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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Boston University

2024- Professor of Sociology

Simmons University

2021-2024 President's Fellow for Faculty Career Development and Leadership

2020-2024 Hazel Dick Leonard Chair

2020-2021 Interim Director, Graduate Program in Gender and Cultural Studies (fall and spring semesters)

2015-2019
2005-2009 Chair, Department of Sociology

2008-2024 Professor, Department of Sociology

2010-2011
2007-2008
2000-2002 Director, Graduate Program in Gender and Cultural Studies

2002-2008 Associate Professor, Departments of Sociology and Women's Studies

1996-2002 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology

Additional Appointments

2021-2024 Visiting Scholar, Women's Studies Research Center, Brandeis University

2015-2018 Visiting Professor, Women's Studies, MIT

1993-1996 Instructor, Department of Sociology, Boston College

1994-1995 Full-time Lecturer: Department of Sociology/Social Anthropology and Women's Studies Program, Northeastern University

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology, Northeastern University 1996

M.A. Sociology/Social Anthropology, Northeastern University 1991

Diploma, Social Communications Media, Sophia College, Bombay University 1988

B.A. Sociology, University of Bombay 1987

Certification

Harvard Mediation Program, Harvard Law School 2006

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sexuality, gender, race, state, and nation; death and migration; South Asia and South Asian diaspora; religion; feminist postcolonial, decolonial, and anticolonial theory; critical sexuality studies; transnational sociology; death studies; qualitative methods

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS

2023 Simon-Gagnon Lifetime Achievement Award, Sexualities Section, American Sociological Association

2022-2023 Guggenheim Fellow, 2022-2023

2022 National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Stipend

2021 Jessie Bernard Award, American Sociological Association

2019-2020 Research Associate, Harvard Divinity, Women's Studies in Religion Program

2005 Fulbright Senior Research Award, National Council of Applied Economic Research, New Delhi

2003 Rockefeller Fellowship, Gender and Globalization Program, University of Hawai'i, January-May 2003

Additional Awards and Honors

2023	Simmons University Award for the Promotion of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
2022	LexSeeHer, honored by the Town of Lexington, MA, project to recognize women's outstanding economic, political, intellectual, social and cultural contributions
2019-2020	Invited member, Mellon Sawyer Seminar, "Defamiliarizing the Family: Genealogy and Kinship as Critical Method," Tufts University
2018	Fund for Research Grant, Simmons College
2013	Fund for Research Grant, Simmons College
2012	Faculty Completion Grant, Simmons College
2007	Dean's Award for Excellence in Advising, Simmons College
2007	President's Fund for Excellence Award, Simmons College
2006	Simmons Faculty Research Award
2003	Simmons Faculty Research Award
2001	Simmons Faculty Research Award
1997	Simmons Faculty Research Award
1995	Cassandra Packard Award, Committee on Sexual Diversity and Personal and Community Development, Boston College
1994	Alfred Lee McLung Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems
1994	Outstanding Student Paper Award, Sexual Politics and Communities Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems
1994	Honors Program, American Sociological Association

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

In progress *Migrant Death: Race, Religion and National Belonging*

In progress *Anticolonial, Decolonial and Postcolonial Sociologies*, (co-editor with Vrushali Patil), under contract with Elgar Publishing

Sexual States: Governance and the Struggle over the Antisodomy Law in India. Duke University Press, 2016

- ❖ Received the 2018 Distinguished Book Award from the Sociology of Sexualities Section of the American Sociological Association

Encountering Nationalism. Malden, MA: Blackwell Publishers, 2004

Woman, Body, Desire in Post-colonial India: Narratives of Gender and Sexuality. New York: Routledge, 1999

Special Issues for Journals:

In progress Special issue on death and mourning, *Critical Sociology*

2022 Feminist Mournings. Special Issue of *Meridians: feminism, race, transnationalism*. (Co-edited with Kimberly Juanita Brown)

2012 Sexuality Between State and Class. Special Issue of *Rethinking Marxism*. (Co-edited with Suzanne Bergeron)

2005 Gender-Sexuality-State-Nation: Transnational Feminist Approaches. Special Issue of *Gender & Society*. (Co-edited with Hyun Sook Kim and Paola Bacchetta)

Peer-reviewed Journals and Book Chapters:

2022 “The Uses of Mourning,” (co-authored with Kimberly Juanita Brown, *Meridians: feminism, race, transnationalism*, 21 (2), 2022.

