the Politics of Identity: The Cases of Punjab and Assam;
Published by National Library of Canada (Ottawa), Canadian Theses Series.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**Service to Department:**

- Search Committee, Bridge to the Faculty Postdoctoral Fellowship, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago (2020)
- Search Committee, Visiting Assistant Professor of Forensic Anthropology/Bio-archaeology, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago (2019)
- Organizer, Anthropological Innovations Seminar Series, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago (2018-Present)
- Advisory Committee, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago (2017-2018)
- Visiting Assistant Professor Search Committee, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago (2017-18)
- Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago (2017-Present)
- Curriculum Committee, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago (2016-17)
- Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago (2017-18).
- Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago (2016-17)
- Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago (2015-16)
- Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago (2014-15).
- Graduate Fellowship Committee, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago (2012)

Service to College/University:

- Executive Committee, Graduate College, University of Illinois at Chicago (2019-Present)
- Faculty Mentor for New Faculty, Office of the Vice-Provost for Faculty Affairs University of Illinois at Chicago (2017)
- Focus Group Participant for IRB Protocol Process Improvement, Office of the Chief Information Officer, University of Illinois Systems, University of Illinois at Chicago (2017)
- Alice J. Dan Fellowship Committee, University of Illinois at Chicago (2013-2019)
- LAS Educational Policy Committee, University of Illinois at Chicago (2014-17)
- Search Committee, Middle-East Cluster Senior Search, University of Illinois at Chicago (2014-15)
- Selection Committee, Great Cities Institute Faculty Scholar Program (2014)
- Reviewer, Graduate College Chancellor's Award, University of Illinois at Chicago (2013; 2014; 2016)
- Interview Committee, Fulbright Fellowships, University of Illinois at Chicago (2013)
- Internal Advisory Committee, Marshall Fellowships, University of Illinois at Chicago (2012)
- Advisory Board, Center for Research on Women and Gender, University of Illinois at Chicago (2013-)
- Interview Committee, Marshall and Rhodes Scholarships, University of Illinois at Chicago (2012)

Service to the Profession:

- Fellowship Selection Committee, American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS)
- Elected Member to the Board of Trustees, American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS) (2018-2020)
- Executive Committee, International Association for the History of Traffic, Transport and Mobility
- Advisory Panelist, National Science Foundation, Cultural Anthropology Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant Program
- Grant Reviewer, American Philosophical Society (APS)
- Ad-hoc Reviewer, National Science Foundation, Cultural Anthropology Program

- Member/Advisor, Asia Portfolio for *Transfers: Interdisciplinary Journal of Mobilities Studies*
- Peer Reviewer for the following journals: *Urban Studies*, *Women's Studies International Forum*, *Cultural Anthropology*, *SIGNS: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*, *American Ethnologist*, *Ethnos*, *Journal of Historical Sociology*, *Contemporary Social Science*, *Transfers: Interdisciplinary Journal of Mobilities Studies*, *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*, *City and Society*, *Environment and Planning A*, *Current Anthropology*, *Politics and Gender*, *Journal of Alternative & Comparative Medicine*, *Journal of Food, Culture and Society*, *Gender and Society*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Mobilities*
- Project Advisor, "Chicago Muslims in their Own Voices (Grant from the Social Science Research Council to the University of Chicago; 2008-09).
- Advisor, National Endowment for the Humanities Grant on Digitizing Census of India(2010)
- Board Member, South Asia Summer Language Institute (SASLI) (2008-2012)
- Member of Award Committee for the South Asian Children's Book Award (2011-12)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND PARTICIPATION

