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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Boston University, Pardee School of Global Studies
Advanced Assistant Professor of Global Development Policy, August 2019 - Present
Core Faculty, Global Development Policy Center, August 2019 - Present

New York University Abu Dhabi
Assistant Professor of Political Science, Fall 2013 - August 2019

New York University New York
Global Network (Affiliated) Professor, Fall 2013 - August 2019
Integration year, Fall 2013 - Spring 2014

EDUCATION

Stanford University, Department of Political Science, 2006-2013
PhD in Political Science
Dissertation: "The Political Economy of Gender-Equalizing Reform in Rural India"

London School of Economics, Development Studies Institute, UK, 2004-2005
Msc in Development Management, *Distinction on Thesis*

Oxford University, Refugee Studies Centre, UK, 2003-2004
MSc in Forced Migration

Mount Holyoke College, 1999-2003
BA in International Relations & African Studies, *Summa Cum Laude*

RESEARCH AND TEACHING FIELDS

Primary fields: Comparative Politics, Political Economy of Development
Secondary fields: Gender, South Asia, Representation, Inequality, Migration

PUBLICATIONS: BOOK

Women's Representation & Resistance: Positive and Perverse Consequences of Indian Laws for Gender Equality. Forthcoming. Cambridge University Press.

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

"Reform, Representation and Resistance: The Politics of Property Rights' Enforcement." Forthcoming. *Journal of Politics*.

"Women's Inheritance Rights Reform and the Preference for Sons in India" (with Sanchari Roy and Sonia Bhalotra). 2018. *Journal of Development Economics*.

"Accounting for Accountability: Local Government and Social Equity in India." 2015. *Asian Survey*, Vol. 55(5), Special Edition on State Capacity in India.

WORKING PAPERS

"Culture, Capital & the Gender Gap in Political Economy Preferences: Evidence from Meghalaya's Tribes" (with Nikhar Gaikwad). (Under Review)

- 2017. Winner, *Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)'s Pi Sigma Alpha Award for Best Paper Overall*, Presented at the MPSA Annual Conference, April 2017.
- 2017. Winner, *Midwest Political Science Association's Kellogg/Notre Dame Award for Best Paper in Comparative Politics*, Presented at the MPSA Annual Conference, April 2017.

"Representing Multi-dimensional Diversity: The Political Economy of Gender & Caste in Contemporary India" (with Aliz Tôth).

“More Than Just Proxy Power: The Determinants of Decision-making Influence Among India’s Local-level Representatives” *Pre-Analysis Plan* (with Simon Chauchard and Alyssa Heinze).

“Women’s Inheritance Rights Reform and the Preference for Sons in India” (with Sanchari Roy and Sonia Bhalotra). 2017. *IZA Discussion Paper No. 11239*.

“Land Rights Without Law: Property Rights Institutions, Growth, & Development in India.” 2009. *CDDRL Working Paper Number 98, Stanford University*.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Land Rights Without Law: Property Rights Institutions, Growth, & Development in India,” in *Law and Economy in India*, T. Heller & E. Jensen, Eds. Forthcoming. *Oxford University Press India*.

“Audacious Institutions: Negotiating land tenure in pre-conflict Sri Lanka, *Putting Land First? Exploring the Links Between Land & Poverty*. Conference Proceedings: 6th Annual Symposium on Land & Poverty in Sri Lanka. 2006. Centre for Poverty Analysis, Colombo.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

“Invisible Institutionalism” (book manuscript contribution, edited by Swethaa Ballakrishnen and Sara Dezalay)

“More Than Just Proxy Power: The Determinants of Decision-making Influence Among India’s Local-level Representatives” (with Simon Chauchard and Alyssa Heinze)

“Measuring Women’s Representation: Lessons Learned & Existing Puzzles” (with Sarah Khan)

“Networks & the Political Economy of Women’s Empowerment: Investigating the Enduring Results of Two Natural Policy Experiments in India” (with Jenn Larson and Solédad Prillaman)

“Research And Policy Innovation for Development in Challenging Contexts (RAPID): Translating Welfare Enhancing Development Interventions from Non-conflict to Conflict-affected Countries” (with Dana Burde, Cyrus Samii, and Rebecca Wolfe)

“Resources, Rights, & Restraint: The Impact of Dynamic Economic & Social Resources on Political Preferences across India” (with Nikhar Gaikwad)

“Toward Autonomous Participation: Empowering Women in Local Government in Nepal,” (with Sarah Khan and Solédad Prillaman)

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND HONORS

2017. **Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)’s Pi Sigma Alpha Award for Best Paper Overall**, for “Culture, Capital and the Political Economy Gender Gap: Evidence from Meghalaya’s Matrilineal Tribes,” with Nikhar Gaikwad, presented at the MPSA conference, April 2017.