2022 “Researching Sexuality and State” in *Research Handbook on Intersectionality*. Edited by Mary Romero, Edward Elgar Publishing

2022 “Bad Feelings”: Reflections on Research, Disciplines, and Critical Methodologies,” Ghassan Moussawi and Jyoti Puri, in *Silences, Neglected Feelings, and Blind spots in Research Practices*, Davis, Kathy and Irvine, Janice (Eds), Routledge: London

- 2021 “The Forgotten Lives of the Sociology of Death: Remembering Du Bois, Martineau and Wells” in *American Sociologist*, 52, 638-655
- 2021 “Colorblind Feminisms: Ansari-Grace and the Limits of #MeToo Counterpublics” Vrushali Patil and Jyoti Puri. *SIGNS: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*, 46 (3)
- 2020 “Postcolonial Sexualities” co-authored with Vrushali Patil, *Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Gender and Sexuality Studies: Companion to Sexuality Studies*, edited by Nancy Naples, Wiley-Blackwell
- 2019 “Sculpting the Saffron Body: Yoga, Hindutva, and the International Marketplace” in A. Chatterji, T. B. Hansen, C. Jaffrelot (eds.) *Majoritarian State: How Hindu Nationalism is Changing India*, C. Hurst and Co (Publishers) Ltd.
- 2016 “Sexualizing Neoliberalism: Identifying Technologies of Privatization, Cleansing, and Scarcity.” *Sexuality Research and Social Policy: Journal of NSRC*, 13:308
- 2015 “Postcolonial Feminisms and Introducing Sociology in the Imperium.” *Radical Teacher*, v. 101, 63-71
- 2014 “States’ Sexualities” in *SAGE Handbook of Feminist Theory*, edited by Mary Evans et al. Sage Publications
- 2012 “Decriminalisation as Deregulation? Logics of Sodomy Law and the State” in S. Srivastava (ed.) *Sexualities Reader*, Oxford University Press
- 2012 “Sexuality between State and Class: An Introduction” *Rethinking Marxism*, special issue, co-authored with Suzanne Bergeron, Volume 24, no. 4
- 2012 “Sexualizing the State: Sodomy, Civil Liberties, and the Indian Penal Code” in A. Chatterji and L. Chowdhury (eds.) *Contesting Nation: Gendered Violence in South Asia. Notes on the Post-Colonial Present*, Zubaan Books
- *Honorable mention for best article award from *Sociology of Sexualities Section, American Sociological Association, 2013*
- 2011 “Forging Hetero-Collectives: Obscenity Law in India” in L. Glass and C. Williams (eds.) *Obscenity and the Limits of Liberalism*, Ohio State University Press
- 2011 “GenderQueer Perspectives: Sameness and Difference in Sections 375/6 and 377 of the Indian Penal Code” in *Law Like Love*, Yoda Press
- 2010 “Hometown: City in Postnational Landscape”, co-authored with Kazi K. Ashraf. *Economic and Political Weekly*, October 8, xlv, 41

- 2010 “Transgendering Development” in A. Lind (ed.) *Development, Sexual Rights and Global Governance*, Routledge
- 2008 “Gay sexualities and Complicities: Rethinking the ‘Global Gay.’” In K. Ferguson and M. Mironesco (eds.), *Gender and globalization in Asia and the Pacific*. University of Hawai’i Press
- 2006 “Stakes and States: Sexual Discourses from New Delhi” in *Feminist Review*, Special Issue on Sexual Moralities, Volume 83, issue 1
- 2006 “Sexual Significance of State and Nation” in S. Seidman, N. Fischer, Chet Meeks (eds.) *Sex and Society: Introducing the Sociology of Sexualities*. Routledge
- 2005 “Conceptualizing Gender-Sexuality-State-Nation: An Introduction” *Gender & Society*, special issue on Transnational Feminist Analyses, co-authored with Hyun Sook Kim, Volume 19, no. 5: 137-159
- 2002 “Nationalism has a lot to do with it: Unraveling questions of nationalism and transnationalism in lesbian and gay studies.” In S. Seidman and D. Richardson (eds.), *Handbook on Lesbian and Gay Studies*, London: Paul Chapman
- 2002 “Concerning Kamasutras: Challenging narratives of history and sexuality” *SIGNS: A Journal of Women in Culture and Society*. Volume 27, no. 3
- 1997 “Reading Romances in Postcolonial India.” *Gender & Society* Volume 4: 434-452

Reprints:

- 2022 “Sexuality, State, and Nation” in *Introducing the New Sexuality Studies*, edited by Nancy L. Fischer, Laurel Westbrook, and Steven Seidman. Routledge
- 2010 “Concerning Kamasutras: Challenging narratives of history and sexuality” in *Religions of the East*, edited by Stephen Hunt. Ashgate
- 2010 “Hometown: City in Postnational Landscape”, co-authored with Kazi K. Ashraf. *Mumbai Reader*, Urban Design Research Institute