As Panel Chair/Organizer/Discussant

- 2018 Co-Organizer of Symposium Session (with Michele Friedner and Rashmi Sadana) "The Fix in South Asia," Annual Conference of South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison (October 11-14).
- 2018 Discussant and Chair of Panel "Urban Issues," 20th Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference, University of Chicago (March 17).
- 2017 Discussant and Chair of Panel, "Technologies and Mythologies of Mobility in South Asia," 46th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, (October 27)
- 2011 Chair of Panel, "Arre Taxi!: Taxi Drivers and the Politics of Labor and Work in South Asia and the Diaspora." 40th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, (October 20-23)
- 2009 Chair and Organizer of Panel "Experiencing the State, Creating Political Community: Ethnographic Reflections." 38th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, (October 22-25th)
- 2009 Chair and Discussant of Panel "New Musical Agencies: Urban Media, Markets, and Mobilities," Soundworks: Musicians and Media in South Asian Cities, Franke Institute for the Humanities, University of Chicago, (May 14-15)
- 2007 Chair of Panel "India, Art, and Social Action." 36th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, (October 11-14).
- 2007 Co-Organizer and Chair of Panel "The Social and Political Histories of Urban Space in India;" 32nd Social Science History Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL, (November 15-18)
- 2007 Co-Organizer of Research Roundtable, Collaborative Possibilities in Global Women's Health, Center for Research on Women and Gender/Center of Excellence in Women's Health, University of Illinois at Chicago,(April 4)
- 2007 Co-Organizer of Research Roundtable: Global Women's Health: New Research Possibilities and New Directions, Center for Research on Women and Gender/Center of Excellence in Women's Health, University of Illinois at Chicago, (March 1)

2004 Chair, Politics, Religion, and Law in Post/Colonial India. 33rd Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, (October 15-17)

As Paper Presenter and Author:

- 2016 Embedded Economies of Non-Consent: Islamic Loans, Piety and Opposition in Mumbai's Taxi Trade; International Association for the History of Traffic, Transport and Mobility Conference, Mexico City (October 26-30).
- 2014 The Social Life of Repair: Roads, Cars and the Artifacts of Infrastructure in Contemporary Mumbai; South Asian Feminisms Pre-Conference, Madison, Wisconsin (October 16)
- 2014 Trans-Urban Imaginaries and Local Frictions: The Mumbai Taxi-Trade/Singapore Style; International Association for the History of Transport, Traffic and Mobility Annual Conference; Center for Mobilities Research and Policy, Drexel University, Philadelphia (September 18-21)
- 2012 Taxi-Drivers, Infrastructural Aesthetics, and Urban Transformations in Mumbai, 111th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (November 14-18)
- 2012 The Embodied Experience of Danger: Spatial Bodies and Public Sites of Transformation for Shiv Sena Women, 41st Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison (October 11-14)
- 2011 Urban Histories of Place and Labor: The Chhillia Taximen of Mumbai; 40th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, (October 20-23)
- 2011 Informal Networks and Political Patronage: Shiv Sena Women and the Gendered Politics of Urban Power; Association for Asian Studies/International Convention of Asia Scholars, Honolulu, HI (March 31-April 2).
- 2009 Regional Media, Television, and the Female Shiv Sainik in Maharashtra; 38th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison (October 22-25th)
- 2009 Urban-Fixers and Informal Networks: New Approaches to the Politics of Patronage in Maharashtrian Cities; Maharashtra Studies Group Meeting at the Association of Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Chicago (March 26-29)
- 2008 The Embodied Experience of Violence and Danger: Public Sites of Transformation for Shiv Sena Women; The Body in South Asian Feminism Pre-Conference, Madison, Wisconsin (October 16)
- 2008 Hindu Nationalist Politics on the Moral Margins: Female Shiv Sainiks, Social Justice and Political Community in Pune's Red-light District; 37th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison (October 16-19)
- 2008 Party Politics, Informal Networks, and the Emergence of Female Patrons in India's Global Cities; 20th European Conference on Modern South Asian Studies Annual Meeting, Manchester, UK (July 8-11)
- 2007 Regional Media, Television, and the Female *Shiv Sainik* in Maharashtra, India; 106th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (November 28-Dec 2)