2017. **Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)’s Kellogg/Notre Dame Award for Best Paper in Comparative Politics**, for “Culture, Capital and the Political Economy Gender Gap: Evidence from Meghalaya’s Matrilineal Tribes,” with Nikhar Gaikwad, presented at the MPSA conference, April 2017.

2017-2018. **CVoter Foundation**, Corporate Social Responsibility Grant.

2017-2019. **Research & Empirical Analysis of Labor Migration**, Grant on “Gendered Differences in the Causes and Consequences of Migration: Experimental Evidence from India and the United Arab Emirates” (with Nikhar Gaikwad). Granted by Columbia University’s Interdisciplinary Center for Innovative Theory and Empirics (INCITE). Declined.

2012, 2008. **Center for South Asia, Stanford University**, Doctoral Student Research Grant.

2010-2011. **National Council for Applied Economic Research**, Doctoral Fellowship, Delhi, India.

2007-2008. **Center for Democracy, Development & Rule of Law, Stanford University**,

Pre-doctoral Fellowship.

2004. **St. Cross College, Oxford University**, Research Grant.

2003. **Marshall Scholarship**.

2002. **Truman Scholarship**.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2019: Political Economy of South Asia, Johns Hopkins-SAIS and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, D.C. (“Representing Multi-dimensional Diversity”); “Invisible Institutionalism” Book Workshop, Onati, Spain (“The Political Economy of Backlash: What do we know?”); “New Directions in Research on Identity and Governance,” Monash University Centre, Prato, Italy (“Representing Multi-dimensional Diversity”); American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. (“The Long Arm of Resistance: Refusal to Care for Parents”)

2018: University of California at Berkeley Comparative Politics Workshop (“Reform, Representation and Resistance: The Politics of Property Rights’ Enforcement”); Institutions and Political Inequality Research Group at the Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung (WZB or Berlin Social Science Center: “Women’s Representation and Resistance”); Empirical Gender Research Network (E-GEN), Vanderbilt University (“Gender & Migration,” with Nikhar Gaikwad); Gender Brown Bag, New York University Abu Dhabi (“Women’s Representation & Resistance”); The Center for the Advanced Study of India (CASI) at the University of Pennsylvania (“The Long Arm of Resistance: Parental Care & Backlash”)

2017: Columbia Comparative Politics Workshop (“Refracted Reform: On the Origins of Indian Laws for Gender Equality & their Perverse Consequences”); European Conference on Politics and Gender, Panel on Women’s Political Behavior in History (“Refracted Reform”); Conference on “Child Development in India: The First 4000 Days,” The Center for Advanced Studies on India (CASI) at the University of Pennsylvania (“Women’s Inheritance Rights and the Preference for Sons in India”)

2016: APSA (“Representation, Reform & Resistance: The Politics of Property Rights’ Enforcement”); Annual South Asia Conference, University of Wisconsin/Madison (“Culture, Capital & the Gender Gap in Political Economy Preferences: Evidence from Meghalaya’s Tribes,” with Nikhar Gaikwad); Development Economics and Policy Conference at Heidelberg University (“Representation, Reform & Resistance”); European Conference on South Asian Studies (“Culture, Capital & the Gender Gap,” with Nikhar Gaikwad); Georgetown University, Comparative Government Coffee (“Representation, Reform & Resistance”); International Political Economy Society’s Annual Meeting (“Culture, Capital & the Gender Gap,” with Nikhar Gaikwad); Midwest Political Science Association (“Culture, Capital & the Gender Gap,” with Nikhar Gaikwad); Southern Economics Associations Annual Conference (Presidential Panel on Gender and Political Economy, “Culture, Capital & the Gender Gap,” with Nikhar Gaikwad)

2015: Midwest Political Science Association (“Do Cultural Norms Explain the Gap in Political Preferences? Evidence from a Matrilineal Society”); APSA (“States and Gender Revolutions”); Book Conference at NYU NY (“Refracted Reform: Positive & Perverse Consequences of Indian Laws for Gender Equity”)

2014: University of Wisconsin/Madison, Annual South Asia Conference (“States and Gender Revolutions”); APSA (“Does Granting Greater Inheritance Rights to Women Limit Son-preferring Behavior? Evidence from a Natural Experiment in India?”)