Book Reviews:

- 2021 Sexing Life: On Pluralities, Ambivalences, and Sociological Possibilities, *Syndicate symposium on Indian Sex Life: Sexuality and the Colonial Origins of Modern Social Thought* by Durba Mitra

- 2016 Review of “Unfamiliar Femininities.” By Aneeta Rajendran. *Contributions to Indian Sociology*. 50:3, 2016
- 2014 Review of “Transnational Feminism in the United States: Knowledge, Ethics, Power.” By Leela Fernandes. In *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, Volume 55, no. 6
- 2003 Review of “The Night is Young: Sexuality in Mexico in the Time of AIDS.” By Héctor Carrillo. Chicago and London: The University of Chicago Press, 2002; In a Queer Place: Sexuality and Belonging in British and European Contexts. Edited by Kate Chedgzoy, Emma Francis and Murray Pratt. Ashgate; Warwick Studies in the Humanities, 2002; *The Construction of Sexual and Cultural Identities: Greek-Cypriot Men in Britain*. By Constantinos N. Phellas. Ashgate, 2002. In *Gender & Society*, Volume 17, no. 5
- 2003 Review of “Gendered Nations: Nationalisms and Gender Order in the Long Nineteenth Century.” Edited by Ida Blom, Karen Hagemann, and Catherine Hall. Oxford, New York: Berg, 2000; “Women, States, and Nationalism: At Home in the Nation?” Edited by Sita Ranchod-Nilsson and Mary Ann Tétreault. London and New York: Routledge, 2000; “Wedded To the Land? Gender, Boundaries, and Nationalism in Crisis.” By Mary N. Layoun. Durham, N.C., and London: Duke University Press. In *SIGNS: A Journal for Women in Culture and Society*, Volume 30, no. 2
- 2003 Review of “States of Imagination: Ethnographic Explorations of the Postcolonial State.” Edited by Thomas Blum Hansen and Finn Stepputat. Durham, N.C.: Duke University Press, 2001. In *American Journal of Sociology*, Volume 108, no. 4
- 2002 Review of “Global Sex.” By Dennis Altman. Chicago: Chicago University Press, 2001. In *Gender & Society* Volume 16, no. 2
- 1998 Review of “Violence and Truth: Rajasthani Kingdom Confronts Colonial Authority.” Oxford University Press. *Contemporary Sociology*. Volume 27, no. 6

Online and public essays:

- 2016 “Homosexuality, India, and the Long Battle” *Asia & The Pacific Policy Society*, <http://www.policyforum.net/authors/jyoti-puri/>
- 2016 “Correcting Legalized Bias: India and its Struggle to Decriminalize Homosexuality”, *Huffpost*, http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jyoti-puri/correcting-legalized-bias_b_9171014.html
- 2016 “The Evolution of LGBT Rights in India” *Duke University Press*, <https://dukeupress.wordpress.com/2016/02/02/7798/>

- 2016 “Sexualizing the State” Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Gender and Sexuality
- 2014 “The Sexual State: Re-criminalizing Same-sex Sexuality in India” Sex-Gender Section Newsletter, American Sociological Association
- 2006 “Gathering Strength: Against Section 377 Indian Penal Code” Unpublished report
- 2007 “Libeling Sexual Liberation in India”, *Harvard University South Asian Journal*
- 2005 “Transnational Feminist Sociologies: Current Challenges, Future Directions.” A Conference Report. *Sexuality Research and Social Policy: Journal of the NSRC*. Volume 2, issue 1

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Board Membership

- 2014-present *SIGNS: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*
- 2012-2017 Co-editor, *Foucault Studies*
- 2003-2011 *Gender & Society*
- 2006-2008 *Social Problems*
- 2004-2006 *Rose Book Series*
- 2003-2006 Deputy Editor, *Gender & Society*

Book, Journal, and Grant Reviewer

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| Duke University Press | <i>Gender & Society</i> |
| Routledge | <i>The Sociological Review</i> |
| University of Minnesota Press | <i>Journal of NSRC</i> |
| Temple University Press | <i>Feminist Review</i> |
| National Science Foundation | <i>Feminist Studies</i> |
| Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada | <i>Sexualities</i> |
| <i>Sexuality Research and Social Policy</i> | <i>positions: asia critique</i> |

Institutional Boards

- 2023 Institute for Contemporary Art, Boston, Advisory Board
- 2021 Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts, Board of Trustees