- 2007 Local Power-Brokers, the State, and Alternative Visions of the Law: The Gendered Politics of Redevelopment around Mumbai's Film-City; 36th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison (October 11-14)
- 2007 The (Im?)Possibilities of the Feminist Subject in *Shiv Sena*: "Ladies," *Shiv Sainiks*, and "Adjustment" in Maharashtra; South Asian Feminisms Pre-conference, Madison, Wisconsin (October 11)
- 2007 Local Histories of Legality and Aesthetics on the Margins of Mumbai's Film City; 32nd Social Science History Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL (November 15-18)
- 2007 Shiv Sena Women and Visual Politics: Gendered Political Expression in Urban India; 2007 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois (August 30-Sept 3)
- 2006 Shiv Sena Women and the Engendering of Urban Space: The Dilemmas and Possibilities of Feminist Fieldwork among Women of the Right-Wing in India; "Toward a feminist public anthropology: ethnographies of method, collaboration and activism," at the 105th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA (November 15-19)
- 2006 Women and Visual Politics in Maharashtra: The *Dashing Ladies* of the Shiv Sena; 35th Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison (October 19-22)
- 2006 Performances of Gender and Class: The Shiv Sena's *Mahila Aghadi*; American Institute of Indian Studies Fellows Conference. New Delhi, India (January 9-10)
- 2005 The Rhetoric of Hate: An Analysis of Gender and Metaphor in Hate Speech; Midwestern Conference on Culture, Language and Cognition, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL (May 13-15)
- 2005 Women's Militancy and the Politics of Urban Space: Women of the Shiv Sena in India; 63rd Midwest Political Science Association National Conference, Chicago, IL (April 7-10)
- 2004 Make Way for the "Mumbaikar:" Shiv Sena Women and the Politics of Urban Identity; 33rd Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison (October 15-17)
- 2004 Hindutva and the Making of Middle-Class Experience in the Chicago Diaspora: A Neo Weberian Approach; The Chicago School of Ethnography: Past Present and Future Conference, Northwestern University (February 21)
- 2004 Hindutva and the Making of Middle-Class Experience in the Diaspora: A Neo-Weberian Approach; Covering New Ground: Explorations in Humanities Research, Institute for Humanities, University of Illinois at Chicago (February 13)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois at Chicago:

- 2020 (Spring) **Primary Instructor:** Department of Anthropology
- ANTH 501 Social and Cultural Theory (Graduate)
- 2019 (Spring) **Primary Instructor:** Department of Anthropology
- Anth 594 Special Topics in Mobilities (Graduate)
 - Anth 207 Global Asian Cities (Undergraduate)

- 2018 (Fall) **Primary Instructor:** Department of Anthropology
- Anth 594 Advanced Writing and Publishing in the Discipline (Graduate)
 - Geog 161 Introduction to Economic Geography (Undergraduate)
- 2018(Spring) **Primary Instructor:** Department of Anthropology
- ANTH 594 Anthropology of the State (Graduate)
 - GEOG 161 Introduction to Economic Geography (Undergraduate)
- 2017 (Spring) **Primary Instructor:** Department of Anthropology
- ANTH 501 Social and Cultural Theory II (Graduate)
- 2016 (Fall) **Primary Instructor:** Department of Anthropology
- GEOG 161 Introduction to Economic Geography (Undergraduate)
 - ANTH 594 Ethnographic approaches to Politics/Political Anthropology (Graduate)
- 2015 (Spring) **Primary Instructor:** Department of Anthropology
- ANTH 501 Social and Cultural Theory II (Graduate)
- 2014 (Fall) **Primary Instructor:** Department of Anthropology
- ANTH 411 Urban Cultural Problems (Undergraduate/Graduate)
- 2013 (Spring) **Primary Instructor:** Department of Anthropology
- ANTH 411 Urban Cultural Problems (Undergraduate/Graduate)
 - ANTH 494 Ethnographic Approaches to Politics (Undergraduate/Graduate)
- 2012(Fall) **Primary Instructor:** Department of Anthropology:
- ANTH 418 Ethnographic and Qualitative Methods (Undergraduate/Graduate)
- 2003-04 (Fall/Spring) **Teaching Assistant:** Department of Anthropology
- ANTH 100 The Human Adventure (Undergraduate)
- University of Chicago:**
- 2012 (Winter) **Primary Instructor:** Department of South Asian Languages and Civilizations
- Bombay/Mumbai: Urban Life/Urban Politics (Undergraduate)
- 2011 (Spring) **Primary Instructor:** Department of South Asian Languages and Civilizations
- Bombay/Mumbai: Urban Life/Urban Politics (Undergraduate)
- McGill University:**
- 1998 (Spring) **Co-Instructor:** Department of Political Science
- Political Change in South Asia (Undergraduate)
- 1997 (Fall) **Teaching Assistant:** Department of Political Science
- Political Change in South Asia (Undergraduate)
- 1997 (Spring) **Teaching Assistant/Grader:** Department of Political Science
- The Politics of Ethno-nationalism (Undergraduate)

SUPERVISION OF DOCTORAL STUDENTS

- 2019-Present **Doctoral Advisor** for Doyeon Shin, Doctoral Candidate in Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago
- 2019-Present **Doctoral Advisor** for Nirupama Jayaraman, Doctoral Candidate in Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago
- 2018-Present **Doctoral Co-Advisor** (with Mark Liechty) for Lakshita Malik, Doctoral Candidate in Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago
- 2016-Present **Doctoral Advisor** for Aditi Aggarwal, Doctoral Candidate in Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago
- 2016-Present **Doctoral Advisor** for Josephine Chaet, Doctoral Candidate in Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago
- 2014-Present **Doctoral Advisor** for Alize Arican, Doctoral Candidate in Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago

