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**EDUCATION**

Brown University Ph.D. Anthropology (Anticipated: May 2017)

Providence, Rhode Island Dissertation Title:

*Courting Desire: Litigating for Love   
 in Post-Agrarian North India*

Committee: Lina M. Fruzzetti (Chair),   
 Kay B. Warren, Bhrigupati Singh

School of Criticism Summer School (2014)

and Theory Seminar: ‘Theorizing the Gift:   
Cornell University Law, Markets, Love’

Ithaca, New York

Brown University M.A. Anthropology (2013)

Thesis: *The Heart of the Matter:   
 Narratives of Love and Togetherness   
 in Contemporary Haryana*

Simmons College, M.A. Gender and Cultural Studies (2010)

Boston, Massachusetts Thesis: *Honor and Disorder:   
 The Circumscription of   
 Women’s Sexuality in India*

Asian College of Journalism Postgraduate Diploma in Journalism (2004)

Chennai, India

Gargi College, Delhi University BA (Hons.) History (2003)

Delhi, India

**ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS**

**Journal Article**: 2010 ‘Gaylords’ of Bollywood: Politics of Desire in Hindi Cinema. Economic and Political Weekly. 46 (7): 73-78.

**Book Chapters**:

1. *Forthcoming*: ‘The Heart of the Matter: Narratives of Love and Togetherness in Contemporary Haryana’ in book volume, 'Modernity and Changing Social Fabric of Punjab and Haryana'. Eds Yogesh Snehi and Lallal Baghel. Publishers: Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS), Shimla and Primus Books, Delhi.

2. 2013 ‘Queer Times in Bollywood’ in Handbook on Indian Cinema. Eds Moti K. Gokulsing and Wimal Dissanayeke. Routledge. London.

**Book Review:** 2013 Unearthing Gender: Folksongs of North India, by Jassal, Smita T. Social Anthropology, 21: 586–588.

**CONFERENCE PAPERS**

**July 2016.** ‘Negotiating Consent: Forging ‘Sexual Contracts’ for Non-Agrarian Futures’ as part of the panel‘Mobility and Belonging in South Asia’. European Conference on South Asian Studies at Warsaw, Poland.

**July 2016.** ‘Protection Petitions as Legal Fiction: Creating Validity for Choice Marriages in North India’ as part of the Network of Ethnological Theory panel ‘Tactics as Ethnographic and Conceptual Objects’. European Association of Social Anthropologists biennial conference at Milan, Italy.

**November 2015**. ‘Documenting ‘Love Marriage’: Petitioning for Choice in Contemporary Haryana’. Association for Political and Legal Anthropology Session, ‘Legal Politics’. American Anthropological Association annual meeting at Denver, Colorado.

**June 2015**. ‘Terms of Endearment: Situating Choice in Marital Relations’ in the panel ‘Non-Normative Relationships and (co)habitation: Utopian Visions, Everyday Practices and Imageries of Origin and Belonging’. Society of Ethnology and Folklore biennial meeting at Zagreb, Croatia.

**April 2014**. ‘Terms of Endearment: Debating Choice in Marital Relations’. Princeton University South Asia Workshop at Princeton, New Jersey.

**April 2013**. ‘Married by Law: Conceptualizing Unions in Legal Terms’. Conference on ‘Questioning Marginality: Dalits and Muslims in Urban India’, Brown-India Initiative, Brown University.

**FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

**Fellowships and Scholarships:**

2016 Brown University Graduate School’s Interdisciplinary Opportunity Position at the Pembroke Center for Teaching and Research on Women.

2014 Taraknath Das Foundation, The South Asia Institute, Columbia University. Grant for students of Indian origin completing graduate work at American universities.

2014 Brown-India Initiative Fellowship, Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University.

2014 Cogut Center for Humanities (Brown University) Tuition Fellowship to attend The School of Criticism and Theory Summer School.

2008 Program Director’s Merit Scholarship. Simmons College, Boston.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Teaching Assistant (TA): Spring 2017; Fall 2012-Spring 2014.