Boston-area Interdisciplinary Speaker Series

2014-2018 *Feminisms Unbound* speaker series, Consortium for Graduate Studies in Gender, Culture, Women, and Sexuality, MIT (Co-hosted with Professors Lisa Lowe and Kimberly Juanita Brown)

2010-2012 *Gender and Sexuality* speaker series, Mahindra Humanities Center at Harvard University (Co-hosted with Linda Schlossberg)

Association for Asian Studies

2024-2027 South Asia Council

Association for Asian American Studies

2023-2024 Program Committee

American Sociological Association

2022-2025 W.E.B. Du Bois Career Award Committee
 2024- Chair-Elect, Global and Transnational Sociology Section
 2024- Council, Section on Culture
 2024 Book Award Committee, Section on Culture
 2024 Book Award Committee, Section on Body and Embodiment
 2017-2019 Committee on Awards
 2015-2017 Jessie Bernard Award Committee
 2011-2013 Committee on Committees
 2011-2013 Past Chair, Section on Sex-Gender
 2010-2011 Chair, Section on Sex-Gender
 2009-2010 Chair-elect, Section on Sex-Gender
 2005 Chair, Distinguished Article Award Committee, Sex-Gender Section
 2005 Nominations Committee, Section on Sex-Gender
 2001-2005 Council for Section on Sociology of Sexualities
 2000-2004 Council for Section on Sex-Gender
 1999-2000 Nominations Committee for the Section on Sex-Gender

Sociologists for Women in Society

2007-2009 Publications Committee

INVITED TALKS AND KEYNOTES

International

2023 Keynote, virtual, *Singularities* International Conference on Race, “How Others Do Death: Writing Bones and Ashes, Thrissur, India

- 2020 Invited Participant, virtual, Panel on Decolonizing Knowledge: Colonialism, Education, Sexualities. SOAS University of London
- 2020 Invited Participant, virtual, Is it Possible for the Law to be Feminist? Summer of Ishq: Issues in Society, History and Queerness, Ashoka University
- 2016 Invited Talk, (Un)Making Sexual States: Antisodomy law and racialization in India. University of Lund, Sweden
- 2010 Keynote, An-other Europe: Queering Postcolonialism, for *Rethinking European (Homo)sexual Modernity*, Organized by Henk De Smaele and Wannes Dupont, University of Antwerp
- 2008-2010 Member, Advisory Board, Conference on European Same-sex Sexualities, University of Antwerp
- 2009 Invited Talk, Sexuality/Governmentality: Decriminalizing Same-Sex Sexualities in India, University of Heidelberg
- 2008 Invited Talk, Transgender Grammar: Personhood and Politics in the Indian Context, International Sociology Association, Barcelona
- 2007 Invited Talk, Sexuality/State/Biopolitics: Notes from New Delhi, Focus Asia: Intersections between Desires and Violences, Centre for East and South-East Asian Studies, University of Lund, Sweden
- 2005 Invited Talk, “Sexual Minorities, the State and Law.” India Habitat Centre
- 2003 Invited Talk, Outing the Global Gay, Seminar on Postcoloniality, Law, Sexuality, Organized by the Centre for Feminist Legal Research, New Delhi

National

- 2024 Conditional Death, Research on Women Distinguished Lecture Series, Rutgers University Press
- 2023 Imperiled Bodies: Legacies of Colonial and Postcolonial Gender, Sexuality, Caste, and Citizenship, Melon Sawyer Seminar, Brandeis University
- 2023 Navigating Sociology and the Academy as a South Asian American, South Asian American Invisibility, Virtual Conference
- 2023 Civilization’s Remains: Travel Writings on Bones and Ashes, Dark Room 10th Anniversary Symposium, Dartmouth College

- 2022 LexSeeHer Speaker Series, Cary Memorial Library, Lexington, MA, virtual
- 2021 First Funerals, Weird Rites, and Burning Ghats: Of South Asian Deathways and Civilization, South Asia Seminar Series, University of Texas, Austin
- 2020 Space, time, and Antisodomy Law: Dispatches from Transnational, Queer, Decolonial Feminist Thought, Taft Distinguished Lecturer, Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at the University of Cincinnati
- 2019 From Decriminalization to Decolonization: India's Antisodomy Law and Radically Queer Projects, Keynote at *Sexual ReVisions: Sexualities through a Transnational Lens*, SPAN, Northwestern University
- 2018 Sexual Politics of Governance: Insights from the Indian Context. Keynote at *Intersections: Social Policy and Sexuality Workshop*. McMaster University
- 2018 Decolonizing Homosexuality. *Sexual Politics in a Transnational Frame*. New York University
- 2018 On the Dusks and Dangers of Nationalism: Thinking with Stuart Hall, *Honoring Stuart Hall*, American Sociological Association
- 2018 Unruly Epistemologies. Keynote at *Priors and Priorities: Graduate Student Conference*, Harvard University
- 2018 Placing Blame: Police, Race, Gender, and Sexuality in Southern Contexts, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
- 2017 Unruly Methodologies: Race, Sexuality, Policing in Southern Contexts, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- 2017 Juxtaposing 'Antipolice' Rhetorics: Policing, Race, Gender, and Sexuality in Southern Contexts, Syracuse University
- 2016 Sexual States, Fourth Exposure: Symposium. Mount Holyoke College
- 2016 Sexual States, Gender, Equality and Planning in the Global Era. Department of Urban Studies and Planning, MIT
- 2015 State vs. Sexuality: Decriminalizing and Recriminalizing Homosexuality in India, University of Chicago
- 2015 Policing, Racialization and Same-sex Sexualities in India. Boston University
- 2014 Sexual Effects, Panel on Queering the Tripartite, Race, Class, Gender Section, American Sociological Association