2013: Bristol University, Centre for Market and Public Organization, Political Economy & Public Services Conference (“Gender Equity and Inheritance Reform: Evidence from Rural India”) University of Wisconsin/Madison, Annual South Asia Conference (“Accounting for Accountability: Local Governance & Gender Equality in Rural India”); University of California, Berkeley workshop on State Capacity in India & Yale University, Modern South Asia Workshop (“Gender Equity and Inheritance Reform”)

2012: APSA (“India Workshop”: The Perils of Opinion Surveys in India); Stanford University Center for South Asia, South Asia by the Bay Graduate Student Conference (“Negotiations in Property Rights, Gender & Identity in Rural India”); “Democratic Reform & Information Technology: Catalyst for Progress or Backlash?); London School of Economics and The School of Oriental and African

Studies (“When Reform Works: On the Legal Impact of Gender-Equalizing Property Rights Law in Rural South India”)

2011: University of Wisconsin/Madison, Annual South Asia Conference (“Gender & Finance”); APSA (“Counter-intuitive Institutional Reform”), Universit d’Aix-Marseille, Institute of Public Economics, Journes Louis-Andr Grard-Varet Conference in Public Economics (“Gender Discrimination”), PRIO, Oslo (“When Reform Works: A Theory of Individual Legal Impact in Rural India”)

2010: APSA (“Political Participation & Clientelism in Changing Economic Circumstances”); National Council of Applied Economic Research, IDRC & Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, India (“Decentralization, Rural Governance and Inclusive Growth”)

2009: APSA (“Political Engagement & Governance in Developing Democracies”); Law & Economy in India at Stanford & Center for Policy Research, Delhi, India (“Land Rights without Law”)

RELEVANT ACTIVITIES

American Political Science Association, *Professional Member*, 2013-Present.

- 2019. **American Political Science Association, 2019 MENA Workshop, “Women & Politics: MENA Experiences”**, *Organizer, with Aili Tripp, Hanane Darhour, Liv Tonnessen, and Naima Benlarabi*, Summer-Fall 2019.
- 2019. **American Political Science Association, 2019 Annual Meeting, “Unintended Consequences of Reforms for Gender Equality,”** *Panel Convener*, Fall 2019.
- 2014. **American Political Science Association, 2014 Annual Meeting, “Gender, Political Engagement & Public Goods Across India,”** *Panel Convener*, Fall 2014.

Reviewer, *American Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Comparative Political Science, Journal of Comparative Politics, Journal of Economics & Politics, World Politics.*

WZB Berlin Social Science Center, “Institutions and Political Inequality” Research Unit, led by Prof. Macartan Humphreys, *Visiting Researcher*, Summer 2018, 2019.

Empirical Gender Research Network (E-GEN), *Member*, Fall 2017-Present.

Global TIES for Children: Transforming Intervention Effectiveness and Scale, *Research Affiliate*, Spring 2015-Present.

Research & Empirical Analysis of Labor Migration, *Working Group Member*, Fall 2015-Spring 2018.

Southern Economics Association, 2016 Annual Conference, Presidential Panel, *Organizer & Presenter, with Nikhar Gaikwad*, Washington, DC, Spring 2016.

NYU Abu Dhabi Academic Speaker Series on “Labor, Migration, and Human Rights,” *Convener*, NYU Abu Dhabi, Spring 2015-Fall 2016.

North East Workshop in Empirical Political Science, *Discussant*, NYU New York, Fall 2013.

Stanford Center for South Asia Research Series on “Technology, Accountability & Democracy in South Asia & Beyond,” *Co-Organizer*, 2012-14.

- 2014. **University of Mumbai Conference with Stanford Alumni Association of India, Stanford University, and the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**, *Co-Organizer, Guest Speaker, & Presenter.*
- 2012. **Workshop at the Stanford Center for South Asia**, *Co-Organizer.*

Google.org Land Transparency Team, *Consultant*, Palo Alto, CA, Spring 2013-Fall 2014.

Self Employed Womens Association (SEWA), *Consultant*, Ahmedabad, India, Winter 2010.

Hope House Halfway House for Women, *Assistant Professor*, Menlo Park, CA, Fall 2008.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Course Design & Teaching at Boston University

“Gender Revolutions and the State,” Graduate Seminar, Fall 2019

“Political Economy of Gender,” Graduate Seminar, Spring 2020

Course Design & Teaching at NYU Abu Dhabi

“Introduction to Comparative Politics”, Spring 2019.