2017 As part of the Pembroke Center Fellowship I will be a TA for the center’s ‘Introduction to Gender and Sexuality Studies’ course.

**Courses Previously Taught:**

(I was primarily responsible for leading the section seminar, section design, contributing actively to examination materials and evaluation.)

Spring 2014 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

Fall 2013 Anthropology and Global Social Problems: Health, Development and Security

Spring 2013 Anthropology of Gender and Globalization

Fall 2012 Culture and Health: An Introduction to Medical Anthropology

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**Summer Intern** (2009) at the Consortium of Gender, Security and Human Rights, University of Massachusetts, Boston.I was primarily assisting the establishment of the organization’s ‘Global Initiative for Research on Gender, Crisis Prevention and Recovery’. My work involved analyzing the role of international organizations working in the stated field and the academic efforts undertaken by universities of the South to understand the gendered dimension of conflicts in their region.

**Research Assistant** to Dr Carole Beiwener, Professor at the Economics Department of Simmons College (Spring 2009).I contributed to her project on the origins of the term ‘empowerment’ in the social work discourse of South Asia.

**CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

2016-2017 Graduate Student Representative on Brown University’s Diversity and Inclusion Oversight Board.

2015 Teach-In on Sexual Harassment and Redressal Mechanisms for language students from American Universities. American Institute of Indian Studies, Chandigarh (India).

2012-2013 Co-Organizer, Anthropology Department Speaker Series.

**RELEVANT PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Correspondent/Sub Editor, Press Institute of India, New Delhi** (From February 1, 2007 to May 31, 2008). I wrote and edited for PII’s publications – *Grassroots,* which is devoted to development issues, and *Vidura*, a media commentary magazine. My articles also appeared on UNICEF’s website.

**Sub Editor, Oman Tribune**, **Muscat** (From April 2006 to October 2006). As part of the newspaper’s World Desk, I was dealing with pages on West Asia, India, Pakistan, Europe-Americas and Far East Asia. I single-handedly brought out the special centerspread on the Lebanon war (2006) for 34 days.

**Reporter/ Sub Editor, The New Indian Express, Chennai** (From June 2005 to March 2006). I covered news features, wrote special features and extensively contributed articles for the paper’s supplements, which include *Education Express*, *Youth Express* and *School Magazine*. I also coordinated the *City Express’* feature pages and the *Youth Express* supplement.

**SELECT NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS**

2016 ‘Degrees of Self-Deception’ on the collaborative Indian platform *Kafila*. https://kafila.org/2016/05/11/degrees-of-self-deception-rama-srinivasan/

2007 Students Flood Rajasthan Schools. UNICEF India website. http://unicef.in/Story/561/Students-flood-Rajasthan-schools

2007 Community Stake Claim in School Education. UNICEF India website.

http://unicef.in/Story/560/Community-stake-claim-in-school-education

2007 Raipur Villages Look Forward to a Cleaner Future. Grassroots: Reporting the Human Condition. Issue: June 2007.

2006 Articles in Modern Mask: A Journal of the Arts, ISSUE II.

* High Drama and Serious Cinema http://modernmask.org/Issue\_II/modernmask\_film/high\_drama.html
* Civilization and Time: Unna and Nuuk

http://modernmask.org/Issue\_II/modernmask\_film/unnanuuk.html

* A Society in Turmoil http://modernmask.org/Issue\_II/modernmask\_film/israel.html

2006 ‘Women on a Technotrip’, on women in engineering programs. Cover Story, January 27, Education Express (a fortnightly Supplement with the New Indian Express), Chennai, India.

2005 ‘In the Act’, on Theatre Education in the country. Cover Story, December 30. Education Express.

2005 ‘Engendering Education’, on Gender Studies programs. Cover Story, November 4. Education Express.

**LANGUAGES**

English: Fluent; Academic Competence and First Language

Hindi: Fluent (Speaking, Writing, and Reading)

Tamil: Intermediate (Speaking – Heritage Speaker)

German: Basic (Speaking, Writing, and Reading)