- 2014 Logics of the Sexual State: Re-criminalizing Homosexuality in India, Symposium, From Patriarchy to Pussy Riots: Gender, Sexuality, and Global Citizenship, Northeastern University
- 2013 Keynote address at the First Gender and Sexuality Conference, Associated Colleges, Clarkson University, SUNY Canton, SUNY Potsdam and St. Lawrence University
- 2013 Sexual Violence and Public Incitements, Harvard Summit on Indian Development, Harvard University
- 2013 Neoliberal Theatres of the Sexual State, American Sociological Association
- 2013 “Travelling Theories”: Encountering Intersectionality’s Mobilities and Essentialisms, American Sociological Association
- 2012 Habitual Criminals, Half-Truths, and Homosexuality: The Police in India, St. Lawrence University
- 2012 Keynote at the Sexualities Preconference, Disciplines, Desires, Sexualities, American Sociological Association
- 2012 Suturing “Here” and “There”: Trans/national/racial Theories, Northeastern University
- 2012 Decriminalizing Homosexuality in India: The Imperatives of Sexuality and State Governance, Tufts University
- 2011 Encountering the Sexual Imaginaries of the (Indian) State, Harvard University
- 2011 Racialized Communalisms, Criminalized Queers, and the Police in Contemporary India, Brandeis University
- 2011 Biologies of Communalism: Intersections of Race and Sexuality from a Transnational Lens, Brown University
- 2010 Promises and Pitfalls of *Naz Foundation v. Government of NCT Delhi and Others*, Panel on Section 377 Indian Penal Code, Yale University
- 2010 Trans/gender/national Belonging, Invited lecture for workshop, *Translocations: Travel, Migration and Sexuality*, Organized by Héctor Carrillo and Steven Epstein, Northwestern University
- 2010 There is a There There: Spatialities and Affiliations, Co-presented with Kazi K. Ashraf, *Diasporic Worlds and Critical Regionalisms: Literatures of Displacement*

Abroad and Home, Organized by Professors Stathis Gourgouris and Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak, The Institute for Comparative Literature and Society, Columbia University

- 2009 Sexual States, Connecticut College
- 2009 Sexual States, Panel on *Sexual and Gendered Logics and Logistics of Governmentality*, sponsored by Sections on Sex-Gender and Sexualities, American Sociological Association
- 2008 Transgender-Transnational: Photographs from New Delhi, Boston University
- 2007 Sexualizing the State of the Nation: Sodomy Law in India, Symposium on Sexualities and the National Body in Asia, Brandeis University
- 2007 Author Meets Critics. *Erotic Journeys: Mexican Immigrants and Their Sex Lives*. American Sociological Association, New York City, August, 2007
- 2007 Precarious Citizenship, Panel on Intersectional Approaches to Citizenship, States, Politics. American Sociological Association, New York City
- 2007 Obscenity and Sexuality in India: The Actor, the Painter, and the Foot Soldiers, Obermann Center Humanities Symposium on "Obscenity," University of Iowa
- 2006 Visiting Lecturer, California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco
- 2006 Sexual Ethnographies of the State, South Asia Studies Conference, Rutgers University
- 2006 Mobilization against Section 377: A status report, Panel on Sexuality in India, Women's Studies Program, MIT
- 2006 Discourses of Sexual Assault, Conference on Transnational Feminisms, University of Wisconsin, Madison
- 2006 Plenary talk, Color it Activist: Queer Approaches to the State, Graduate Student Conference, MIT Graduate Consortium for Women's Studies
- 2006 Transgender/Transnational: Reframing Hijras and Heteronormativity, Duke University
- 2005 Theorizing Transnationalism, Theorizing State, Northeastern University
- 2004 Sexualities, Legalities: Making of the gay subject in India, University of Iowa