“Gender Revolutions and the State in India: POLSC-AD 185J”, January Term 2016, 2017

“Comparative Politics of South Asia: POLSC-AD 153”, Undergraduate Seminar, Fall 2014, 2015

“Justice: Theory and Practice: CORES-AD 64”, Fall 2015, 2016, Spring 2018, Spring 2019

“Justice: Political Theory and Practice: POLSC-AD 142”, Undergraduate Seminar, Spring 2015

Course Design & Teaching at NYU

“Politics Senior Honors I: POL-UA 950”, Undergraduate Honors Seminar, Fall 2013-Spring 2014

Course Design & Teaching at Stanford

“The Political Economy of Development in Rural India”, Undergraduate Seminar, Winter 2013

Teaching Assistant at Stanford & MIT

Prof. Diaz-Cayeros, “Introduction to Comparative Politics: PS4”, Stanford 2009

Prof. Reich, “Theories of Civil Society, Philanthropy & Nonprofit Sector: PS236”, Stanford 2008

Prof. Abernathy, “NGOs and Development: PS 143”, Stanford, 2007-08

Prof. Mullainathan, “Evaluating Social Programs”, MITs Jameel Abdul Latif Poverty Action Lab in Chennai, India, Executive Education course for Public and Private Sector Professionals, 2007

Guest Lecturer & Teaching Assistant at Stanford

“Islam & the West, PS149S”: Qutb, the Islamic Brotherhood & Secular Modernity in the Arab World, 2009

“Global Politics of Human Rights, PS141”: US Interrogation Procedures, Law, & Rights, 2008-09

“Law & Economy in India, LAW 342”: Indian Inheritance Law: Design, Implementation, & Impact, Accounting for Intended and Unintended Consequences, 2008

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Stanford University

Research Assistant

- 2012. **Prof. Saumitra Jha**, Graduate School of Business, “Veterans & Public Goods in Post-Partition India.” Data collection, initial analysis of violence-driven institutional change.
- 2009. **Prof. Beatriz Magaloni**, Political Science Department, “Governance & Corruption in Mexico.” Aided development of randomized experiments and list-based survey experiments on governance and corruption across Mexican states.

National Council for Applied Economic Research & IDRC, Delhi, India, 2010-11

Doctoral Fellow

Analyzed the impact of inequality in land rights & political engagement on local governance.

The World Bank, Rural Development Group, Andhra Pradesh, India, 2010

Consultant

Designed a randomized experiment on increasing gender-equalizing land inheritance reform: drafted project framework, survey content, and built local implementation partnerships.

Stanford Center for Democracy, Development & the Rule of Law, 2007-2008

Pre-doctoral Fellow

Wrote chapter in Law and Development in India (Forthcoming); Lecturer, Stanford Law School.

MIT Poverty Action Lab, India, 2005-06

Program Coordinator for Harvard Prof. S. Mullainathan

Designed & implemented large-scale randomized experiments in Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu with ICICI Bank & NGOs using behavioral economics to improve access to credit and lower debt.

International Labour Organization, Geneva, Switzerland, Fall 2000

External Collaborator

Authored a Working Paper for the International Institute for Labour Studies on strategies to integrate information economy workers into the ILOs mandate and protection network.

FIELD RESEARCH

INDIA, over 2 years, June-August 2007 and 2008; November 2009 April 2011; January, October, and December 2014; January and March 2015; January 2016; March 2017.

North East India: Meghalaya (East Khasi Hills district, Shillong municipality); Mizoram (Aizawl municipality and district)

North India: Uttar Pradesh (Saharanpur district), Haryana (Yamuna Nagar district), Delhi

South India: Andhra Pradesh (Anantapur, Khammam, Krishna, Ranga Reddy, Vishakhapatnam, and Vizianangaram districts)

SENEGAL, 1 year, September 2001 June 2002

Dakar (March HLM, Ethnography)

Kaolack (Society of Development and Textile Fibers, SODIFITEX)

LANGUAGES

French (Advanced/Intermediate), Hindi (Intermediate), Arabic, German & Wolof (Beginner)

REFERENCES

James Alt. Frank G. Thomson Professor of Government, Emeritus, Department of Government. Harvard University. *james_alt "at" harvard.edu*

Alberto Diaz-Cayeros. Senior Fellow, Center for Democracy, Development and Rule of Law, Freeman Spogli Institute of International Affairs & Professor, by courtesy, Political Science Department. Stanford University. *albertod "at" stanford.edu*

Saumitra Jha. Associate Professor of Political Economy, Graduate School of Business & Professor, by courtesy, Political Science Department. Stanford University. *saumitra "at" stanford.edu*

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