SERVICE ON DOCTORAL COMMITTEES

- 2019 **External Dissertation Reader** for Maansi Parpiani, Doctoral Candidate in Anthropology, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2019-Present **Dissertation Committee** for Andrew Born, Doctoral Candidate in Urban Planning, University of Illinois at Chicago
- 2017-2019 **Dissertation Committee** for Amy Shoenecker, Doctoral Candidate in Political Science, University of Illinois at Chicago (PhD granted in 2019; Currently Assistant Professor, University of Hartford)
- 2016-Present **Dissertation Committee** for Kevin Suemnicht, Doctoral Candidate in Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago.
- 2015-Present **Dissertation Committee** for Kendall Hills, Doctoral Candidate in Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago
- 2014-2019 **Dissertation Committee** for Benjamin Linder, Doctoral Candidate in Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago (PhD Granted in 2019; Currently Postdoctoral Researcher at National University of Singapore)
- 2014-Present **Dissertation Committee** for Caitlin Dye, Doctoral Candidate in Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago
- 2014- Present **Dissertation Committee** for Rupal Satra, Doctoral Candidate in Sociology, University of Illinois at Chicago
- 2014-Present **Dissertation Committee** for Ellen Kang, Doctoral Candidate in Anthropology Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago
- 2013-Present **Dissertation Committee** for Sarah Manandhar, Doctoral Candidate in Anthropology, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago

- 2013-2015 **Dissertation Committee** for Molly McGown, Doctoral Candidate in Anthropology and Global Health, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago
- 2013-2015 **Dissertation Committee** for Laura Nussbaum-Barberena, Doctoral Candidate in Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago (PhD. Granted in 2015; Currently Associate Director of Student Research, Roosevelt University)
- 2013-2015 **Dissertation Committee** for Rehanna Kheshgi, Doctoral Candidate in Ethnomusicology, Department of Music, University of Chicago (PhD. Granted in 2015; Current Position: Assistant Professor, St. Olaf College)

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING

- 2018-2019 **Honors Thesis Advisor**, Honors College for Ana Criollo, Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago (BA Hons granted in 2019).
- 2014-2015 **Honors Thesis Reader**, for Bridget Hansen, Bachelor of Arts Candidate, Anthropology and Classics, University of Illinois at Chicago
- 2012- Present **Honors Thesis Reader** for Catherine Sauer, Bachelor of Arts Candidate, Anthropology, University of Illinois at Chicago
- 2011-2012 **Thesis Advisor** for Glynis Fagan, Bachelor of Arts Candidate, Anthropology and South Asian Studies, The University of Chicago
- 2011-2012 **Thesis Advisor** for Neha Premjee, Bachelor of Arts Candidate, Undergraduate International Studies and Public Policy Program, The University of Chicago
- 2010 **Faculty reader** for Clare Wolfe, Honors Thesis, Department of South Asian Languages and Civilizations, The University of Chicago
- 2009-10 **Thesis advisor** for Claire Gill, Bachelor of Arts Candidate, Undergraduate International Studies Program, The University of Chicago

OTHER PROFESSIONAL AND EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 2007 Ethnographer, Midwest Network on Female Genital Cutting & UIC Center for Research on Women's Health, University of Illinois
- 2006-07 Qualitative Researcher and Focus Group Moderator, WISEST Program (Women in Science and Engineering) Chicago, Center for Research on Women and Gender, University of Illinois at Chicago
- 2003 Member of Evaluation Team for Project REACH 2010, Chicago Department of Public Health
(Assessment of Community Health Project in West Chicago)
- 1998-2003 Research Director and Qualitative Research Specialist, The Gallup Organization, (Atlanta, Seattle, and Chicago and Washington DC locations)
- 1995-96 Research Associate, H.M. Long International, Ltd, New York, NY
- 1995 Research Intern, The Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, New York, NY

LANGUAGE SKILLS: Hindi: Native fluency
Urdu: advanced speaking; elementary reading
Marathi: advanced speaking and reading
Gujarati: elementary speaking and reading
Punjabi: advanced speaking; elementary reading
French: beginning reading and speaking