- 2002 Making the connections: Between home and away, Public Presentation, Cambridge, MA
- 2002 The Implications of American Nationalism Post-September 11, Wheelock College
- 2001 Keynote address, Feminism, Nationalism, and Violence, Faculty Development Workshop, Bridgewater State College
- 2001 Feminist Perspectives on September 11, Northeastern University
- 2001 The Rise and Pitfalls of Nationalism, Wheaton College
- 2001 Theorizing Gender and the Transnational: Feminist Positions on the Kamasutra, *Gender, Globalization, and Representation in South Asia*. Syracuse University
- 2001 Speaking About Heterosexuality, Johnson and Wales University

CONFERENCES AND PANELS ORGANIZED

- 2024 Organizer, How We Live and Die: Toward Another Sociology of Death, Thematic Session, American Sociological Association
- 2024 Organizer, Author Meets Respondents, Rumya Putcha, *The Dancer's Voice*, Association for Asian American Studies
- 2022 Co-organizer, Intimacies of Sex and Death, American Sociological Association
- 2019 Organizer, Presidential Panels on Nations/Nationalisms I and II, American Sociological Association
- 2019 Organizer, Global Feminisms, Presidential Panel, Eastern Sociological Association
- 2018 Steering Committee, Race, Sex, Power Conference, Roosevelt University
- 2018 Program Committee and Steering Committee, Sexualities, Race, and Empire: Resistance in An Uncertain Time, Sociology of Sexualities Preconference, American Sociological Association, Drexel University
- 2014 Panel on Crosscurrent: Mapping the Sociologies of Gender and Sexuality from the Margins, American Sociological Association
- 2013 Panel on Relating Histories, Making Connections, Section on Sociology of Sexualities, American Sociological Association

- 2011 Organizer and Discussant, Racialized Genders and Sexualities, American Sociological Association
- 2007 Feminist Pre-conference on South Asian Feminisms: Subjects, Audiences, Agendas, South Asian Studies
- 2007 Co-organizer, Panel on Politics, Conflict, and Sexualities, Sociology of Sexualities, American Sociological Association
- 2004 Panel on Hometown: Revising Narratives of Attachment and Mobility, South Asian Studies Conference
- 2004 Co-organizer, Conference on Transnational Feminist Sociologies conference, American Sociological Association, University of California, Berkeley
- 2003 Panel on Sexuality and Law, Sponsored by the Section on Sexualities, American Sociological Association
- 2003 Panel on Gender of Globalization and the Globalization of Gender, Sponsored by the Section on Sex-Gender, American Sociological Association Meetings
- 2002 Panel on Feminist Perspectives on September 11, Eastern Sociological Association
- 2002 Co-organizer, Panel on Global and Interdisciplinary Perspectives. Section on Gender, Race, Class, American Sociological Association Meetings
- 2001 Panel on Genders and Sexualities, Nations and Races, Sponsored by the Section on Sociology of Sexualities, American Sociological Association Meetings
- 1990 Organized and convened a workshop on NSF policies for Sociology programs at Northeastern University

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 Funerals. Photos. Fire: Exploring Death in the South Asian Diaspora, Critical South Asian Death Studies, Muenster University, Germany, virtual presentation
- 2023 “A Little Bit of Earth”: Race, Religion, and Muslim Burials, Panel on Remaking Boundaries in Racialized Institutions and Arenas, Association for Asian American Studies
- 2022 Burning Ghats, First Funerals, and Illustrated Cremations: Of “Oriental” Deathways and Civilization, Panel on Transnationality and Gender 1, Social Science History Association

- 2022 Author Meets Critics, *Webbed Connectivities: The Imperial Sociology of Sex, Gender, Sexuality* by Vrushali Patil, Social Science History Association
- 2021 Discussant, Decolonizing Sexualities Studies, Section on Sociology of Sexualities, American Sociological Association
- 2021 Moderator, Untold Stories of Studying Sexualities: A Simon-Gagnon Lifetime Achievement Award Conversation, with Gloria González-López, American Sociological Association
- 2020 Mourning the Sociological History of Death, New Voices Symposium, Organized by the Section on History of Sociology, American Sociological Association
- 2019 Re-imagining Genealogies: Notes on Theorizing Power and Precarities, Panel on Death of White Queer Theory, American Studies Association
- 2019 Doing Transnationalism: Toward a Genealogy of Critical Methodologies, Panel on Transnationalizing Gender and Sexuality, American Sociological Association
- 2019 Author Meets Critics, *Sexual States: Governance and the Struggle over the Antisodomy Law in India*
- 2019 *Decolonizing Sociology*, Thematic Conversation organized by Julian Go, Eastern Sociological Society
- 2019 Death and Dying, Thematic Conversation organized by Heather Mooney, Eastern Sociological Society
- 2019 Discussant, *The Making of the Gay-friendly Sexual State*, Eastern Sociological Society
- 2018 Death in Transit: Colonialism and Cremation in the North American West, American Studies Association
- 2018 On Convergences: Rethinking Methodologies, *Unsettling Genealogies: Reimagining Radical Thought*, National Women's Studies Association
- 2018 Death in Transit: Photos and Fury in the North American West, Sonic/Scenes Symposium, The Dark Room, MIT
- 2018 Thinking Intellectual Practice: Queer of Color Critique and Times of Endless Mourning, Race, Sex, Power 2018 Conference, Roosevelt University, Chicago
- 2017 Discussant, Panel on Intersectionalities and Sexualities, Section on the Sociology of Sexualities, American Sociological Association

- 2017 Discussant, Panel on Twenty Years of Sexualities, Section on the Sociology of Sexualities, American Sociological Association
- 2016 *De-Linking Sexuality in the Search for Justice*, National Women's Studies Association
- 2016 *Sexual States: Governance and the Struggle against the Antisodomy law in India*, Author-Meets-Critics, Eastern Sociological Society
- 2015 Queer Sociologies, American Sociological Association
- 2015 The Comparative Politics of Policing: Sexuality, Race, and 'Anti-police' Rhetoric, American Sociological Association
- 2015 Decolonizing (with) the Sociological Imagination, Eastern Sociological Society
- 2013 Toward A Sexuality of Neoliberal Governance, Rethinking Marxism Conference
- 2012 States of Sexuality: Theorizing Sexuality and Governance. Crossroads in Cultural Studies, Association for Cultural Studies, Paris
- 2012 Annals of Sexual States: Governance, Sexuality, and State-effect. Stranger Intimacies Conference, University of Seattle
- 2012 Sexuality, Space, State. Feminist Pre-conference. South Asia Studies Meetings, Madison
- 2011 Panel on Globalization and the Transformation of Sexuality, American Sociological Association
- 2011 Biologies of Communalism: Intersections of Race and Sexuality from a Transnational Lens, Eastern Sociological Society
- 2011 Theorizing Trans/gender/national/belonging, Eastern Sociological Society
- 2011 Discussant, Panel on Transnationalism and Gender and Sexuality, Eastern Sociological Society
- 2011 Biologies of Heteronormativity: Section 377 and Police Constables in New Delhi, Feminist Preconference, South Asia Studies Meetings, Madison
- 2010 Discussant, Panel on A Gender Lens on Cultural Contradiction and Change Among Globalized South Asians, South Asia Studies Conference, Madison

- 2010 Precarious Subjects, Precarious Citizenship: Decriminalizing Sodomy in India, Presidential Thematic Panel, American Sociological Association
- 2009 Analytics of Sodomy and State, Feminist Pre-conference, organized by Anjali Arondekar and Geeta Patel, South Asian Studies, Madison
- 2009 Workshop on Transnational Feminism, organized by Jayati Lal and Vrushali Patel, American Sociological Association
- 2009 Discussant, Panel on Sexual Citizenship, American Sociological Association
- 2008 Becoming Bodies: Theorizing Transgender Personhood among Kinnars in New Delhi, Feminist Pre-conference, South Asia Studies, Madison
- 2008 Sexual State: Biopolitics and Sodomy Law in India, Panel, A Foucault for the 21st Century, Fifth Social Theory Forum at University of Massachusetts, Boston
- 2007 Defiant Bodies: Hijra Self-Photographs.” Panel, The Body in South Asia, Annual Symposium at the South Asia Studies Center, University of Hawai’i at Manoa
- 2007 Discussant, Sexualities in the Middle East, Harvard University
- 2007 Defiant Bodies: Re-framing Hijras and Development, Panel on How to Count the Multitude: Logics, Mechanisms, and Technologies, Association for Asian Studies
- 2006 Queering States/Spaces, Panel on Space: Insurgent, Interstitial, and Imagined, South Asia Studies Conference, Madison
- 2006 Discussant, Panel on Gender and Violence in India and the Diaspora, South Asia Studies Conference, Madison
- 2006 Discussant, Panel on Labor Markets and Weddings: Global and Transnational Processes in Contemporary South Asia, South Asian Studies Conference, Madison
- 2006 Queering the State: Insights from India, American Sociological Association, Montreal
- 2006 Transgender/Transnational: Re-framing Hijras and Heteronormativity, American Sociological Association, Montreal
- 2006 The Visible Body: Hijras in India, Eastern Sociology Meetings, Boston
- 2006 Transgender/Transnational: Insights from India, Eastern Sociology Meetings

- 2005 Sexualizing the State: Sodomy, Civil Liberties and the Indian Penal Code, Feminist Dialogs on Social Justice. University of Washington
- 2005 Queering, Legalizing: The State and the gay subject in India, Trans/positions: Transnational, transgender, transdisciplinary, transcultural, Purdue University
- 2004 Between Home and Nation: South Asian Narratives on Hometown, South Asian Studies Conference, Madison
- 2004 Identifying the Stakes, Doing Research Abroad, Eastern Sociology Society
- 2003 Making Visible LGBT Sexualities in Urban India, South Asian Studies Conference, Madison
- 2002 Theorizing Sexuality Transnationally: Sexual Identities in Urban India and Urban South Korea, Korean Studies Association, Seoul, Korea
- 2002 Rethinking the Links between Nationalisms and Sexualities, American Sociological Association
- 2000 Discussant, Perspectives on Feminist Theory, New England Political Science Association
- 1999 Tensions of Sexual Respectability: Accounts of Sexual Aggression, American Sociological Association
- 1999 Challenging the Commonplace: Sex-education Texts and Middle-class Women in Postcolonial India, Association for Asian Studies
- 1998 Sex in English, New England Association for Asian Studies
- 1997 Transnational Possibilities: Emergent Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Identities, Society for the Study of Social Problems
- 1997 Narrating Sexual Experiences of Middle-Class Women in Urban India, Eastern Sociological Society
- 1996 The Meaning of Menstruation: Examining the Narratives of Middle-Class Women in Postcolonial India, Eastern Sociological Society
- 1995 Just Like the Kama Sutra? Women's Sexualities in Post-colonial India, American Sociological Association
- 1995 The Gender and Sexual Socialization of Young Women in Urban India, Society Study Social Problems

- 1995 Gender, Sexuality and Social Change in India: Preliminary thoughts, Eastern Sociological Society
- 1994 Reflections on Doing Ethnography among Middle-Class Women in Urban India, Conference on Multiculturalism and Transnationalism, Lowell, MA
- 1994 Subversive Practices: Women Reading Romance Novels in Urban India, American Sociological Association
- 1994 Discussant, Sexuality and the State, New England Political Association
- 1990 Maquiladora Program in Mexico, Regional Anthropology Meetings, Burlington, VT

MEDIA APPEARANCES

- 2008 Invited Guest, Bordering Crossing, KPFT Radio, Houston
- 2007 Invited Guest, Mouthpiece, MTV-Desi
- 2006 Invited Guest, NBC/Channel 7
- 2004 Invited Guest, KPFA Radio, San Francisco, Against the Grain
- 2002 News Analyst, National Public Radio/WBUR
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- 2001 Invited Guest, National Public Radio/WBUR
- 2001 Invited Guest, WBGH Television, November

SELECTED ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE AT SIMMONS UNIVERSITY

- 2022-present President's Fellow for developing an institution-wide faculty mentoring program
- 2020-present Hazel Dick Leonard Chair, organizing faculty scholarship seminars
- 2015-2017 Faculty Mentor for Tenure-Track Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences
- 2010-2011 Member, Board of the Graduate Consortium of Women's Studies, MIT
- 2007-2008
- 2020-2021 Interim Director, Graduate Program in Gender and Cultural Studies
- 2015-2019 Chair, Department of Sociology
- 2005-2009
- 2010-2011 Director, Graduate Program in Gender and Cultural Studies
- 2007-2008

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2004-2007	Diversity Council, 2004-2007
2003-2004	Chair, Faculty Council, College of Arts and Sciences
2001	Search Committee, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
1997-2001	Faculty Council, College of Arts and Sciences
1996-2018	Advisory Committee, International Relations Program
1996-2004	Advisory Committee, Department of Women's Studies
1996-1998	Faculty Development Committee

TEACHING INTERESTS

Selected Upper-level Undergraduate and Graduate Courses:

Death and Feminism	Seminar on Gender/Cultural Studies
Sexuality, State, Governance	Queer/Transnationalism
Gender and Sexuality	Nationalisms and States

Selected Undergraduate Courses:

Transnational Studies	Principles of Sociology
Body Politics	South Asia: People and Power
Globalization	Woman, Nation, Culture

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Sociological Association
 American Studies Association
 National Women's Studies Association
 Association for Asian American Studies
 Association for Asian Studies